

The Queen Carnival given by the children of Devonport to raise funds to pay off the debt on the two towers of the local church was a very successful and picturesque entertainment. The five competitors for queen honors were Miss Fredatovich, Miss P. Patterson, Miss J. Beatson, Miss K. Franklin, and Miss K. O'Malley. Miss Fredatovich was duly elected queen, having secured the greatest number of votes. The Rev. Father Furlong presented the queen with a gold wristlet watch on behalf of the church committee and himself. He also thanked the children for the splendid way they had worked, and told them that the names of the chief workers were to be inscribed on a bronze tablet attached to the church. It is anticipated that over £400 will result from the function when the whole of the returns have been received.

Mrs. Niven's "at home" at her residence in Great South Road in aid of the Remuera Church was a highly successful evening, the function being well patronised by parishioners and friends. The sum of £16 was realised.

A "card evening" and dance, which took place at the Mater Misericordiae Hospital on Wednesday last, was well attended, and proved a very enjoyable function. Miss Bastings and Mrs. O'Neill were responsible for the excellent arrangements which contributed so much to the pleasure of the guests. The grounds attached to the "Mater" were beautifully illuminated which greatly enhanced the evening's entertainment. The Sisters have purchased Mr. Dignan's residence next to the "Mater" which is to be opened as a training home for young woman who desire to qualify as nurses. Funds are now being raised to help to liquidate the indebtedness, and the garden party on Saturday should be one of the biggest functions held in Auckland.

His many friends will regret to learn that owing to his continued ill-health the Rev. Father Doyle, who is in charge of the Remuera parish, has been compelled to relinquish active work for sometime to come.

The Rev. Father Fahey leaves the "Mater" very shortly to take up active parochial work, having been restored to good health.

Under the will of the late Mr. W. J. Napier, the Sisters of Mercy will benefit to the extent of £50, and a bequest has also been made to the building fund of All Souls' Church, Devonport, amounting to £50.

The annual examinations of the schools are now in progress. The Sacred Heart College presented a good number of pupils for the various tests including six candidates for the University scholarship.

Waikato Notes

(From our own correspondent.)

Hamilton, December 10.

The "All Nations" bazaar, in aid of the Frankton Junction parish funds, yielded a profit of about £300. The £50 tug-of-war championship resulted in a popular win for Reynolds' team, members of which have always been amongst the loyalest supporters of functions in aid of either Hamilton or Frankton parishes.

The pupils of the Hamilton and Frankton Junction Convent schools held a combined picnic at Ngaruawahia on Monday, when they

spent a most enjoyable time in and around the delta township.

To mark the conclusion of their weekly meetings for the season, the Hamilton Catholic Men's Club held a pleasant little social last week when the customary toast list, interspersed with musical items, was duly honored. During the summer months the club will confine its activities principally to tennis, picnics, and other outdoor amusements.

The sixth standard pupils of the Hamilton Marist Brothers' School, all of whom gained their proficiencies, were entertained to a banquet in their honor last week by Mrs. T. Grace.

A sale of work and garden fete is to be held at the week-end in aid of the Hamilton parish funds.

Diocese of Christchurch
(From our own Correspondent.)

December 12.

Rev. Father Glover, C.S.S.R., conducted the annual Retreat for the Children of Mary of the Cathedral parish. The exercises were well attended and concluded on Sunday morning by a general Communion.

At Woolston on Sunday last a number of the parish children received their First Holy Communion. The congregation was exceptionally large as was also the number of adult communicants. Special hymns were sung by the newly formed children's choir, Miss E. Grennell presiding at the organ.

The devotion of the Forty Hours' Adoration at the Cathedral was brought to a close on Tuesday night; Rev. Father O'Meehan preaching the closing discourse. The Rev. Fathers Glover and McLoughlin, of the Redemptorist Order were the preachers on Sunday and Monday evenings respectively.

His Lordship Dr. Brodie administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to about 20 children at New Brighton on Sunday last. The church was filled, and the Bishop delivered an appropriate address. Father O'Meehan addressed words of welcome to the Bishop and thanked him for the great personal interest he had displayed in the parish.

St. Patrick's branch of the H.A.C.B. Society held its fortnightly meeting on Monday evening last, in the Hibernian Hall. There was a good attendance, presided over by Bro. S. Doherty, B.P. Sick allowance amounting to £20 12s 6d, was passed for payment. In this respect the sick visitors (Bros. P. Ryan and H. Nevin) are to be commended for their kind attention and devotion to duty during a prolonged winter when the list of ailing brothers had been perhaps more consistently large than at any period in the history of the branch. P.P. Bro. R. O'Brien reported on the work of the U.F.S. Benevolent Association as submitted at its last meeting, and entered into useful detail regarding special cases calling for relief. The members of the Association alone know the good work being done, and the various lodges affiliated may feel justly proud (he said) of the spirit of Christian charity they are fostering. The quarterly report of the U.F.S. Dispensary Board was read by the secretary (Bro. Grimes), who afterwards enlarged on

the various matters contained therein. The late manager (Mr. Ironside) having resigned the Board has appointed Mr. T. V. Crotty, M.P.S., F.S.M.C., in his stead, and a further lease for 10 years of the present premises in High Street, has been secured. This is considered good business and members are urged to support their own institution. The number of lodge prescriptions dispensed during the quarter was 13,088. The Hospital Bed scheme is manifesting its usefulness more clearly day by day, and for its purposes 9178 members and their dependants are being catered for. The school medals donated by the branch annually were approved of—one each to Marist Brothers, St. Joseph's (Convent), St. Mary's, Addington, Woolston, and Halswell. Accounts amounting to £18 8s 6d were passed for payment.

Timaru
(From our own Correspondent.)

December 10.

The following passes in the practical examinations, conducted by the Associated Board of the Royal Academy of Music and the Royal College of Music, at Timaru, on November 30 and December 1, are announced. Lower Division (pianoforte)—Miss Madge McInerny (teacher, Miss D. Mason, L.A.B.). Elementary (pianoforte)—Miss N. Collonna (Mrs. G. Readie), Miss Mary Evans (Miss D. Mason). Primary (pianoforte)—Miss Margaret Niall (Miss R. Leeming).

OBITUARY

MRS. MARGARET JACKSON, DUNEDIN.

Mrs. Jackson, of Leith Street, Dunedin, died at the Chalet Hospital, on Friday, December 11, after a protracted illness. Deceased, who was about sixty-three years of age at her death, was well known in Dunedin as a lady of truly apostolic zeal and charity. The only limits to her activities for the poor and needy were her strength and resources. If ever woman spent herself in the cause of church and charity Mrs. Jackson did. Her charity was universal; her example was an inspiration; her life a sermon.

At the Solemn Requiem—a fitting mark of the respect in which she was held by the whole Catholic community—St. Joseph's Cathedral was full to the doors. The celebrant was Rev. W. Monaghan; deacon, Rev. T. Hally; subdeacon, Rev. F. McMahan; M.C., Rev. C. Evans. In the choir were Revs. E. Rooney and R. Marlow.

Many non-Catholics were present at the Requiem and the funeral. Wreaths were sent by the following: Hospital Board, Social Workers, Salvation Army, Lady Ferguson, St. John Ambulance, Woman's Exhibition Committee, Women's Protection League, etc., etc. Mrs. Jackson was an indefatigable member of St. Vincent de Paul Society for over thirty years, and over a lengthy period as president of St. Joseph's Ladies' Club, labored with extraordinary zeal and enthusiasm in the interests of Catholic girls, always manifesting a loving concern for those who, through filling occupations in the city, had to live away from their own homes.—R.I.P.

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