

tee, thanked Mr. Fuller and the performers for their gratuitous services, which resulted in a handsome sum being added to the orphanage fund.

Wanganui

(From our own correspondent.)

August 26.

Sunday (Feast of the Assumption) was a day of special devotion, it being the 63rd anniversary of the opening of old St. Mary's—not the present church. Big Communion of Children of Mary and others at early Mass, devotions in the afternoon instead of at night, and the reception of a big batch of aspirants. Such a lot of girls, ranging from nice little innocents to big grown-ups. It is ever so long since we had such a fine muster, and the procession of the Blessed Virgin was quite a big one instead of the usual handful of weather-worn veterans. Some of us, Children of Mary especially, have been going so long that we have almost forgotten when we started and can only calculate in decades, so that the new girls are more welcome than they even imagine. There was quite a big congregation, too, having devotions in the afternoon, making it easier for the long-distance people to come. Our cars are not running yet, and there is so much illness about that folk are half afraid to stray away from the fireside at night.

Talking of Children of Mary reminds me that they have a splendid sodality up at Mount St. Gerard. For a long time the boarders at the convent have had their own sodality, and now-a-days, Rev. Father O'Connor, among other duties, gives them lots of helpful instructions.

Although there is an endless variety of 'demics in the town, the schools so far have managed to keep going, but almost every household is busy with cough mixtures.

Very Rev. Deau Holley, S.M., spent a few days here last week, but has gone on to Taranaki, where he will visit Rev. Father Soulas.

Am very sorry to have to write of Mrs. Reg. Richardson's almost unexpected death, which happened during the week. Mrs. Richardson, who was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Campion, Ohau, was well known here and in the Manawatu district, and had lived since her marriage in the Brunswick and Westmere districts. Although not really well for the last few weeks, no one dreamt of anything happening, but on Sunday last she became so ill that she had to be hurried into a private hospital here. An operation was performed, but she gradually sank, and died early on Thursday morning. Our sincere sympathy is extended to Mr. Richardson and his little daughter, also to Mrs. Richardson's family.—R.J.P.

Died recently also, Mr. John Flynn, father of Mrs. D. Dwyer, of our congregation. Mr. Flynn had lived most of his time in Taranaki, having come out to New Zealand from Ireland in his youth. Interesting were the stories he told of the early gold rushes and the Maori war, as well as the excitement attaching to coaching in the early days. Mrs. Flynn died some years ago, but a family of four sons and four daughters are left.—R.I.P.

Another well-known old settler, Mrs. Hannah Frances Holt, died a week or two ago. The late Mrs. Holt was a niece of Mrs. J. Russell, Harrison Street, and had lived with her for some time.—R.I.P.

Mrs. W. H. Redwood, music mistress at the Girls' College, is not at all well just now. Fortunately, the holidays are not so far distant, and we hope Mrs. Redwood will soon be quite better.

A moral character is attached to autumnal scenes: the leaves falling like our years, the flowers fading like our hours, the clouds fleeting like our illusions, the light diminishing like our intelligence, the sun glowing colder like our affections, the rivers becoming frozen like our lives—all bear secret relations to our destinies.—Chateaubriand.

DIocese OF AUCKLAND

(From our own correspondent.)

August 27.

His Lordship Bishop Cleary returned from Wellington yesterday.

Rev. Father Herbert, S.M., is at present conducting missions in the Northern Wairoa districts.

Rev. Father Brady, of Gisborne, is at present in the Mater Hospital, where he has undergone a slight operation.

Rev. Father Edge is still in the Mater Hospital, and we are pleased to hear that his health continues to improve.

The "coin evening" held in Miss O'Connor's (the St. Patrick's queen candidate) home, Remuera, on Tuesday, August 24, proved very enjoyable and successful.

Missions will be conducted by the Redemptorist Fathers in Onehunga parish in September, concluding on October 3: then a renewal mission in Grey Lynn, and a series of missions in the Coromandel district.

The gift evening held at the Central Hall, Albert Street, on Saturday, 21st, in aid of St. Patrick's queen candidate, was a great success, and the musical programme arranged by Mr. Whitty was very much appreciated.

A euchre party and social will be held in St. Benedict's Hall on Thursday, September 9, and the proceeds are to be handed to the Marist Brothers, Vermont Street. We hope to see the hall packed to the doors.

Father Murphy, S.M., of San Francisco, who travelled by the Niagara, was the guest of Father Forde, Adm., at the Cathedral Presbytery during the past few days. Father Murphy, who is a native of Armagh, Ireland, made an extensive tour of Australia, New Zealand, and the Islands during his holiday.

Memorials to war veterans buried in the Catholic cemeteries at Howick and Panmure will be unveiled on Sunday afternoon, August 29. Sir Frederick Lang, Speaker of the House of Representatives, will perform the ceremony at Howick at 12 o'clock; and Right Rev. Dr. Cleary, Bishop of Auckland, and Mr. Ed. Fitzpatrick will also speak. Bishop Cleary will unveil the memorial at Panmure at 3 o'clock. There are 126 veterans interred in the two cemeteries.

It is with sincere regret I have to chronicle the news of the serious illness of Sister Laurencia, Provincial of the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Sacred Heart. For some time past the Sister has been in indifferent health, and two weeks ago pneumonia set in, and her condition is now very critical. However, her medical advisers, Drs. Maskell and Bull, still entertain some hope of recovery. Her many friends in the Dominion, especially in St. Benedict's parish, where she now resides, and Grey Lynn, where she was superioress of the convent for close on 25 years, express their deepest sympathy with the Sisters, and earnestly pray for the speedy recovery of their most zealous and devoted Provincial.

In connection with the Queen Carnival, all six parishes are busily engaged in organising various functions. In Grey Lynn Miss Ivy Priest's team have arranged for a picture show in the Empress Theatre on August 31; a card party in the school on September 2; a jumble sale of work and party in the school-grounds on September 11; a social in the Richmond Hall on September 14; and a social in the Druids' Hall on September 21. Miss Sinclair's team are having a social in the Auckland Rowing Club's boat-house on August 26; a fair and garden party in the school and grounds on August 27 and 28; a children's plain and fancy-dress social in the Richmond Hall on August 30; and a social in St. Benedict's Hall on September 7.

Few words and many good actions, that is the right way to do good and to acquire the reputation of a wise and upright mind, which knows how to restrain itself within due limits.

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