

members of the Hibernian Society, the breakfast being arranged and served by Aramoio ladies—Mesdames Richardson, Ahern, Coxon, and Purnell, and the Misses Richardson and Mahoney. The president of the Aramoio branch (Mr. Paul Fremont) was in the chair, and the usual toasts were honored. Breakfast and pleasant conversation (men don't chatter!) spread itself over most of the forenoon, and everyone spent a happy morning.

On last Sunday there was a First Holy Communion at Aramoio of about 20 children, boys and girls assorted. The children sang ever so sweetly during the Mass, and afterwards hurried along in the dreadful rain to the school, where breakfast awaited them. The same good folk who officiated at the men's korero saw the children through their Communion feast.

We are busy about the garden party which takes place in a week or two. There is to be an abundance of buying and selling, for which the coronation ceremony makes a delightful peg. We are beginning to talk of prize funds, for the exams are over and the school year has lost its terrors for all excepting those going up for the higher examinations. The weather seems to have decided all of a sudden that we are well into summer, and those of us who have been caught napping have to be satisfied with what is left of last season's finery. Anyhow, if we get Wanganui heat from now on to Easter it will be as much as anyone needs.

The Governor-General and Lady Jellicoe made their first visit here during the week and spent a few hours in official happenings. There was a flower show to be attended, various schools to be visited, a club or two, but nothing of ours to be opened or shut this time, so our pleasure is deferred for another visit.

Also we have had a Scottish fair, which used up the best part of a fortnight and a fair amount of the spare cash. The Kilties were very helpful to us during our carnival, the skirl of the pipes generally drawing the unwary into the toils of the rafflers. Our share of the recent fair was the goodly sprinkling of names familiar and beloved on the lists of prize-winners.

His Grace Archbishop O'Shea spent a few days in Wanganui recently, coming on here from Marton.

Miss B. Lavery (Paton) has been in Belvedere Hospital for a few weeks, but is recovering from her serious illness.

Palmerston North

(From our own correspondent.)

November 27.

Mrs. C. Brown, president of the local branch of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, was recently presented with a tea service by the members of the society as a tribute of appreciation of her work. Rev. Father McManus, in making the presentation, made eulogistic reference to Mrs. Brown's services to the poor and distressed, and expressed the hope that she would long continue to direct the energies of the society.

His Grace Archbishop Redwood, accompanied by the Right Rev. Mgr. McKenna, V.G., paid a short visit to Palmerston North recently.

A Solemn Requiem Mass was offered here for the repose of the soul of the late Lord Mayor MacSwiney, and was largely attended, the Rev. Father McManus being celebrant.

Levin

November 26.

The beautiful impressive devotion of the Forty Hours' Adoration was observed with befitting solemnity at St. Andrew's Church Levin (writes a correspondent). Beginning on Friday morning, November 19, the devotion was brought to a close on Sunday after the 11 o'clock Mass. Rev. Father Hannigan, C.S.S.R., officiated throughout the solemnities. His highly instructive discourses captivated the attention of large congregations each evening. The encouraging feature of the devotion was the large number of the parishioners who approached the Holy Table.

DIocese OF AUCKLAND

(From our own correspondent.)

November 26.

The chief topic of conversation during the past week has been the astonishing financial result of the Auckland queen carnival. Although all returns are not yet in, the sum of nearly £15,000 is at hand. Great excitement prevailed during last week end, when final efforts were made

to catch votes for the queen candidates. The Town Hall was so crowded on Saturday night, when the drawing of the art union took place, that to move about was quite impossible. At 3 p.m. on Monday, the executive of the carnival met at the Bishop's Palace, Ponsonby, his Lordship the Bishop presiding. When each parish priest had disclosed his bank receipts, the winning candidate was found to be Miss Erina O'Connor, who represents St. Patrick's Cathedral parish. Miss O'Connor received 502,467 votes; Miss Grevatt (Ponsonby's queen), 241,063; Miss Rawson (St. Benedict's queen), 229,819; Miss Sinclair (Grey Lynn's queen), 93,086; Miss Farrelly (queen of Remuera), 54,452; and Miss Connie O'Keefe (queen of the Hostel), 50,800 votes; thus representing a money value of £14,646 1s 11d. Rev. Father Forde, Adm., was warmly congratulated by the Bishop and his fellow-priests on the very handsome result in favor of St. Patrick's queen. The coronation ceremony, under the direction of Mr. Owen Cardston, is to take place in the large Town Hall on Monday, November 29, and for it a grand concert has been arranged by Mr. Leo Whittaker, A.T.C.L., conductor of St. Patrick's Cathedral Choir. The box plan is already filled, and a crowded house is thus assured.

Rev. Father Bradley, of the Cathedral staff, is at present relieving at Te Aroha for Very Rev. Dean McGuinness, who is visiting Gisborne.

Taumarunui

(From our own correspondent.)

November 25.

"Surprise Packet Day," which was held last Saturday in aid of the Town and Public Service queen's candidature, was so successful that the committee have decided to arrange another for Saturday week. All the prizes were given, and a shop was kindly lent by Mr. McKenzie for the day.

The "Sporting Pierrots" made their first appearance in the Theatre Royal last evening in aid of the Sports queen. These young people have been practising regularly for some time past, and their efforts were certainly crowned with success, every item being thoroughly enjoyed.

On Friday evening a children's fancy dress social, arranged by the Town and Public Service queen committee, is to be held. Tickets are selling well, and the children are very excited. Given a fine night this function should prove a great success.

A social in aid of the country queen is to be held at Owhango on Saturday evening, and another in Taumarunui on Wednesday evening.

Rev. Father Langerwerf, of Tokaanu, paid a short visit to Taumarunui recently.

DIocese OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

November 29.

Very Rev. Father Whelan, C.S.S.R., addressed last week a very largely attended meeting of the women's branch of the Archconfraternity of the Blessed Sacrament. During his remarks he exhorted his hearers to retain the fervor of their recent retreat.

The local convents were, as usual, very successful with their pupils in the recent Trinity College musical examinations. In addition to their many passes obtained in the various grades, the gold medal presented by the Christchurch Centre for the senior examination was won by Miss Madge O'Malley, a student of the Sisters of the Mission.

A meeting was held in the Hibernian Hall on Tuesday evening of the St. Patrick's Sports Association. A finance committee consisting of Messrs. G. M. Ryan, J. Anderson, J. S. Tulloch, E. McCullough, J. Close, C. H. Taylor, and the president (Mr. B. J. McKenna), was appointed. The association has been successful in securing Lancaster Park for the meeting on March 19. Cash and trophies to the value of £400 will be competed for. The programme of sports has already been drawn up, and the secretary (Mr. J. M. Coffey) is energetically engaged in working for the success of next year's fixture.

Rev. Father Dillon, New Plymouth, is on a visit to Christchurch, and is the guest of his Lordship Bishop Brodie.

The annual outdoor procession of the Blessed Sacrament was held at Mount Magdala on last Sunday afternoon, under ideal weather conditions. The grounds were tastefully decorated, arches and bannerettes marking the line of procession, and several small altars were erected. The two altars from which Benediction was given were richly adorned, the drapings (the work of the Sisters)