

of an official opening, and the upshot was a united service conducted by some Wanganui ministers at seven o'clock on Christmas morning, followed by Mass an hour later. The camp is fitted out with electric lights and most obtainable conveniences. That the Maoris are ingenious, or at all events practical, is illustrated by the fact that when on Christmas Day it became difficult to keep up a constant supply of boiling water for tea, the service of a 200-gallon tank was requisitioned. The fire was enlarged to suit the tank, and now the supply of boiling water is just about endless.

DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

(From our own correspondent.)

January 7.

The Right Rev. Dr. Sheil, Bishop of Rockhampton, and Right Rev. Dr. McCarthy, Bishop of Ballarat, who are returning to their dioceses after a visit to Rome and Ireland, arrived in Auckland on Thursday by the Makura, and will continue their journey by the same steamer to Sydney. During their stay they are guests at the Bishop's House, Ponsonby, where they are being entertained by the Coadjutor-Bishop, Dr. Liston.

Rev. Fathers McCarthy and McCormick, recently ordained in Carlow, are passengers by the Makura for Sydney.

His many friends throughout the Dominion will learn with deep regret that our beloved Bishop, Dr. Cleary, is now a patient in the Mater Hospital. Although there is no danger, yet he is in a very delicate state of health. His Lordship's people respectfully tender to him their sympathy and best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Right Rev. Dr. Liston pontificated at Solemn High Mass in St. Benedict's Church on Sunday, January 2, and preached at Vespers. On next Sunday (January 9) he will pontificate at the 11 o'clock Mass in the Sacred Heart Church, Ponsonby, and preach in the evening. On Monday afternoon he will preside at the final meeting of the recent Queen Carnival Bazaar Committee, and on the same night, in St. Benedict's Club rooms, he will preside at the St. Patrick's Day celebrations committee meeting.

Successful bazaars and queen carnivals have been held in Taumarunui and Te Kuiti. The former cleared over £1200 and the latter over £700. The proceeds will be devoted to the reduction of debts on the respective parishes.

Rev. Father Moynihan, C.M., having completed the retreats for the Marist Brothers and the Sisters of Mercy, is now at Rotorua. He will return to Auckland for the clergy retreat, which commences on the 24th inst. The Redemptorist Fathers are conducting

the retreats for the Sisters of the Mission and the Sisters of St. Joseph.

Rev. Father Lynch, of Puhoi, is at present in the Mater Hospital, slowly recovering from the recent accident to his knee. The Puhoi parish is at present being attended to by the clergy from Ponsonby.

Rev. Father Silk, Holy Cross College, Mosgiel, is at present enjoying a holiday in Auckland. He is the guest of Very Rev. Father Forde, Adm., at the Cathedral presbytery.

On December 23 a pleasant function took place in the Catholic Women's Hostel, when the matron (Miss Edith Sutton) received from the guests a travelling case and rug. Miss Sutton, who has labored hard and successfully, is contemplating a holiday in Sydney. Very Rev. Dean Cahill, who presided, made the presentation, and in a eulogistic speech testified to Miss Sutton's very capable management of the hostel. During the holidays visitors from all parts of the Dominion have enjoyed the hospitality of the hostel, which is now so deservedly popular.

Taumarunui

(From our own correspondent.)

January 5.

The results of our recent queen carnival contest are as follows:—Country Queen (Miss T. Goodsir), 1; Sports Queen (Miss W. Russell), 2; Town and Public Service Queen (Miss E. Casey), 3. The total amount realised was £1248. Rev. Father Duffy, in announcing the results expressed his satisfaction at this very creditable sum realised, and thanked all those who had assisted him in making the carnival such a great success. The coronation of the queen is to take place later, probably after the holidays.

At the evening devotions last Sunday Miss Kathleen Wood, of Wanganui, sang Gounod's "Ave Maria," and also assisted with the singing at Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

January 10.

The half-yearly meeting of the Diocesan Council of the Catholic Federation will take place at Waimate on January 19. A public meeting will be held in the evening, and several of the visiting priests will give addresses.

In connection with the Marist Brothers' School, the Sixth Standard class has the fine record of 27 proficiency and 10 competency passes to its credit. The dux gold medal presented by Dr. Morkane was won by Master J. Wall, and the gold medal for good conduct,

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