

their children. At the evening devotions the pulpit was occupied by Archbishop Redwood, who gave a powerful discourse on "The Reward of Heaven," which was listened to with great attention by the large congregation present. After the sermon Mr. Richards sang with devotion "In Verdure Clad." Solemn Benediction was then given by Bishop Lenihan, assisted by Father Devoy and Father Louis. During exposition, Mr. Murray rendered in fine style "Sacra Convivium," by Abbé Lambouit. At the conclusion of the service, the congregation sang with good effect that beautiful hymn, "O Sacred Heart," composed by the gifted organist Mons. Weigand. The high altar was chastely illuminated for exposition. There was a large attendance at both services.

OWING to pressure on our space an account of an interesting London wedding and correspondence from Wanganui are unavoidably held over.

Archdiocese of Wellington.

(From our own correspondent.)

November 6, 1897.

ST. PATRICK'S COLLEGE SPORTS.

THE thirteenth annual sports gathering of St. Patrick's College was held on the Hutt Racecourse on Wednesday. Shortly before nine o'clock the students, accompanied by the professors, and headed by the College Band, paraded the principal streets of the city on their way to the railway station. Everything augured well for the day's programme, but once again the treacherous nature of the Wellington climate was shown, when shortly after mid-day the rain came down at first in a drizzle, but later on a regular downpour set in, necessitating the adjournment of a number of items. When the adjournment took place the students and their friends took refuge in the grandstand, where the weary time of waiting for the return train was whiled away by an impromptu concert. It is a coincidence that it rained last year also on the afternoon when the College sports were held, when it was deemed advisable to adjourn a few of the items, whilst the students contributed to the pleasure of the visitors with music and songs. In future it would be well, judging from past experience, if a programme of vocal and instrumental music were rehearsed beforehand in case of a similar contingency.

The results of the events decided were as follows:—

St. Patrick's College Grand Handicap.—First distance, 100yds: First heat—C. L. Ryan, scr., 1; R. Park, 6yds., 2; J. McParland, 6yds., 3. Time, 11sec. Second heat—T. O'Connell, 6yds., 1; I. O'Boyle, 4yds., 2; J. Eccleton, 7yds., 3. Time, 11 1-5sec. Third heat—P. Walsh, 4yds., 1; E. Lahman, 6yds., 2; W. O'Connor, 6yds., 3. Time, 11 1-5sec. Final heat—C. L. Ryan, scr., 1; P. Walsh, 4yds., 2; T. O'Connell, 6yds., 3. Time, 11 1-5sec.

100yds. (under 12).—P. Dwyer, scr., 1; J. Henry, 2yds., 2; F. Du Moulin, 3yds., 3. Time, 14sec.

St. Patrick's College Grand Handicap.—Second distance, 220yds: First heat—T. O'Connell, 12yds., 1; R. Park, 12yds., 2; C. L. Ryan, scr., 3. Time, 26 1-5sec. Second heat—P. Walsh, 8yds., 1; I. O'Boyle, 12yds., 2; J. McParland, 10yds., 3. Time, 26 1-5sec. Final heat—P. Walsh, 8yds., 1; C. L. Ryan, scr., 2; I. O'Boyle, 12yds., 3. Time, 25 1-5sec.

100yds. (under 14). First heat—N. Ewart, scr., 1; A. Garvey, scr., 2; D. Henderson, 3yds., 3. Time, 13sec. Second heat—B. Gudgeon, 5yds., 1; D. Sullivan, 3yds., 2; C. Brebner, 5yds., 3. Time, 13sec. Final heat—N. Ewart, scr., 1; S. Garvey, scr., 2; B. Gudgeon, 5yds., 3. Time, 13sec.

100yds. (under 16).—First heat—B. Ahlfield, 6yds., 1; T. Lawlor, 8yds., 2; C. Gamble, scr., 3. Time, 12 1-5sec. Second heat—M. O'Connor, scr., 1; S. Organ, 6yds., 2; B. Brebner, 5yds., 3. Time, 12 1-5sec. Third heat—J. McGee, 6yds., 1; N. Ewart, 3yds., 2; B. Gudgeon, 7yds., 3. Time, 12 3-5sec. Final heat—M. O'Connor, scr., 1; J. McGee, 6yds., 2; B. Ahlfield, 6yds., 3. Time, 12 2-5sec.

The Countess of Ranfurly, accompanied by Lady Constance Knox and the Hon. Hill Trevor (private secretary), paid her first visit to St. Patrick's College on Tuesday afternoon. Her Ladyship was received by the Very Rev. Dr. Walters and the college faculty and shown over the institution, with which she was highly pleased. In fact she expressed astonishment at the completeness of the college and the up-to-date style of everything in the institution. After a thorough survey of the dormitories, class-rooms, etc., the party was conducted to the study-hall, where the college band and orchestra performed selections. It is needless to observe that Lady Ranfurly received a very enthusiastic reception from the students. Her Ladyship asked for a holiday for the boys, which was granted, and after refreshments had been partaken of, the vice-regal party left, evidently highly pleased at what they had seen and the reception accorded them.

The celebration of the thirtieth anniversary of the formation of the City Rifles Volunteer corps on Monday evening was taken advantage of to make a presentation to Colour-Sergeant T. J. Davis of an illuminated address to commemorate his long connection with the company. Captain Duthie, in making the presentation, said that Colour-Sergeant Davis had joined the company as bugler on its formation and was now one of the oldest members. Ever since that period, with the exception of a break of four years, he had thrown all his energy into the work of the company. During the past seventeen years he had held the position of Colour-Sergeant, besides acting as secretary, and it was needless for him to tell the company that he had discharged these duties with benefit to the corps, with credit to himself—in fact with conspicuous success. The address set forth the recipient's services to the corps—in shooting, drilling, and from a social point of view. Mr.

Davis is to be congratulated on the high estimation in which he is held by his fellow-volunteers, as well as for the unassuming manner in which he has invariably performed his duties, preferring to remain in the ranks rather than accept a commission, which he had been several times pressed to accept. It is not alone in volunteering that Mr. Davis has displayed his energy and whole-heartedness, for in every movement for the welfare of the Church he is ever foremost, always ready to do more than his share in every good work.

The meeting called on Tuesday evening to arrange for a suitable reception to the Very Rev. Father Devoy, V.G., on his return from Australia was not as large as was expected, as the weather was very unpropitious. Mr. R. O'Connor was voted to the chair, and Mr. Doherty was appointed hon. secretary. The chairman said it was not necessary for him to take up the time of those present by explaining the reason for which they were called together. They all knew the worth of the Very Rev. Father Devoy, and anything which he could say would not add to the very high estimation in which the Vicar-General was held, not alone by his own flock but by all denominations. He knew that Father Devoy was averse to any great demonstration so he (the chairman) considered that the testimonial to be presented should consist of a purse of sovereigns (applause). Dr. Mackin and Messrs Davis, Naughton and Devlin supported this view. It was decided to appoint a committee to make arrangements for collecting and to look after the necessary details of the reception. Mr. Davis suggested that the amount of subscriptions should be limited so that all might take part in it. He believed that Father Devoy would be better pleased to know that the presentation was the spontaneous offering of 2000 people than 200. A committee, consisting of the chairman and Messrs. L. Dwan, T. J. Davis and Naughton was appointed to carry out the necessary details. At a meeting of the committee held during the week the parish was mapped out into 10 districts for the purpose of canvassing, and it was decided to call a meeting on Sunday evening for the purpose of appointing collectors. A substantial amount has been already promised, including five guineas each from Mr. R. O'Connor and Dr. Mackin and a guinea from Mr. J. O'Dea.

The ordinations at the Ecclesiastical Seminary at Meancey will take place on the 29th inst.

The annual social of the League of the Cross took place in Thomas Hall on Wednesday evening, when there was a very large gathering of members and their friends. There were upwards of 500 persons present, among whom were the local clergy and Mr. Gilfedder, M.H.R.

The large increase of population in the Newton district has a corresponding influence on the attendance at the local church, which is crowded on Sundays. If the ratio of increase of the past year continues the question of providing increased accommodation will have to engage the attention of the Vicar-General in the near future.

Diocese of Christchurch.

(From our own correspondent.)

ON Friday evening last at a large gathering which took place in St. Mary's School Hall, a jumble sale was held and was presided over by the ladies of the parish. A cake and scene competition also took place, and the winners were Miss F. Ives and Miss Fitzgerald. An Irish jig competition, accompanied by the bagpipes, played by Mr. Davidson, was won by Mr. H. Donnelly. During the evening songs were sung by Misses Grady and McLaughlin, and Mr. A. O'Brien, and instrumental selections were given by Misses Oakes, Messrs. Oakes (2), Tankard, H. Donnelly. Mr. H. Rossiter presided over one part of the programme, and Mr. Oakes, senr., over the other.

Bishop Grimes, it seems, from a recent letter from the London correspondent of a local paper, after taking part in the celebrations at Bilsfleet in honour of the thirteenth centenary of the landing of St. Augustine, was one of the party shown over Canterbury Cathedral by Dean Farrar. In the evening of that day he addressed the members of the Catholic Truth Society at Ramsgate. The following day he paid a visit to Mother St. John at Hastings, a nun who had been over thirty years in Christchurch. On Sunday, September 12, he pontificated and preached in the beautiful church of the Marist Fathers, London. It was at this church that ten years ago last July, Bishop Grimes was consecrated first Catholic Bishop of Christchurch, and where, in 1874, Archbishop Redwood was consecrated Bishop of Wellington. Last Sunday Bishop Grimes spent at the charming residence of Mr. E. Granville Ward, at Freshwater, Isle of Wight. In the morning he sang Pontifical High Mass in the grand Gothic church on the estate, and in the evening Vespers, and preached to a large congregation. Last week Bishop Grimes was staying in his old home in Paignton, Devonshire, one of the most lovely spots in England, and preached last Sunday at the Church of St. Mary's which was built on St. Mary's Hill, Paignton, in 1884. This week he has been staying with Dr. Brownlow, and will shortly be the guest of the Hon. Mr. Herbert, of Lanover, Wales. As I mentioned before, Bishop Grimes will again visit Ireland, and he has undertaken to preach a series of sermons there during the months of October and November. He returns to England early in December, and then goes to France and Italy.

Mr. Gawne, of Dunedin (says the *Southland Times* of April 13, 1891), has just been on a visit to Invercargill to push business a little. Not that it wants much canvassing, for since he commenced the manufacture of his Worcestershire Sauce, the demand has kept pace with his capacity to supply it. He makes a really good thing, indistinguishable from the famous Lea and Perrin's, which he places upon one's table at a much lower price, and trusts to that to secure a steadily growing trade. Those who have not yet tried the colonial article should put their prejudice aside for a time and test the question with a bottle or two.—ADVT.

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