

## Diocese of Auckland.

(From our own correspondent.)

November 23, 1897.

His Lordship Dr. Lenihan is expected in Auckland to-morrow from Australia in the outward 'Frisco mail boat Moana.

Father Ginaty commenced his fourth arduous week of missionary work in the city last Sunday evening at St. Patrick's, before an exceedingly large and attentive congregation. From early morning until late at night the Rev. Father pursues his trying task. At St. Benedict's, Sacred Heart, and Parnell the very best results have accrued from the mission.

Rev. Father Mulvihill was the recipient of several beautiful and useful presents from the children of St. Patrick's Convent schools last Friday. The gifts were the spontaneous offerings of those for whom the Rev. Father had done so much while in charge of the cathedral parish. In the high school a nicely-arranged programme of vocal and instrumental music was provided, as well as an address, recitation, and dialogue. It is expected that Father Mulvihill will leave next week for Gisborne, over which parish he is to have charge.

Father Ginaty, in speaking at the cathedral last Sunday night, said that he had been told that St. Patrick's choir was the best in New Zealand.

Monday, November 15, was the first anniversary of the consecration of our present Bishop, and a special commemorative service was held in St. Patrick's on that day.

The ex-students of the Marist Brothers gave a most successful and highly-interesting entertainment in the Catholic Institute. It consisted of vocal and instrumental music, athletic exercises of various forms. The maze drill by the present pupils was most enjoyable and excited general admiration. Rev. Dr. Egan, Fathers Mulvihill and Buckley, and Rev. Brother Henry (Superior), together with a large and appreciative audience, witnessed the excellent programme.

Mr. Robert Hayward, of Christchurch, the popular past president of the Hibernian Society there, was in Auckland during this week on a business visit. His brother Hibernians of the northern city were delighted to welcome him, and extended to him every attention in return for the princely way they were treated last March in Christchurch.

It is with the deepest regret I have to chronicle the death of Mr. Patrick Smith, which took place after a long and painful illness on Friday, November 26. He had been for years a member of the Hibernian Society, of which body his son, Mr. James Smith, is now past district president. He was a genial, kindly old gentleman, and his death is deeply regretted. The Hibernian Society attended the funeral, and the remains were interred at Otahuhu. Father Brodie conducted the burial services. May God in his infinite goodness have mercy on his soul.

Sunday desecration, more particularly during the summer months, in this city and suburbs, assumes wide proportions. It is quite a common thing to see droves of young men, amongst whom unfortunately may be seen numbers of Catholics, shouldering fowling pieces, and surrounded by packs of attenuated dogs, hieing themselves off to the country in quest of pleasure and excitement. These worldlings direct no thought to the Source whence alone was secured to them the Day of Rest. They forcibly remind one of the quadrupeds which gobble up the fruit on the ground, and with a grant retire caring naught about the tree whence they filled their maws.

A case has been brought to notice, regrettable because not solitary, where a young man denied and subsequently put aside the grand old Irish name of Patrick. What a miserable spirit with which to be endowed. Ashamed of the name of Patrick! In the days of the Caesars the proudest boast of their subjects was "I am a Roman citizen"; in like manner our proudest boast should ever be "I am an Irishman." It is a proud heritage, and he who disdains it is a poltroon.

The Auckland Conciliation Board has done right good work during the last week in amicably settling, let us hope for some time, the rate of wages to the local tailoresses. One or two arrogant employers strode the high horse, and refused to submit to what they called union bossism. That era has passed away. The craftsman who assiduously applies his craft, but adds to his concern capital in another and equally indispensable form, and this is now taken into account when adjusting industrial disputes.

A monthly journal issued by a local wholesale drug company has, to relieve the monotony of too much shop, printed a villainous diatribe against the Popes, and in particular against Pope Clement VII. That a firm like the one in question could have permitted such a loathsome compilation to appear is inexplicable. Clement it was who made short work of the licentious Henry. Is the explanation here? Steps have been taken by one of the city priests to overtake this lie, but a stern chase is a long one.

The Wesleyan Conference wrestled, and with torrid eloquence, with the question of itinerancy. Opponents to the system adduced arguments pre-eminently and characteristically Protestant. Said one of the reverend gentlemen, "In these removals the wishes of a clergyman and his wife and family, home ties, and love of country should certainly be taken into account." To this level has the Reformation (!) landed them.

An Indian Rajah passed through the city last week, and on pursuing his ordinary avocations in the streets, he was surrounded by a concourse of sight-seeing citizens. If the Prince entered a shop a policeman had all he could do to keep the pathway open for traffic. Secreted beneath a blatant democracy shoddy dearly loves a lord.

The Hon. J. A. Tole very ably defended Inspector Emerson from the charges brought against him through the agency of the Prohibition League. Upon this organisation Mr. Tole was particularly

severe, and dubbed its chief witness by the unwelcome title of informer.

Australian politics are not wanting in the curriculum of the Wesleyan parsons. It was quite refreshing to hear the merits and demerits of the conflicting tariffs on the border banks of the Murray described to Press interviewers. Intricate social and political problems were apparently more congenial than polemics.

An antiquated cannon mounted in the Albert Park, and said to have been captured from the French at Waterloo, has furnished a bellicose theme in the morning paper for the author of "Deeds that won the Empire." Mr. Fitchett has a plenary store of striking metaphor, and he has striven to immortalise our grim old death-dealer.

Keast, the supposed Evangelist, concerning whom I wrote in a recent letter, and who, when the religious game was played out, fulfilled the onerous position of greaser on the Terranora, was this week by Judge Connolly awarded unremunerative Government employment for four years. In sentencing the "preacher" his Honour said: "No doubt your whole career was that of a dishonest, immoral man, who professed to do all that under the cloak of religion. I have no doubt but that it was owing to your professions of religion that you have imposed upon numbers of people." Precisely so; but to the goody-goodyies this advice and example are thrown away. Any fraud who comes the way will work the oracle just as easily as the scoundrel now incarcerated in Mount Eden Gaol.

Mr. John Dillon, M.P., writing to a friend in Auckland from Dublin, under date October 13, said: "This will be a year of widespread distress. We are endeavouring to force the Government to do their duty, and not to leave the people to the devilish agency of relief committees. If the Government robs the country by over-taxation the least we may expect is that they will provide against the distress which is the direct outcome of the misgovernment under which we live." To satisfy the gnawing hunger of the poor Irish people the benign English Government proposes as a remedy the erection in Ireland of a royal residence. What a degrading position for Irishmen to be obliged to go cap in hand to beg a portion of their own two and three quarter millions annually and unjustly extorted from them in order to keep together body and soul. Royal pleasures and record reign festivities are to the Cinderella of the empire but phantoms.

The precocity of the colonial youth was exemplified this week when a constable arrested a youngster of eight years for stealing flowers from a grave. Defiantly facing the man of law and order the young thief said: "You can't summons me until I am sixteen years of age." We are travelling fast, messieurs.

## Archdiocese of Wellington.

(From our own correspondent.)

November 27.

THE devotion of the Forty Hours' Adoration was begun at St. Joseph's Church on Sunday last, and was conducted by the Fathers of St. Patrick's College. Solemn High Mass was celebrated by the Very Rev. Dr. Watters, who also preached in the evening, the subject of his discourse being "Faith." On Monday evening the Rev. Father Mahoney preached an eloquent sermon on the text, "The Lord thy God thou shalt adore, and Him only shalt thou serve." The devotion ended on Tuesday. There were very large congregations at all the services, and numbers went to confession and received holy communion.

Mr. Wardell, the architect of St. Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne, is brother of Mr. H. S. Wardell, the well-known stipendiary magistrate, and Wairarapa station holder.

A result of the Very Rev. Father McKenna's visit to Australia was that he has made arrangements for placing the parochial schools at Masterton under the care of a staff of Sisters of the Order of St. Brigid. The Sisters, of whom there will be six, are to come over about the end of next year, so as to be in a position to commence work in the beginning of 1899. Besides attending to the primary school, so successfully carried on there for a number of years, it is their intention also to have a high school, which, it is needless to observe, will be a great boon to the Catholics of the district. The Order, although not very long established in the colonies, has a reputation as teachers and have been very successful wherever established, so that the popular pastor of the Wairarapa parish may well be congratulated on having secured the services of the Sisters of St. Brigid.

A few weeks ago I mentioned that the number of students at present at St. Patrick's College was larger than at any time since its foundation, and that even some had entered during the last quarter of this year. In view of the large increase of students it has been found necessary to augment the professorial staff, and with this object the Rev. Francis Hills, S.M., who has had considerable experience in teaching in the Catholic university school, Dublin, and also in St. Mary's College, Dundalk, is on his way out and will be here about the beginning of the year. Father Hills is an old friend of Dr. Watters and many of the staff.

His Grace Archbishop Redwood and the Very Rev. Father Devoy arrived from Sydney early on Wednesday afternoon, so early, in fact, that very few were aware the Waikare had been sighted before she had been made fast to the wharf. The Waikare made the run in a shade less than four days, the average time being about four and a-half. The early arrival of the steamer prevented the presence of many on the wharf as they were expecting her late in the afternoon. Among those to meet the Archbishop and Father Devoy were the Very Rev. Father Dawson, the Very Rev. Dr. Watters, the Rev. Fathers Ainsworth, O'Shea, O'Sullivan, Bro. Mark, Dr. Martin, Mr. T. Davis, etc.

The annual entertainment and distribution of prizes at St. Patrick's College, will take place on Tuesday evening the 7th prox. His Excellency the Governor has intimated his intention of being present, and will distribute the prizes.

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