

Episcopalian clergy have their Divinity school specially provided for them in Trinity College, the Presbyterians have also got a university to accommodate itself to their theological school. As a set off against all this, which easily amounts to £10,000,000 or £12,000,000, you have about a third of a million granted to this disestablished college, the only subsidy that has ever been given to the Church of the vast majority of the people.

A Further Exposure.

An interesting supplement to the Rev. Father Hogan's exposure of Protestant monopoly and Catholic exclusion in Ireland (says the 'Dublin Freeman' of July 2) is to be found in the fate of the Protestants and Catholics transferred to the Veterinary staff of the Agricultural Department. Of the ten Protestants, every one of them got promotion and substantial increase of salary on being transferred to Sir H. Plunkett's department. There were seven Catholics similarly transferred. Two got slight promotion, with a total rise of £65 a year in their combined salaries. The remaining five Catholics, after service of over ten years, got nominal promotion and had their salaries reduced.

The following Protestant officials were transferred from the Veterinary Department to the Agricultural Department:—

Protestants.

	Salary at time of transfer.	Raised to
R. Cantrell	700	850
W. Hedley	600	700
D. S. Prentice	300	450
R. Duncan	300	400
H. Heald	200	300
W. D'Alton	210	350
F. Henry	160	200
W. Duncan	100	140
W. Odibert	90	130
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Catholics.

J. Mahoney	200	250
M. Boyle	115	130

Catholics Reduced in Salary:

P. M'Ivor, T. Fennelly, E. Tierney, J. Hart, J. Cox. These Catholics, after repeated applications for fair promotion, were made nominally 'permanent,' and their salaries were reduced from £92 to £90 a year.

Diocesan News

ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

August 27.

'Freehold v. leasehold' was the subject of discussion by the members of the Catholic Literary Society on Monday evening.

On Monday evening a card and draughts tournament was played between the St. Aloysius' branch of the H.A.C.B. Society and the Newtown Oddfellows at the latter's club rooms. The Hibernians were accorded a hearty welcome. After many closely contested games the tournament ended in favor of the H.A.C.B. Society by 21 points to 19. It is the intention of the Hibernians to give a return tournament at an early date. Refreshments were provided and friendly wishes exchanged by the respective officers on behalf of the members of both societies.

A very pleasant 'at home' was given by the ladies of Wellington South on Wednesday evening in the school rooms, Green street. The attendance was large. The arrangements, which were made entirely by the ladies, were very elaborate. One of the rooms was handsomely furnished as a drawing room. The parish funds should receive a substantial increase from the result.

The annual supper of the Catholic Young Men's Club was held on Thursday evening in St. Patrick's Hall. Ven. Archdeacon Devoy presided. There was an excellent attendance of members. The following toast list was honored:— 'The Pope and King,' by the Ven. chairman; the 'Vice-presidents,' by Mr. A. H. Casey, responded to by Ven. Archdeacon Devoy, and Messrs. J. J. Callaghan and L. Dwan; the 'Catholic Young Men's Club,' by Mr. J. J. Callaghan, responded to by the secretary (Mr. McKeown); the 'N.Z. Federation,' proposed by Mr. C. Foley, responded to by the president (Mr. E. Fitzgibbon) and Mr. McGowan; the 'Literary Society,' by Mr. P. J. Moran, responded to by the president (Rev. Father Kimbell, S.M.); the 'Ladies,' proposed by Mr. W. Healy, responded to by Mr. C. Gamble. Songs and recitations were given by Rev. Father Mol-

oney, and Messrs. J. McGowan, A. Hawkins, McKenna, Lawless, C. Gamble, L. Dwan, J. O'Sullivan, Quinlan, T. Lawless, and the Rev. Father Kimbell. Mr. S. Cimino played the accompaniments. The supper arrangements were excellent, and the evening proved most enjoyable. The half-yearly meeting of the Club will be held next week. Several important matters will be considered, one of them being the raising of the subscription, which is at present only five shillings a year. The resignation of Mr. McKeown from the position of hon. secretary will be a matter for general regret. Mr. McKeown has occupied the position for about four years, and to his efforts the present prosperous position of the society is largely due. Mr. McKeown finds he cannot spare the necessary time, as his position as editor of the 'Catholic Magazine' and secretary of the Federation requires a great deal of his spare time. His position will be hard to fill, and members are sincerely hoping that he will finally reconsider his decision.

DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

August 29.

Mr. Arthur O'Brien, of the British football team, is now on a visit to his relatives in this city, and prior to his return to England is to be entertained on Tuesday evening at the Catholic Club-rooms by the members.

The Rev. Father O'Connell is about to institute a house-to-house visitation of the city and suburbs in the interests of the Cathedral building fund, so as to give many, who up to the present have not subscribed, an opportunity of so doing.

Canterbury Hall has been engaged for a concert on a grand scale to be given on Thursday, September 22, in aid of the funds for the renovating and painting of the boys' school and Marist Brothers' residence. The musical arrangements are in the capable hands of the Rev. Father Mahony and Mr. H. Rossiter, a sufficient guarantee that nothing will be left undone to ensure success.

The Cathedral Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, in this city, have been asked and are complying with the request of the Superior Council of Sydney to prepare papers to be read at the Catholic Congress to open shortly at Melbourne. These papers are to be on 'The Work of the Society in New Zealand' and 'The Stoke Industrial School and Orphanage.'

Captain Bouissons, of the disabled French barque, 'Boieldieu,' recently called on and paid his respects to his Lordship Bishop Grimes. On being shown over the new Cathedral Captain Bouissons expressed warm admiration of the great building and surprise at seeing such a magnificent structure in the Colony. 'It reminded him,' he said, 'of some of the best ecclesiastical edifices in Continental countries.'

Mr. P. Nelson, son of Mr. J. Nelson, of this city, and president of the local branch of the H.A.C.B. Society, is leaving this week to enter, it is understood, into the religious life in one of the novitiates of Australia. From his earliest boyhood he has been attached to the sanctuary in the capacity of acolyte and latterly has been an earnest member of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul (Cathedral Conference). In this connection he has been one of the most devoted teachers of the Woolston Sunday School. As it was the last occasion he (Mr. Nelson) was likely to be present, Mr. E. O'Connor (president) took the opportunity on Sunday of expressing on behalf of the children and fellow-teachers their high sense of appreciation of his zeal and painstaking efforts in the good work, wishing him every success in his future life, and presenting him with a little souvenir of their esteem and regard.

Twenty-five members of the Canterbury College Engineering Society, together with two of their principals, Messrs. J. L. Scott and Berks, were last week, at the invitation of the contractors, Messrs. J. and W. Jameson, taken on a visit of inspection over the new Cathedral, the idea being to give the students a practical illustration of the modern form of building. The party were conducted over the works by his Lordship Bishop Grimes, Messrs. Jameson, and Mr. J. A. Hickmott (clerk of works). After going up all the available staircases and getting into various places accessible and otherwise, the special parts of the building were inspected, particular stress being laid upon the combination of the wire in the concrete pavement so as to give elasticity and binding force. The members of the party saw all the different portions of the building, ascending to the dome, and having the experience of descending by the jib from the highest point. After the inspection was over, Mr. J. L. Scott, on behalf of the party of students, thanked his Lordship the Bishop for his courtesy, and expressed the pleasure they had experienced in visiting the beautiful building.