

ence and evil thinking and speaking? Is it by inciting against us the passions of a crowd little versed in the facts of the case, but willing to take their ideas from vehement speakers? Is that their Christian rule of conduct? Is that their idea of Christianity? Is that their application of the gospel of love to the practice of hate? Is that the example they feel bound to put before us benighted Papists and to ask us to follow?

Is that the result of their reading of the Bible? If they succeed in getting the Bible introduced into the State schools, is that the effect in regard to Catholics they wish it shall produce on the minds of non-Catholic children? They are prepared to sacrifice themselves in defence of their civil and religious liberties. But it is not a sacrifice of passion, but a sacrifice of justice and charity and truth which the case demands. Let them learn this elementary truth, that all are children of a loving Father, and that it should be their effort, as well as ours, to unite all the citizens of the State in the bonds of peace and fraternal charity.

Diocesan News

ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(By telegraph from our own correspondent.)

August 7.

His Grace the Archbishop will leave for Meaneer this week for the purpose of conducting an ordination ceremony.

Owing to the serious illness of his father, for whose recovery no hopes are entertained, the Rev. Father Holley went south to-day.

The Ven. Archdeacon Devoy returned last week from a visit to Dean Foley at Auckland, whose condition is now considered hopeless.

A retreat for the students of St. Patrick's College was conducted last week by the Rev. Father Clune, C.S.S.R.

The penny collection system, introduced about thirteen years ago into the Te Aro parish by Ven. Archdeacon Devoy, has been the means of raising since then £2021. The amount contributed in pennies last year came to £152.

Arrangements are being made for a monster conversation to be held shortly in the Town Hall, to raise funds in aid of the Te Aro parish schools. Miss A. Hackett has been appointed secretary of the committee.

The new organ, recently placed in position at the Sacred Heart Basilica, was formally opened yesterday morning. High Mass was celebrated by His Grace the Archbishop in the presence of a very large congregation. The music chosen for the occasion was Schubert's First Mass in E, to which a strong choir, under the conductorship of Mr. S. Cimino, did ample justice. Mr. Cyril Towsey presided at the organ, and finely demonstrated all the capabilities of the splendid instrument. Asked at the conclusion of the ceremony what he thought of the touch, mechanism, and tone of the organ, Mr. Towsey declared that he had no hesitation in saying that it was the best organ in Wellington—a verdict that should be pleasing to all those who will have the privilege of hearing the instrument. The vocal soloists at the Mass were Misses M. Twohill, McSherry, Buckhurst, and Messrs. J. Seale, Carr, and Flanagan. Four organ solos were given by Mr. Towsey. His Grace the Archbishop delivered a dedicatory address from the words of the 150th psalm, 'Praise Him with timbrel and choir; praise Him with strings and organs,' in which his Grace gave a most interesting account of the place and purpose of music in religion. A sacred concert was given in the evening to a crowded congregation that filled every seat in the spacious edifice. Among those present were the Right Hon. the Premier and Mrs. Seddon, Hon. T. Y. Duncan, and Hon. Colonel Pitt, the Speaker (Mr. Guinness), and Sir W. Steward. The concert programme was of a high order, and the rendering of the various choruses and solos was both pleasing and effective. In addition to the vocalists already mentioned, the following took part—Misses McIntosh, Martin, Rahone, and Mr. Loughnan. A contralto solo, 'To the angels,' by Miss McIntosh, deserves special mention for its exquisite rendering. His Grace briefly thanked those present for their attendance, and expressed his high appreciation of the concert programme and his warmest thanks to the choir and contritors. He announced that there was a debt of about £500 on the organ, the total cost having come to nearly £1500. Benediction was given by his Grace, assisted by Ven. Archdeacon Devoy, Very Rev. Fathers Lewis

and Le Menant des Chénais. The offerings at the morning's service came to nearly £190, while about £40 were contributed in the evening. The organ should become very popular with the public, and another recital will probably be given soon.

Masterton

(From our own correspondent.)

August 4.

The Rev. Father Hickson, who is making a tour of the Wellington archdiocese for the purpose of collecting funds for the new Cathedral, is at present in Masterton.

The annual meeting of members of the St. Patrick's Day Sports' Association was held on Saturday evening, Mr. H. O'Leary (vice-president) presiding over a large attendance. The balance sheet, which was presented and adopted, showed the receipts to be £323 14s 9d, expenditure £294 6s 9d, leaving a profit of nearly £30 for the year, which, added to the amount carried forward last year, made a total credit balance of £79 15s 4d. The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: Patron, Very Rev. Dean McKenna; president, Mr. G. Watson; vice-presidents, Messrs. G. Day and F. McCarthy; treasurer, Mr. M. C. O'Connell; secretary, Mr. P. J. O'Leary; auditors, Messrs. B. J. Dolan and J. G. Elliott; executive committee, Messrs J. C. McKillop, A. Haughey, B. J. Dolan, B. Chapman, H. O'Leary, F. O'Toole, E. G. Williams, W. A. Hogg, F. Haughey, J. H. Pauling, F. J. Dupre, J. O'Dowd, M. Kerins, O. O'Sullivan, and J. A. Renall. Six new members were elected. The advisability of holding the next sports on a date other than March 17, owing to that day falling on a Saturday, was discussed at some length. It was pointed out by several speakers that the association was formed with the object of celebrating St. Patrick's Day, and it was eventually decided to adhere to that day. Mr. J. Creelman was elected a life honorary member of the association.

DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From an occasional correspondent.)

On the 20th ult., in the convent chapel at St. Mary's, Colombo street, Sister Mary Columba Fogarty and Sister Mary Patrick Sommers made their profession, and Sisters Aileen Bennett and May O'Shaughnessy were received, and will be known in religion as Sisters Mary Alexis and Mary Bernard respectively. The four young ladies are from Limerick. The Very Rev. Vicar-General officiated on the occasion, and the following priests were present: Very Rev. Father Marnane, Rev. Fathers Ahern, O'Connell, Cooney, Mahony, and McDonald.

Last June the schools conducted by the Sisters of Mercy, Colombo street, were examined by the Government Inspector, Mr. T. J. Foster, M.A. The following is taken from the Inspector's report:—Reading—of good average quality; composition—taught on good lines with satisfactory results, specially commended in Standard VI.; arithmetic—good in Standards V., IV., III., and I., Standard VI. (girls) very fair, Standard VI. (boys) fair; drawing—capably treated, Standard VI. very good; singing—songs and rounds very pleasingly rendered, in good time and tune; physical instruction—well selected exercises, smartly performed; geography—Standards IV., V., VI., a satisfactory knowledge of Course A and a small programme of Course B, Standard III. moderate; history—a good knowledge of list of lessons presented; religious instruction—daily imparted; needlework—very good; organisation—satisfactory. Seven pupils in Standard VI. obtained certificates of proficiency and five obtained certificates of competency. Percentage of passes, 97.9.

Temuka

(From our own correspondent.)

August 7.

Latest advices received here report no change in the health of our revered parish priest, Very Rev. Dean Foley.

The meeting for the purpose of considering ways and means to raise funds for the completion of the presbytery has been adjourned until next Sunday.

Through the generosity of one of its members, who has offered to defray expenses, the Catholic Young Men's Club are holding a shooting picnic at Rangitata on Thursday, September 7.

A meeting of parishioners of Pleasant Point is to be held shortly for the purpose of considering the advisability of erecting a school for the Catholic children of the district.