

sist on using the silly word "Romish"? It is neither English nor polite; it is merely a specimen of ecclesiastical slang, and why should not theologians, as well as ordinary men, write good English? We rather think that a good deal of this theological slang arose, and still endures, because it is far easier to make faces at opponents and to pelt them with nicknames than to squarely meet and refute their arguments. As for our Church, its name is Catholic. We know no nobler or better. And we desire no other.

Notes

Register!

We strongly urge all Catholics of both sexes who are entitled to vote at the forthcoming Parliamentary elections to have their names entered without delay upon the electoral rolls. This is all the more necessary, in view of the eager and organised efforts that are being made to Protestantise the public schools and compel Catholic and other objectors to contribute towards the expenses of the process or go to gaol. Sundry platform and pulpit addresses of various Bible-in-schools advocates, certain avowals made in the course of newspaper controversies, and a recent vehement attack on 'Papists' and 'Popery' in the chief organ of the party in the religious press, all tend to show that, in New Zealand as in Victoria, many of the clerics of the sectarianising movement will do what lies in their power to decide some of the issues of the next general elections by an appeal to religious prejudice and rancor. We may deal with this evil and significant phase of the Bible-in-schools campaign at a later period, when our columns are less crowded.

Diocesan News

ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

August 12.

The various schools of the parish will be examined by the State inspectors during the month.

His Lordship Bishop Lenihan is at present on a visit to Wellington, and is the guest of the rector of St. Patrick's College.

The many friends of Mr. J. Eccleton, of the teaching staff of St. Patrick's College, will regret to hear of the sudden death of his mother at her home in Waipawa on Thursday. The deepest sympathy will be felt for the bereaved family, who are well-known in many parts of the Colony.—R.I.P.

References of a very complimentary nature by qualified men have been made concerning the new organ at the Sacred Heart Basilica. There seems no doubt that our Thorndon friends have the very best instrument in the city. It is quite likely that a public recital will be given early in September next.

On Thursday evening St. Patrick's Hall was well filled, when the members of the Catholic Club entertained the members of St. Patrick's College Old Boys' Association. A euchre and billiard tournament was arranged, and each was won by the Catholic Club. Songs and recitations added to the general enjoyment. The musical accompaniments to the various items were played by Mr. C. McDonald.

The Executive of the Catholic Young Men's Club has decided to arrange a series of lectures to be given in the club rooms, Boulcott street. The first of these will be given on Thursday next by Mr. E. J. Fitzgibbon. The subject of the lecture is the 'Life and Work of Daniel, O'Connell.' The lecture is open to members and the general public, and admission in each case will be free.

Mr. John Deehan, formerly of Westland, and latterly resident in Wellington, died in the district hospital here on Wednesday night. He was a native of King's County, Ireland, and came to the colonies at the time of the Bendigo rush. He worked at Charleston for some years, and then settled in Reefton,

where he lived until six years ago. Since then he has lived in Wellington with his daughter, Mrs. Devory. Deceased was eighty years of age.—R.I.P.

The funeral of Mr. B. Sullivan, son of Mr. William Sullivan, of Cardale street, Wellington South, took place on Sunday last, and was largely attended. The remains were first taken to St. Anne's Church, where a touching address was delivered by the Rev. Father Ainsworth. The body was interred in the old Catholic cemetery in Mount street, the Rev. Father Barclay officiating at the graveside. The deceased was in the service of the Postal Department at the time of his death. The bereaved ones have the sympathy of a large circle of friends.—R.I.P.

The members of the Catholic Young Men's Tennis Club are to be heartily congratulated on the success of their first social, which took place in the Alexandra Hall on Wednesday evening. There was a large attendance, and the affair was voted by all as being most enjoyable. The arrangements were of a highly satisfactory nature, and were made by a committee consisting of Misses Meston, Williams, Sullivan, and Messrs. Searle, Moran, Mullins. The duties of secretary were efficiently discharged by Mr. M. F. O'Connor.

The Rev. Father Ainsworth, the popular parish priest of Wellington South, will shortly leave on holiday for Sydney. The Rev. Father has been very unwell for some considerable time, and his medical advisers have ordered a complete change and rest. The parishioners and general public join in hoping that Father Ainsworth will return to their midst in the full enjoyment of his previous good health. During his absence it is probable that the Rev. Father Moloney will carry out the duties of the parish.

The medal for oratory, presented by Lord Plunket for competition among members of the Victoria College Debating Society, is a silver one, bearing on the obverse side the Plunket arms and on the reverse side a wreath of oak. The rules governing the competition have been framed on lines similar to those governing the medal for oratory at Trinity College, Dublin. The winner will be selected by the popular vote of the students. The competition for this year's medal will take place on the 6th of September next. Each speaker will have ten minutes, and may choose for his subject the life of any man or woman of history.

Nelson

(From an occasional correspondent.)

August 10.

Last Sunday being the feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord, a procession of the Blessed Sacrament took place in the evening.

The Technical School, which has been in course of construction for some time past, is now completed, and will be ready for use in a few weeks.

Yesterday Mr. O'Brien, of the West Coast, presented to the church a very nice picture of Our Lady of Perpetual Succor.

The usual fortnightly meeting of the Children of Mary took place last Sunday, and was well attended. The Rev. Father O'Dwyer, who presided, spoke in high terms of the good which these meetings did, and urged all to attend regularly.

The Sisters of Our Lady of Missions contemplate holding a bazaar early next year. They have already engaged the services of Signor Borzoni. Everyone should assist, as the proceeds go to defray the cost of an additional building at the girls' orphanage.

The Marlborough football team has been here for a few days. They drove out to the Stoke Orphanage last Sunday afternoon, and were met by the Rev. Father G. Mahony, who kindly threw the building open for their inspection and provided afternoon tea.

On Monday evening a social was given by the junior Catholic choir, and was largely attended, Rev. Father Clancy presiding. The programme was an excellent one and reflected much credit on the Sisters and Miss Duff, who trained the children. After the concert Father Clancy thanked all those who had assisted.

DIOCESE OF DUNEDIN

His Lordship Bishop Verdon, assisted by the Very Rev. Father O'Neill, administered the Sacrament of Confirmation in St. Virgilius's Church, Balclutha, on Sunday.

The month's mind for the repose of the soul of the late Very Rev. Father Sheehan will take place in St. Joseph's Cathedral on Tuesday next, August 22, at 9 a.m.

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