

guidance of her who was the Morning Star of our Faith, and that through the stormy sea of life she may ever direct your course, in innocence or in penance, to the shore of our heavenly home.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.

Given at St. Mary's Cathedral, Sydney, on the feast of Our Lady's Nativity, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and five, and appointed to be read in all the churches under our jurisdiction.

- ✦ PATRICK FRANCIS CARDINAL MORAN, Archbishop of Sydney and Delegate Apostolic.
- ✦ THOMAS JOHN CARR, Archbishop of Melbourne.
- ✦ ROBERT DUNNE, Archbishop of Brisbane.
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- WILLIAM MASON WALSH, Administrator of Rockhampton.
- JOHN H. NORTON, Procurator of the Bishop of Port Augusta.

Diocesan News

ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

October 5.

The usual picnic of the Te Aro and Wellington South Altar Societies will be held at Seatoun on Wednesday next.

The members of the Catholic Young Men's Literary Society met as usual on Monday evening. Three able and interesting papers were contributed and discussed.

The contractors for the extension of the church building at Wellington South have made a start with the work. The alterations will provide seating accommodation for over a hundred people.

In a letter received a few days ago the Rev. Father Ainsworth states that he hopes to be back about the middle of the month. The Rev. Father was, I am pleased to say, in very good health at the time of writing.

On Tuesday last a very pretty wedding was celebrated at St. Anne's Church, Wellington South, when Miss Mary Bourke, daughter of Mr. James Bourke, an old and highly esteemed Catholic resident of this district, was married to Mr. Allan Vickers, of Feilding. The church was beautifully decorated for the occasion, and a Nuptial Mass was celebrated by the Rev. Father O'Shea, assisted by the Rev. Father Moloney. The bride was given away by her brother, Mr. J. J. Bourke, and was attended by her sister, Miss Kathleen Bourke, as bridesmaid. A reception was held at the residence of the bride's father in Kilbirnie. The happy couple left for Wanganui, where the honeymoon is to be spent.

The members of the Hibernian Society entertained the members of the Catholic Young Men's Club in St. Patrick's Hall on Wednesday evening. There were about a hundred present, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. The Hibernians succeeded in winning a euchre tournament, but the young men proved superior in the billiard tournament. Musical items were given during the evening by Messrs. McKeown, Sullivan, Foote, and Healy. Mr. P. J. McGovern presided at the piano. The toast of 'our hosts' was proposed by Mr. A. H. Casey, and was acknowledged by the president of the H.A.C.B. Society, Mr. C. Foley.

DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

October 7.

During the month a concert party will visit Rangiora and give an entertainment, at the invitation of the Rev. Father Hyland.

The Catholic Club have acquired a movable stage, with necessary scenery and stage accessories, which will enable the entertainment section to develop their talents and will afford ample scope for performances, lectures, etc. It will prove not the least valuable asset of this go-ahead institution.

The ordinary monthly meeting of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Particular Council was held on last Tuesday evening at the presbytery, Barbadoes street. The Very Rev. Father Le Menant des Chesnais, S.M., V.G., spiritual director, was present, and representatives of the Cathedral, St. Mary's (Manchester street), and St. Joseph's (Lyttelton) Conferences. The president occupied the chair. Favorable reports were received from all the Conferences and encouraging accounts of the prospect of early extension in the diocese of Dunedin. After transacting a considerable amount of routine business the meeting was closed. The Particular Council's next meeting will be held at St. Mary's on November 7.

The thirty-second anniversary of St. Patrick's branch (No. 82) H.A.C.B. Society was celebrated on last Wednesday evening in the Oddfellows' Hall, St. Asaph street, with a card tournament and social gathering. There was a very numerous attendance, and the event proved most enjoyable. The management committee consisted of Bros. Pearce (president), F. Doolan, P.P.; J. McCormick, P.P.; R. J. Evans, P.P.; J. J. Courtney, P.P.; P. McDonnell, P.P.; and Bro. M. Mannix (secretary). Valuable assistance was rendered by a committee of ladies consisting of Mesdames Doolan and W. Rodgers, Misses Doolan, Barnett, Dennyhy, and Daly. Invitations were extended to the branches at Ashburton, Kaiapoi, New Headford, and Leeston.

On last Thursday evening the Catholic Club rooms (large public hall) were crowded on the occasion of an entertainment given by the members to form a prize fund for the Christian Doctrine classes of the Cathedral. At an interval the Rev. Father O'Connell, spiritual director of the confraternity, thanked very sincerely the members of the club for their generous efforts, and the large audience for its sympathy and support. This marks the third successful performance given by the club members in aid of deserving objects, and a fourth is to be given towards the end of the month at Lyttelton to help the Brothers of the local Society of St. Vincent de Paul in their laudable efforts to erect a hall suitable for the better carrying on of their work, especially the mission to Catholic seamen.

Total Abstinence.

A correspondent, 'Facts,' writes us a very lengthy letter on the 'Demoralising and Devitalising Effects of Alcohol,' and supports his contentions by statistics from various authorities. He shows from 'irrefutable statistics' that the average duration of life among total abstainers is higher than among drunkards and moderate drinkers. Notwithstanding the statements of the opponents of the temperance party he contends that 'it has been repeatedly proved by police records returns of medical commissions and life assurance statistics that of all the evils that beset humanity alcohol is by far the most potent.' The writer then quotes from an article by Dr. Garnier, of the Paris Prefecture of Police, in which it is shown that alcoholism is a most formidable agent of degeneracy, and that the great majority of precocious criminals, mental imbeciles, etc., are the offspring of drunken parents. He then goes on to show that members of temperance societies are accepted at a less rate by many life assurance companies than moderate drinkers, and that the use of alcohol does not tend towards longevity. According to Sir George White, Governor of Gibraltar, the records of illness among regiments sent to India showed that out of every 1000 teetotallers, only 193 were received monthly in the hospitals, whilst the figures for the non-abstainers were 92.37.

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