

ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

September 8.

The annual social for the schools is to be held in the Town Hall next Wednesday. The function will be arranged by the members of the Sacred Heart Society.

Mr. L. Reichel, Government Electrician, who has been absent in England for some months, returned to the Colony on Wednesday. Mr. Reichel has been Home for the purpose of acquiring experience at the best electrical works in the Old Country. As the result of his observations the Colony will no doubt reap considerable advantages.

A Catholic Young Men's Club is to be formed in Petone. On Wednesday evening an inaugural meeting was held at which the Federation executive was present. It was resolved to proceed with the erection of club premises, and in this connection the Rev. Father Maples has given the necessary site, while Mr. A. Coles has donated the handsome sum of £50. It is intended that the club rooms shall be erected by the members themselves, among whom there are many skilled tradesmen. The Petone district is a large one, and the club should prove a successful one.

On Sunday afternoon the new church at Island Bay was blessed by his Grace the Archbishop, assisted by the Ven. Archdeacon Devoy, S.M. (Provincial), Very Rev. Father Lewis, V.G., and Rev. Fathers Ainsworth, O'Shea, Moloney, and Herring. The weather was most inclement, and prevented the attendance of large numbers from other parishes. At the conclusion of a short service, his Grace said that he rejoiced to see signs so evident of the progress of the Catholic Church in the Island Bay district, and instanced such buildings as the Convent of the Sacred Heart, and the Home for Incurables that is now in course of erection. The church, which he had just blessed, would soon be found too small for their requirements, but it was so erected that additions could easily be made. He congratulated the clergy and all who had been associated in the completion of a work which supplied a want long felt by the Catholics at the Bay. The Rev. Father Ainsworth, S.M., pastor of the parish, referred to the rapid growth of the district, and to the fact that at Newtown the congregation had increased in a remarkable degree.

The new church, which occupies a very fine site, is capable of seating 200 people. The length of the building is 60 feet, the height 20 feet, and the width 26 feet. There is a choir gallery at the western end, and an organ has been installed. In about a month's time there will be a solemn dedication service and opening ceremony. The new church is to be dedicated to God under the patronage of St. Francis de Sales.

TEMUKA

(From our own correspondent.)

The Temuka presbytery is expected to be out of the workmen's hands by the end of the present week, and will be ready for occupation in two or three weeks' time. During the last month men have also been engaged in laying out the grounds round about the building.

The local Catholic Young Men's Club has lost the services of its treasurer, Mr. Z. Beri, who has gone to Christchurch. On Friday evening a mock banquet was held in the club rooms. During the proceedings Mr. Barry (president of the club) presented Mr. Beri with a case of pipes and a silver-mounted cigarette holder, at the same time eulogising the recipient's services to the club. Other members endorsed the remarks of the chairman. Mr. Beri returned thanks for the handsome present and the kind things that had been said about him. Mr. D. D. O'Connell has been elected treasurer of the club. The oratorical competition arranged by the executive of the federated societies will take place on September 21.

INVERCARGILL

(From our own correspondent.)

September 7.

The usual weekly meeting of the Invercargill Catholic Club was held on Tuesday evening, September 4. The programme consisted of a debate, 'Was Charles I. justifiably beheaded?' The Rev. Father O'Malley led off in the negative, and dealt ably with the events leading up to the execution of Charles, pointing out the injustice of that sentence. Other

speakers on that side were: Messrs. T. P. Giffedder, Ryan, Haughey, and Morton. The Very Rev. Dean Burke took the affirmative side, followed by Messrs. Collins and M. Giffedder. The meeting decided in favor of the negative. It is pleasing to note that the membership of the club is now 70, new members being elected every week.

Late Burnside Stock Report

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Fat Cattle.—157 head yarded. Although the yarding was somewhat smaller than usual prices firmed to a very small extent. Best bullocks, £10 to £11 10s.; medium to good, £9 to £9 15s.; light, £7 10s to £8 15s.; best cows and heifers, £7 15s to £8 12s 6d.; light, £6 10s to £7.

Sheep.—3584 yarded, this being the largest number forward for several weeks. This number proving more than enough for requirements, prices dropped about 1s 6d per head. Best wethers, 21s 9d to 23s 6d; medium to good, 20s to 21s; light, 18s to 19s; best ewes, 17s to 20s; medium to good, 15s 6d to 16s 3d.

Pigs.—There was a full yarding of 203, a fair proportion of these being suckers and slips, for which, however, prices kept fairly high, showing a rise of from 2s to 4s per head. Bacon pigs were firm at late rates, but porkers were somewhat easier. Suckers, 10s to 15s; slips, 18s to 22s; stores, 24s to 28s; porkers, 34s to 40s; light baconers, 43s to 48s; heavy do, 50s to 59s.

The Rev. Father Marion (Provincial of the Marist Fathers) and the Rev. Father Duclos, S.M., have left Sydney on a visit to the Marist Missions in Fiji. They were accompanied by five missionaries, who are returning to their home in Samoa, after undergoing their second novitiate at Villa Maria, Hunter's Hill.

His Grace the Archbishop of Melbourne, accompanied by the Bishop of Ballarat, visited Bendigo on August 25. The visitors are the guests of the Bishop of Sandhurst. On the following Sunday afternoon the Archbishop opened a new wing which has been erected in connection with St. Mary's Convent College.

Rev. J. B. Ronald, M.P. for Southern Melbourne, received a pleasant surprise a day or two ago, when a valuable silver-mounted umbrella reached him. On the handle of the umbrella was the inscription, 'Presented to the Rev. Ronald by the son of a '48 man, for loyalty to Home Rule.' The name of the donor is unknown.

At the Sydney University junior examinations pupils from the seven colleges of the Christian Brothers in Queensland obtained 49 passes, the respective establishments and the numbers being—Brisbane, 24, Maryborough 7, Gympie 4, Ipswich 4, Charters Towers 4, Toowoomba 3, and Rockhampton 3.

The publication of an advertisement in a Catholic paper shows that the advertiser not only desires the patronage of Catholics, but pays them the compliment of seeking it through the medium of their own religious journal. So says an esteemed and wide-awake American contemporary. A word to the wise is sufficient.

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