

Diocesan News

ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

September 15.

The Very Rev. Dean McKenna, of Masterton, and the Rev. Father Goggan, of Napier, have been on a visit of inspection to the orphanage at Stoke.

The annual social in aid of the schools of Te Aro parish was held in the Town Hall on Wednesday evening. There was a fairly large attendance. The first part of the proceedings was devoted to musical items, songs being rendered by Misses V. Lamacroft, E. Martin, A.T.C.L., and Amy Hyde, and Messrs. Reade and Carr. A cornet solo was given by J. Parker. Miss M. Sullivan played the accompaniments.

News was received by cable during the week of the death in Sydney of Mr. A. H. Redwood. Deceased while on a brief visit to Sydney was taken suddenly ill, and an operation was found necessary. Unfortunately it was not successful. Mr. Redwood was about forty years of age, and leaves a widow and four children. He was a native of Blenheim, and his father, Mr. Charles Redwood, is at present a resident of Toowoomba, Queensland. Mrs. Maurice McGrath, of this city, is a sister, and his Grace Archbishop Redwood an uncle of deceased.—R.I.P.

The results of the Trinity College music examinations form very interesting reading for Catholics as far as the Wellington centre is concerned. The pupils from St. Mary's Convent are still to the very forefront in carrying off any honors that are to be had. Four candidates were presented for examination in the higher division of singing, and all gained honors. The successful pupils are:—Rita Rabone, A.T.C.L., 89; Alice Macdonald, A.T.C.L., 88; Edith Martin, A.T.C.L., 85; Althea Cundy, A.T.C.L., 81. The first of these, Miss Rita Rabone, is only seventeen years of age, and is probably the youngest candidate in New Zealand to secure the Associate degree. The only honors in senior pianoforte playing in Wellington were Sylvia Williams, 88, and Mary Harnett, 86. Miss Williams gained the Dresden medal for highest marks in the senior division. These results are extremely gratifying. The debt which the musical public of this city owes to the Sisters of Mercy is one that is ever increasing from year to year.

A reception ceremony was conducted by his Grace the Archbishop at St. Joseph's, Buckle street, on Friday morning, when three young ladies were received into the Order of Our Lady of Compassion. The church was beautifully decorated by the Misses Gibbes, the Misses Hackett, and Miss B. MacManaway. The sacred edifice was crowded. His Grace was assisted by Very Rev. Dean McKenna, Very Rev. Father MacNamara, and Rev. Fathers Holley, McDermott, Venning, Herring, and Walsh. The candidates were Miss Josephine MacManaway, of Wellington (in religion Sister Mary Francis of Assisi), Miss Mary Cregan, of Sydney (Sister Mary Xavier), and Miss Agnes Boland, of Darfield (Sister Mary Claudia). His Grace delivered a short address in which he pointed out the duties of all who desired to enter the Order of Compassion, and particularly stated that their work in life was the amelioration of the woes of suffering humanity. Their duties would often be of the most humble, even menial, character, and it was not for them to imagine that such duties were carried out by them as philanthropists. Rather they should consider that they were doing the work of their Master. It was a sacrifice demanded by the Saviour of mankind. A special choir rendered the music appropriate to the occasion.

Wanganui

(From our own correspondent.)

September 15.

The St. Mary's Catholic Club intend placing two cricket teams on the field this season. Mr. J. Belve and Mr. White were appointed hon. secretary and hon. treasurer respectively, and Messrs. N. Anderson, J. Sleeman, and Belve appointed delegates to the Wanganui Cricket Association at the meeting held last Monday. The members present showed great enthusiasm. A special general meeting of members was held last night, when it was decided to take a lease of the Commercial Travellers' Club Rooms at Taupo Quay for a term of five years. The members are to be congratulated on this progressive step. The present rooms are too small for the actual membership, which totals 190—a truly marvellous result for five months.

DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

September 17.

News by the last mail from England, from his Lordship the Bishop, states that he was still in London. It was his intention to leave for Rome at the beginning of September, making a sojourn in France en route.

The Marist Fathers have lost one of their pioneer missionaries in the South Sea Islands, in the person of the Rev. Father Trouillet, news of whose death has come to hand from Fiji, where he labored with indefatigable zeal, in the face of many difficulties, for close on forty years.—R.I.P.

As a result of a ballot, taken by the committee of the Cathedral Club on September 10, diplomas are to be awarded by the Executive of the Federated Catholic Young Men's Societies of New Zealand to the following gentlemen in recognition of their past valuable services in different capacities to their club:—Messrs. J. R. Hayward, G. Dobbs, and M. O'Rielly.

The following pupils of the Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions were successful at the examination in musical knowledge, held in connection with Trinity College, London:—Senior honors, Annie Riordan. Senior pass, Mary Wildey, Mabel Yemm, Katie O'Halloran, Eileen Murphy. Intermediate honors, Ivy Sheppard, Mary Coakley. Intermediate pass, A. Vera Barker. Junior honors, Gladys Barker, Emma Moyna, Florence Lyford, Alma Baker, H. Cronin. Junior pass, Diny Mandell, Ella Cronin. Preparatory division, Mary Mullane. Preparatory pass, Maggie Rodgers, Mary Cummings.

After Vespers on Sunday the altar boys assembled in the Cathedral sacristy to say good-bye and make a presentation to Mr. Peter O'Connell, who is retiring from their ranks, after a service of sixteen years. The Very Rev. Father Le Menant des Chesnais, V.G., presided, and, in presenting the gift, spoke in very eulogistic terms of the senior altar boy whose retirement he very much regretted. He spoke of his fidelity to duty, the edification he invariably gave, and the great assistance he rendered on special occasions in the sanctuary. In handing him a very handsome travelling rug, the Vicar-General asked him to appreciate it, not so much for its value, but for the good wishes of the givers. The recipient thanked the altar boys for their nice gift, and the Very Rev. Father Le Menant des Chesnais for his kind remarks, and said he would always look back with pleasure to the time he spent at the Cathedral, and ever remember the good advice given him by their esteemed Vicar-General.

Greymouth

(From an occasional correspondent.)

September 13.

The many friends of Mrs. Felix Campbell will learn with regret that she is seriously ill, and her condition is causing grave anxiety.

Last Sunday, being the day for the quarterly Communion of the St. Columba Club, the members of the Hibernian Society united with that body in approaching the Holy Table. The united societies, to the number of about eighty, marched from the St. Columba Hall to the church in regalia. Dean Carew, in the course of his remarks, congratulated both societies on turning up in such numbers.

At the St. Columba Club rooms last Friday evening Mr. W. McEvedy, of the Railway Department, who has been transferred to Timaru, was presented on behalf of the club members and the Hibernian Society with a handsome pair of field glasses, suitably inscribed. Mr. W. Duffy, in making the presentation, referred to the excellent services rendered to the club and the Hibernian Society by Mr. McEvedy, and wished him every success in the future. Mr. McEvedy was also the recipient of several other presentations on the eve of his departure, including a Gladstone bag from his fellow-employees on the railway. Mr. McEvedy left on Saturday evening for Christchurch. A large number of his comrades assembled at the railway station, and, as the train moved off, gave three hearty cheers for Mr. McEvedy and the future Mrs. McEvedy.

A large audience assembled at the St. Columba Club rooms last Friday evening to hear the debate between the St. Columba Club's representatives and those of the Trinity Institute. Mr. Joseph Petrie (editor of 'Greymouth Star') occupied the chair, whilst Mr. A. A. Adams (headmaster of the State school) presided as judge. The Trinity Club was represented by Messrs. L. de Berry (leader), K. Petrie, S. Croft, and A. West, whilst the St. Columba representatives consisted of Messrs. Donald Butler (lead-

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