

Diocesan News

ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

October 20.

The grand work that the Redemptorist Fathers have done for the Church in New Zealand by their missions is so generally recognised, that it is welcome news to hear that two more priests of the Order have been attached to the branch house in this Colony. They are Father P. M. Lynch, formerly of Dunedin, and Father Lowham, of Victoria. Father Lynch, since leaving the Colony, has been stationed at the head house in Limerick, and has earned a reputation as a zealous priest and an eloquent preacher. Those of us that have listened during the past week to the splendid sermons of Father Lowham must feel that in him the Church has secured a very gifted missionary. The services of these two priests will indeed be a great blessing to New Zealand.

The mission for men was opened at St. Joseph's, Backlit street, on Sunday evening by the Very Rev. Father Clume, C.S.S.R., who delivered an impressive discourse on 'Faith' to a congregation that filled every part of the sacred edifice. The services both morning and evening have been blessed with record attendances of men, and on Friday night a solemn service in honor of the Sacred Heart was held. The children's mission has been conducted by the Rev. Father MacDermott, C.S.S.R., On Sunday morning at 7.30 a grand military Mass will be celebrated. Permission has been granted for the permanent force and the local volunteers to attend—in full-dress uniform. The mission will be continued for another week. The missionaries and the local clergy are highly gratified with the results that have so far attended their efforts.

The justice of Ireland's demand for Home Rule is being more generally recognised every day, and the question is rapidly coming to the front as one that deeply concerns every part of the Empire. Irishmen throughout the Colony, and lovers of fair play generally will welcome as a hopeful sign the news that during the week the Hon. A. R. Guinness, M.H.R. for Grey, and Speaker of the House of Representatives, gave notice to ask the Premier whether before the end of the session he will propose a motion for presentation to the King, on the lines of the Commonwealth Parliament, urging that Home Rule should be granted to Ireland. The Premier's answer will be anxiously awaited. There are very many in the House who, apart altogether from mere sentiment born of nationality or otherwise, will be prepared to support such a motion as is suggested, on the grounds of justice alone.

On Thursday evening a social gathering was held in St. Patrick's Hall to celebrate the recent successes achieved by members of the Young Men's Club. The president of the club (Rev. Father O'Shea, S.M.) presided. During the evening he received on behalf of the club a very fine silver shield, which was won by the club's harriers a week or so ago, and which will be held by the club for a year. The three chief toasts honored were 'The Harriers,' proposed by Mr. C. Gamble and acknowledged by Messrs. Prendeville (2), Mulcahy, and Fitzgerald; 'The Debaters,' by Mr. E. J. Fitzgibbon and acknowledged by Messrs. Fitzgerald, Casey, Moran, and Kane; 'The Plunket Medallist,' by Mr. Casey and acknowledged by Mr. H. O'Leary. The proceedings were very enthusiastic, and several musical items were contributed. As a result of these successes members have been fired with a zeal that it is hoped will inspire them to achieve even greater honors.

The results of the practical examinations under the Associated Board of the R.A.M. and R.C.M., London, are to hand, and as usual speak eloquently of the high standard of the musical training given in our convent schools. The following successes form very satisfactory reading:—Licentiate examinations (maximum marks 200, pass 150)—Performers' diploma, Teresa Rowe (singing), 170; paper-work only (maximum 60, pass 45), B. von Dadelzen, 46. Local Centre examinations: Piano-forte unless otherwise stated (maximum 150, honors 130, pass 103)—Advanced grade (pass), Doris Stapleton, 125; V. Lamacroft (singing), 111. Intermediate grade (honors), Agnes Segrief, 130. Intermediate grade (pass), G. Blacklock, 110; E. Barton (singing), 104. School examinations (maximum 150, distinction 130, pass 100)—Higher division (distinction), A. Segrief (singing), 135. Higher division (pass), R. Segrief (singing), 124; G. Gibbs, 122; M. Outtrim, 114; H. Coweren (singing), 113; I. Ross, 112; V. Chalmers, 111; N. Suisted

(singing), 106; C. Reardon, 105; E. McCarthy, 100; G. Nelson, 100. Lower division (distinction), Maud Mackay, 130; I. Rollo, 130. Lower division (pass), G. Young, 101. Elementary division (distinction), M. Storey, 136. Elementary division (pass), C. Trollove (singing), 126; M. Bennett (singing), 118; M. Oldham (singing), 117; E. McMahon (singing), 116; K. Davis (singing), 110; E. Mackay, 109; G. Wilson, 107; F. Oldham (singing), 106; L. Sullivan, 101. Primary division (pass), W. Ryan, 116; L. Dealy, 114; D. Rabona, 113; B. Gard, 109; W. Coles, 108; M. Blacklock, 100.

Wanganui

(From our own correspondent.)

October 20.

The St. Mary's Cricket Club opened the season with a match against the Wanganui College, and suffered defeat by 22 runs, the scores being, Wanganui College, 101; St. Mary's, 79.

Another of our young men has passed away. Mr. Charles Patrick Brough, son of one of our esteemed parishioners, Mrs. Brough, Plymouth street, succumbed to that terrible disease, consumption, at the early age of thirty. The funeral took place on Thursday, and was largely attended. We tender our sincere sympathy to his mother and relatives.—R.I.P.

The social gathering held in the Drill Hall on Thursday in aid of the Aramoho church fund was largely attended, there being upwards of 300 people present. The decorations were very tastefully arranged by members of the St. Mary's Club, and the refreshments were provided by the ladies of the parish. The fund will be augmented considerably by the evening's proceeds.

DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

October 22.

The first of a series of social re-unions in connection with the Catholic Club was given in the club rooms on last Tuesday evening, when a programme of musical and other entertaining items was enjoyed by a numerous gathering.

The St. Patrick's Day Celebration Committee, having arranged with the Exhibition Executive for an Irish national sports gathering in the grounds set apart for such purposes at the Exhibition, a meeting is convened for next week to arrange preliminaries.

An overland passenger service has now been arranged for the Exhibition season between Canterbury and Westland. The Midland Railway on this side of the ranges is now extended to Broken River, and from thence by coach, and all the journey to and from Hokitika and Reefton is to be made in about fifteen hours, tri-weekly each way.

At the Institute Hall, Rangiora, on Friday last, the evening of the Agricultural and Pastoral Show Day, the annual concert in connection with the local Catholic church was given in the presence of a large audience. The programme, arranged by the Dresden Piano Company and carried out under the direction of Mr. J. Gibbs Jordan, was highly appreciated. Songs were given by Misses Graham, Elsie Mutton, Messrs. R. Peterson, C. Read and Earnest Schatz, and violin solos by Mr. Vere Buchanan. The accompanist was Mr. R. A. Horne. At the close the Rev. Father Hyland thanked the performers very cordially, and all who had assisted in making the event such a success.

The annual meeting of the Ashburton St. Patrick's Day Sports Association was held on last Thursday evening, at which the Very Rev. Dean O'Donnell presided, there being a good attendance of members. The annual report was read and considered very satisfactory. The balance sheet showed the receipts to have been £111 9s 4d, including £11 11s 10d brought forward from the previous year, and the expenditure was £95 16s 4d, leaving a credit balance of £15 13s. Mr. Muller, who had given great help to the Association, and who has removed to Wellington, was elected a life member. The report and balance sheet were approved and adopted. The Very Rev. Dean O'Donnell was re-elected patron, and the Rev. Father McDonnell was elected among a large and representative number of vice-presidents. A strong general committee was also appointed for the ensuing year.

Greymouth

(From our own correspondent.)

October 19.

There was a large attendance at the meeting of the St. Columba Club last Monday evening, when one