

the charge of Kaikoura, and provided that henceforth the district should be visited from Wellington. This was a great relief to the good and zealous Father, whose duties at Blenheim alone were quite sufficient for him.

Dr Redwood was met by the Catholics at Maungamaunu, beyond the rapid and dangerous Hapuka, about seven miles from Kaikoura. His Lordship received a most enthusiastic welcome and address from the congregation. In his reply he exhorted the faithful to establish a school, which they did as soon as possible, and he promised a resident priest at the earliest opportunity. By the same long and wearisome route he returned on horseback to Blenheim, accompanied by Father Sauzeau. From that time forward began the quarterly visits, as promised by Dr Redwood, of the Rev. Francis Yardin, S.M., at that time stationed at the Hutt, near Wellington. His first arrival was in October, 1876, and his visits continued until 1882. In Mr W. Smith's interesting notes we find the following eulogy of this devoted priest: 'This good and zealous pastor, during the five years of his administration, managed the affairs of the parish with wisdom, prudence, and success.' It was during his able administration that the various improvements already detailed for the years 1877-78 were effected. In addition to the improvements noted under 1879 a new bell and Stations of the Cross were provided at a cost of £12. In 1880 there was an expenditure of £50 for various improvements—Sanctuary lamp, new seats for the church, and a priest's room were provided. It is quite worthy of record here, an omission whereof would be culpable, that a most generous member of the congregation made to the church the handsome and welcome donation of a new organ, with a gallery for its reception. This gift was worth £30, and it enabled the congregation to have henceforward the benefit of music at Mass and evening devotions.

It was during Father Yardin's administration that Mr O'Donnell made a gift of 2½ acres as a more central and suitable site for church, school, and presbytery. It was then also that Mr Patrick Peoples made a similar gift for a convent site. Those generous benefactors were moved to this noble action by an important letter of Father Yardin's, detailing the many inconveniences of the old site. In 1882 the church was removed to its new and more central situation, at a cost of £118, an iron roof replacing the old shingle one. This important work was finished on June 30, and on October 13 a contract was signed for the erection of a presbytery. In June of the next year (1883) the Rev. Father Lampella arrived as first resident priest, shortly after Dr Redwood's second visit, and when the congregation had pledged themselves to provide a Catholic school at the earliest possible moment. This pledge was faithfully kept, for in July of the same year a contract was signed for the erection of a school, and Father Lampella procured Miss Hollis, 'a young lady of great attainments, from the convent, Nelson, to conduct the school for him.' Owing to many heavy items of expenditure within a few years the church debt amounted to £224 at the close of 1883, but excellent work had been done as a foundation for the future.

This narrative has extended somewhat beyond the seventies with the view to show the condition of the mission and the spirit of the congregation when the first resident priest settled at Kaikoura. The narrative is based on the notes kindly and thoughtfully kept from early days by Mr W. Smith, of Ludstone. Much could be written on the parish from 1883 to the present date, but the seventies are our present limits. All the visiting priests up to 1882 used to stay at Ludstone House, where they enjoyed the warmest welcome and the most abundant hospitality. This the compiler has gathered from some of the earliest settlers.

List of the Early Catholic Settlers at Kaikoura.

The founders of a Catholic mission are well worthy of a record. A priest is sometimes called the 'founder,' but strictly speaking he is only the organiser of the Catholics he has found before him. Moreover, the success of the mission he organises and builds up depends very materially on the quality of the early Catholic settlers. Now, the earliest Catholic settlers of Kaikoura have impressed their mark for good on the mission for ever. Hence the fitness of recording their names in connection with the above summary of early events. Many of them have already been called to their eternal reward. As far as the writer has been able to ascertain the following were the pioneers of the Catholic Church of Kaikoura:—Mr and Mrs Walter Hailes, Mr and Mrs James O'Donnell, Mr and Mrs Joseph Garrett, Mr and Mrs Dublin Smith, Mr and Mrs John

Harnett and family, Mr and Mrs Geo. Chapman, Mr and Mrs Patrick Peoples. A few years later came Mr and Mrs John O'Donnell, Mr and Mrs Denis Sweeney, Mr and Mrs James Gallagher, Mr and Mrs Wm. Braughan, Mr and Mrs Jeremiah Curtin, Mr Michael Dee, Mr and Mrs William Smith (of Ludstone), Mr John Peoples, Mr and Mrs Patrick Keenan, Mr and Mrs Geo. Eaton, Mr and Mrs Jesse Redwood, Mr and Mrs James Kerr, Mr and Mrs Michael K. Hill, Mr and Mrs Patrick Maguire. Of the above the following are gathered to their fathers in the faith:—James O'Donnell, John O'Donnell, John and Mrs Harnett, Walter Hailes, Wm. Dublin Smith, Patrick Peoples, Jeremiah Curtin, Mrs Smith (of Ludstone), James and Mrs Gallagher, Michael Dee, Mrs Joseph Garrett.

(To be continued.)

Diocesan News

ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

Oct. 26.

An organ recital is to be given to-morrow evening in the Sacred Heart Basilica.

The Very Rev. Dean Regnault passed through the city during the week on his way to Meaneer.

The solemn ceremonies of a Triduum are to begin in the Buckle Street Church to-morrow morning.

The Rev. Father Bowden, S.M., quite restored to health by his visit to the Islands, resumed the duties of assistant priest in the Thorndon parish yesterday.

During the week, we have had a visit from the Rev. Father Schaefer, of Otaki. The Rev. Father was on business connected with the erection of a presbytery in Foxton, in aid of which a bazaar is being promoted.

It is pleasing to note that during the recent discussion by members of the City Council with respect to free passes on the trams, reference was made to the right to consideration in this regard to the Sisters of Compassion.

On Wednesday evening, members of the local Young Men's Club paid a visit to the Petone Club, and spent with them, a very pleasant hour or so. Advantage of the occasion was taken by the President of the Federated Societies to present Mr. H. F. Jackson, of the Petone Club, with a diploma of merit, awarded in respect of the recent essay competition.

A social evening, under the auspices of the Catholic Seamen's Mission, was given to the seamen in port on Wednesday evening in St. Patrick's Hall. A very enjoyable time was spent. The ladies kindly dispensed refreshments, and a concert programme was provided, to which items were contributed by Misses Reichel, A. and M. Cashman, L. Strickland, and Messrs. Pfaff, Boyd, Albert, McDonald, Bragge, Farrell, Delaney and Foote.

The Shakespeare Club is offering prizes for the best reading of selected passages from Shakespeare to pupils of the State schools. Your correspondent endeavoured to have the pupils attending the Catholic schools included, but was informed that it was too late this year to arrange for the adoption of such a course. I understand, however, that next year the necessary extension will be made in the direction sought.

The Rev. Father Holley concluded his canvass of the Thorndon parish, this week. As a result of his efforts the Catholic Fund has benefited to the extent of £250. In Wellington South, where the Very Rev. Dean James McKenna, of New Plymouth, undertook the canvass, it is expected that the sum of £100 will be realised. The Rev. Father Ainsworth also had a successful result in New Plymouth. He returned to the city on Tuesday evening.

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(From an occasional correspondent.)

The Catholic social held in the Drill Hall last Wednesday evening was an unqualified success. Notwithstanding the inclement weather, there was a large and representative gathering. Very Rev. Dean McKenna, of Masterton, and Rev. T. McKenna, our pastor, were present during the evening. During the evening, songs were contributed by Mrs. Tremain, Misses Dunning, Greenhill, and Mexted, and Messrs. W. H. Hawkins, and Tremain. The contributions of the various performers were received with hearty applause, Miss East-

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