

Diocesan News

ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

Nov 2.

The executive of the Catholic Club has placed in the club rooms a large and life-like portrait of the late William Hamilton.

His Grace the Archbishop left on Wednesday morning for Palmerston North to be present at the bazaar, which is now being held there in aid of the parish funds.

Several of our young men propose paying a visit at the end of next week to the Catholic Club in Palmerston North. These visits do much to promote the well-being of both clubs, as they stimulate an interest in club life.

The euchre tournament, held by the club during the week, was well attended. The gentleman's prize was secured by Mr. P. Clarke, and the lady's by Miss Henderson. Musical items were contributed by Misses Hawthorn, Davis, and Messrs. F. Eller, P. J. McGovern, and A. Eller.

During the Triduum at St. Joseph's Church the several services were attended by crowded congregations, and large numbers approached the Holy Table. On Sunday evening the sermon was preached by the Rev. Father McCarthy, on Monday by the Rev. Father Bartley, and on Tuesday by the Rev. Father Venning.

The Catholic Club opened the tennis season on Saturday last, when a large number of ladies and gentlemen assembled to take part in the games. The court has been carefully prepared for the season's play, and members anticipate an enjoyable time during the coming summer months.

On Monday last the club held an oratorical contest in which four speakers competed. The first place was awarded to Mr. Carl Pfaff, and the second to Mr. Thomas Boyce. The Hon. R. A. Loughnan, M.L.C., acted as judge. On Tuesday evening the members of the Literary Society will hold a competition in which a prize will be awarded to the gentleman making the best parliamentary election speech.

The results of the annual terms examinations held in connection with the local University College were announced during the week. I am pleased to observe that our Catholic students—now much on the increase—did very well. The Rev. Fathers O'Reilly, Bartley, Gondringer, and Gilbert, of St. Patrick's College staff, achieved first-class results in their respective subjects. The interest taken by our people and the successes achieved in this connection are healthy signs. Our Catholic students have reason to be proud of the year's work. Let us hope for a further increase in numbers next year and for further honors.

The organ recital by Miss May Putnam at the Sacred Heart Basilica on Sunday evening last proved highly successful. The following report appeared in the 'Evening Post':—A fallacy that man only can excel at the pipe organ, with its numerous stops and manuals, was removed from the minds of many people last evening, when Miss May Putnam, organist at the Church of the Sacred Heart, Hill street, gave an organ recital. Miss Putnam is a young lady who succeeded her father in leading the service of praise at the church, and her treatment last night of a number of gems from the works of the masters qualified her to take rank with the best organists of the city. The selections ranged from Elgar's stately 'Pomp and Circumstance' to Saint-Saens' dainty 'Le cygne' and Handel's majestic 'Hallelujah chorus,' and were all remarkable for artistic treatment and sound judgment. Miss Putnam's pedalling was excellent, and her choice of stops decidedly pleasing, especially in 'Le cygne,' in which she obtained an effect similar to that produced by the Vox Humana. Little wonder was it that Archbishop Redwood complimented the organist on her recital. In the course of his remarks the Archbishop said that Miss Putnam had inherited the talents and enthusiasm of her father, who was instrumental in obtaining such fine music in the old cathedral. He hoped that the congregation would have many further opportunities to appreciate her talents and enthusiasm. Other items were the popular 'O star of eve,' by Wagner, Wely's brilliant offertorio in F, Lemare's delightful 'Elegy' and 'In Paradisum,' by Dubois. Three vocal contributions were interspersed with the organ numbers. Mr.

J. Smith, a tenor recently arrived from the Old Country, sang 'The sorrows of death,' by Mendelssohn, and Cherubini's 'Ave Maria.' His intonation was true, his phrasing delightful, whilst the quality of his voice throughout a wide compass was rich and full. Mr. Smith should be an acquisition to oratorio music in Wellington. Madame Eveleen Carlton (soprano) sang Schubert's 'Ave Maria' with fine expression, and Mr. J. Flanagan (bass) gave a pleasing rendering of 'Ecce Deus,' by Clifton. The soloists were also thanked by the Archbishop for their items. The recital was given in aid of the organ fund, which up till last evening had a debit balance of £60.

Wanganui

(From our own correspondent.)

October 31.

The social held recently at Aramoho on behalf of the St. Joseph's Church furnishing fund netted £20 5s—a very creditable result for a new parish.

On the King's Birthday the St. Mary's Dramatic Club intend giving a performance of 'The Octoroon' at the Opera House.

I must congratulate Mr. W. M. Luxford, a member of St. Mary's Club, on winning Mr. Henderson's trophy for the best all-round player in the Wanganui Cricket Club last season.

At the recent shooting contest in Australia the New Zealand team were not successful, but the Wanganui representative worthily upheld the honor of the town and Dominion by making a score of 265, being the third highest in the match.

Miss E. Mahoney, a pupil of the St. Joseph's Convent High School, has succeeded in passing her second term in connection with Victoria College, Wellington. This is another proof of the work done in our local convent.

The Rev. Father Treacy, of Stratford, has been appointed by his Grace the Archbishop to collect funds for the Wellington Cathedral in Wanganui. Rev. Father Mahony will do the same in the Stratford district. The collecting will commence at the end of next week.

A meeting was held on Sunday night after Vespers at St. Mary's in order to devise means for obtaining funds for a children's picnic at New Year's time. It was decided to hold a euchre party and social in the club rooms on Tuesday, November 12.

Sunday, November 3, has been allotted by the St. Mary's Catholic Club as the day on which members may have Masses celebrated for their deceased relatives, also for the deceased members. The club intend making this custom an annual one.

The report of the Government Inspectors (Messrs. Strong and Milne) on the work done by the St. Joseph's parish school was that the scholars acquitted themselves well, passing a really excellent examination. They also inspected the work of the Marist Brothers School, and were highly pleased with the results obtained by the boys.

The Sisters of St. Joseph are now busily engaged preparing for their annual concert, which takes place on December 12. There is special interest being excited in the fact that part of the performance will consist of a fairy operetta. The chorus singing of the several parts will be greatly enhanced by the aid of Mr. Beck's splendid orchestra.

The ratepayers of Wanganui on Wednesday decided at a poll to confirm the Borough Council's proposal to borrow an additional £5000 for the purpose of supplementing the £40,000 already authorised for installing an electric tramway service. The Mayor, after formally declaring the result, announced that by next winter the citizens of Wanganui would be in possession of an up-to-date and first-class electric tramway system.

At the practical examination, conducted by the Associated Board of the Royal Academy of Music and the Royal College of Music (Mr. R. Cummings examiner), held at Wanganui early in the month, the following pupils from the Sisters of St. Joseph's Convent were successful:—Advanced grade.—Piano—Edie Fookes, 120; Mabel Mahoney, 104. Higher school.—Piano—Maggie King, 108; Ethel Parker, 108; Mary Keane, 106; Nellie Percy, 100. Lower school.—Piano—Eileen Burns, 100; violin, Minnie Power, 107; Horace R. Hunt, 101. Elementary division.—Piano—Kathleen Holmes, 138; Ruby Curran, 137; Annie Kelly, 123; Eileen Quinlivan, 122; Agneta Hilles, 122; Grace

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