

Diocesan News

ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

November 23.

The Very Rev. Father O'Shea, S.M., V.G., returned on Thursday from Palmerston North.

On Monday next, the annual sports gathering of St. Patrick's College will be held at the Basin Reserve.

The Catholic Literary Society held an impromptu speech competition on Monday evening. About half a dozen members competed, Mr. J. J. Devine officiating as judge. First place was awarded to Mr. Louis Reichel. The Rev. Father Kimbell presented Mr. Reichel with Mr. Fitzgibbon's gold medal for the best election speech and also, on behalf of the Federal Executive, handed to Mr. C. Pfaff, a diploma of merit for his win in the oratorical competition.

On Saturday this worship the Mayor and the Corporation officers and employees did good service in connection with the sand-shifting operations for Mother Aubert at Island Bay. Mrs. Hislop and a band of ladies also rendered valuable aid. About thirty tons of material were shifted during the afternoon. To-day the University students and the Trades and Labor Council are boiling hard to keep things going.

On Wednesday afternoon the St. Patrick's College Cadets met, those from Wellington College in a military exercises competition. The judges were Colonel Bauchop, Sergeant Major Dovey, and Colonel Sergeant Davis. The contest resulted in a win for St. Patrick's by 87 points to 76. Captain H. Seymour had charge of the victors. The two previous contests were won by Wellington College, and this year the boys from St. Patrick's were determined to make a bold bid for the honors.

I regret to record the death, last Tuesday in this city of Mr. Patrick Doyle, brother-in-law of M. P. W. Conboy. Deceased was a native of Carlow, whence he came to the colonies about twenty-four years ago. He had been ailing for some time, and his death was not unexpected. He died fortified by all the rites of Holy Church, being frequently attended by the parish clergy and the Sisters of Mercy. The interment took place at Karori on Thursday. The Rev. Father Bowden officiated at the grave-side.

Wanganui

(From our own correspondent.)

November '21.

The Wanganui Garrison Band gave a most enjoyable concert on Sunday afternoon to the inmates of the Hospital, there being a large attendance of the public.

I must congratulate Mrs. J. Dempsey on being the champion in the Home Industries Section for cooking, making jam, etc., at the recent Wanganui Show.

It is with regret that I record the death of Mr. Michael Crowley at the Wanganui Hospital on the 17th inst. The interment took place in the local cemetery on Tuesday.—R.I.P.

The Rev. Father Treacy completed his task of collecting funds for the Wellington Cathedral last Sunday. The result of his mission may be considered fairly successful, about £60 being collected.

Mr. McNeale, of Rangiwahia, has kindly consented to give a lecture on the Irish race and nationality in the St. Mary's Catholic Club rooms on Friday, November 29, when it is expected that there will be a large attendance of members and their friends.

The euchre match between St. Mary's Club and the Irish Rifles eventuated on Monday evening at Hodson's Rooms, and resulted in favor of the club by a small majority. Euchre was followed by supper, after which a pleasant hour was spent in song, story, etc. The Rifles intend returning the challenge at an early date.

In his annual report on the Wanganui Hospital the Inspector-General says: 'The Hospital is a well-managed institution of modern type. The resident surgeon (Dr. Fergus) and matron (Miss McKenny) are very keen to make improvements. The latter seems a particularly capable woman.' Miss McKenny is an esteemed member of St. Mary's congregation.

Blenheim

The inaugural ceremony in connection with the opening of the recently established Catholic Club (says the 'Marlborough Herald') was held on Wednesday evening, November 20, in the Catholic Hall and new club rooms in Maxwell Road. It took the form of a social and conversazione, and was very largely attended. The large number present was an indication of the great interest taken in this new institution, which is designed to promote the social, mental, and moral welfare of the men of the Catholic denomination. Many similar clubs are being successfully carried on in New Zealand, and the Blenheim Club has been established under very favorable auspices. Already the membership totals over 100, and a complete suite of club rooms have been provided, the previous building being enlarged by the addition of a spacious billiard room, fitted with a first-class new table. Reading and social rooms are also provided, and a library is being established, towards which the committee would be glad to receive donations of suitable books. The club rooms adjoin the Catholic Hall, and will therefore be very convenient when social functions are in progress.

In connection with the formal opening the Rev. Father Holley, in a few introductory remarks, spoke of the pleasure it gave him to see such a large attendance. He introduced his Worship the Mayor (Mr. A. McCallum), who had kindly consented to assist at the opening.

The Mayor said he was pleased to be present and took it as an honor to be invited to such an important ceremony. He recognised that the establishment of such clubs as these was an advance in civilisation. He would not detain them by making a long speech, and had great pleasure in declaring the Blenheim Catholic Club open. He wished the members and promoters every success.

The Rev. Father Holley called upon the member for the district to make a few remarks.

The Hon. C. H. Mills was received with applause. He was glad to be invited to such a function, which showed the advancement of the district. In much larger towns he had visited they could not boast of such pretentious buildings for club purposes. He was more than pleased to be present because he saw many old faces and also many new ones. He was always pleased and willing, as the representative of the district, to attend such social functions, no matter what denomination organised them. He had been looking round and saw many evidences of great prosperity, and he was convinced that the prosperity had come to stay—at least, he hoped so. He concluded by expressing a hope that the club would succeed and prosper.

The billiard room was formally opened with a match between the Mayor and Mr. Mills, the former winning, after a pleasant contest, by a few points.

The hall was nicely decorated with flags and evergreens and presented an attractive appearance. A ladies' committee supplied refreshments in their usually efficient manner. Songs were given by Mrs. Hale, Misses Higgins and Morrison, and Messrs. Bryant, Holcroft, and Father Holley; and a duet by Mr. Bryant and Miss Higgins. Miss McCabe played the accompaniments during the evening.

Kaikoura

(From an occasional correspondent.)

The beautiful devotion of the Forty Hours' Adoration commenced here on last Sunday, November 17, and closed on Tuesday after the 9 o'clock Mass. After Mass on Sunday there was a procession of the Blessed Sacrament through the grounds and around the church of the Sacred Heart. The bright regalia of the Children of Mary was a striking feature, forming a pleasing contrast to the sombre costume of the Sisters and the white cottas of the altar boys. The weather was most favorable, the clear rays of the sun glinting down on the different hues, and rendering the scene very picturesque. It was the finest procession yet witnessed at Kaikoura.

On this occasion, according to instructions, the Triduum of his Holiness was blended, as far as possible, with the Forty Hours. The magnificent prayer to Our Eucharistic and Hidden God was recited each time at Benediction, forming a solemn feature in itself, as coming from the heart of Pius X. In compliance with the prescriptions of the Pope and in accordance with the usage at the Forty Hours, there were ser-

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