

Diocesan News

ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

July 4.

The memorial tablet to the memory of the late Very Rev. Father Lewis, erected in the Sacred Heart Basilica, is the work of Messrs. Hickmott and Sons, monumental masons, of this city.

Word received from the Very Rev. Father Keogh, S.M., B.A., advises that the Mayor and councillors of Auckland accorded a very hearty reception to himself and the members of his team on Thursday. The team defeated the Nelson College boys by 8 points to 6. On their way home from Auckland they will play the Te Aute College, and probably a team from the Meaneer Seminary.

Miss Rose Kelly, of this city, was married on Wednesday last to Mr. J. Murphy, of Pahautanui. The ceremony took place at St. Joseph's Church, Buckle street, the Rev. Father Herring being the officiating priest. The bride was given away by her brother, Mr. J. Kelly, Mr. O. Murphy acted as best man, and Miss May Kelly as bridesmaid. The honeymoon is being spent at Wanganui.

The Old Boys of St. Patrick's College did not have very pleasant weather for their annual social gathering on Tuesday last, but they had nevertheless a most enjoyable evening. The weather did not prevent their friends from attending in large numbers. The Sydney Street Schoolroom was tastefully decorated for the occasion with the college colors. The success of the function was due in no small measure to Mr. F. Crombie, the energetic secretary of the association, and to Mr. B. J. Devine, who also assisted.

As a consequence of the recent mission of the Redemptorist Fathers at South Wellington, the men's and women's branches of the Sacred Heart Society at South Wellington have been placed on a very strong footing. The women's meeting on Friday last was largely attended, when the Rev. Father Herbert preached an instructive sermon. I am glad to say that the several Sacred Heart societies throughout the city are in a most flourishing state—a happy condition due to the determination of the local clergy to make the society what it should be in every parish—the union of all its members.

For some time past the Hibernian Society at South Wellington has successfully carried on a club room for the use of its members. The room was purchased from the Church authorities, and was procured for the purpose of assisting the social side of Hibernian life. As it was recently decided to establish a Catholic Club at South Wellington, an effort was made to secure the premises at present the property of the Hibernians. The Hibernians, however, at their last quarterly meeting unanimously decided to retain their club premises. It is now intended by the parish authorities that, should there be sufficient inducement, an up-to-date Catholic hall and club rooms be erected. The provision of suitable club rooms will be welcomed by all who desire to see our Catholic body a united one. The clergy have the project at heart, and need only the support of the parishioners to realise the object in view.

DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

(By Telegraph, From Our Own Correspondent.)

July 7.

Rev. Father Meagher, who has been appointed senior priest at the Cathedral, commenced his duties last week. A presentation of an address and purse of sovereigns to Rev. Father Holbrook takes place in the Hibernian Hall on next Thursday evening. Rev. Mr. Curran, formerly Holy Cross College, Mosgiel, but latterly of St. Patrick's College, Thurles, was ordained priest in Ireland by Bishop Lenihan on June 24.

At Sts. Michael and George's Church, Newmarket, on Wednesday last, the Rev. Father Farthing, who is going for a few months' change to the diocese of Dunedin, was presented with a valuable dressing-case by the local branch of the Children of Mary. The president of the confraternity expressed great regret at Father Farthing's departure from Auckland, the notice of which was so short that it did not permit of the presentation assuming the proportions of a parochial one. Father Farthing's work in the parish was, however, recognised and appreciated by all. Father Farthing feelingly thanked the members of the

confraternity for the gift. Yesterday morning, in the school-room, Father Farthing was the recipient of a travelling-case from the parishioners of St. Michael's Church, to show in a small degree their appreciation of his kindness and attention during his connection with St. Michael's. The presentation was made by Miss F. A. Symes, and Miss McLean also spoke. On Father Farthing's departure for New Plymouth and the south a large number of friends assembled at the railway station to bid him au revoir and wish him a pleasant journey.

St. Patrick's College football team, Wellington, under the charge of Very Rev. Father Keogh (Rector), and Rev. Fathers Gilbert and Graham, arrived here last Wednesday, and were accorded a reception next morning by the Mayor of Auckland (Mr. A. M. Myers) in the Mayor's room. He spoke eulogistically of the scholastic success of the college, and instanced a number of cases where students from the college occupied prominent positions in various parts of the Dominion. He also mentioned their successes in the athletic arena, singling out Drs. O'Brien and McEvedy, who were members of the British teams, and others who figured in the All Black team. Mr. M. J. Sheahan, chairman of the Auckland Rugby Union, extended a hearty welcome to the team. Very Rev. Father Keogh replied; thanked the Mayor, who, in spite of his many duties, found time to welcome his boys, who appreciated the honor shown them. In turn he complimented the Mayor upon the steady progress made by Auckland, enumerated many important works inaugurated during Mr. Myers' term of office, and stated that the Mayor had advanced the city by a quarter of a century. In conclusion, Very Rev. Father Keogh called for three rousing cheers for the Mayor. The latter also asked them to give three for the Rector. In the evening the Old Boys of St. Patrick's College resident in Auckland entertained the Rector and team in St. Benedict's Hall. There was a splendid gathering. Mr. William Fallon, solicitor, an old student of the college, in eloquent terms, bade the Rector and students a hearty welcome. Professor Gibbs, of the Grammar School, and the Rev. Mr. Smallfield, St. John's College, delivered pleasant speeches of welcome. Father Keogh responded, and heartily thanked all for their genuine welcome, which had exceeded their expectations. From the Mayor of the city, the Professors present, and the public generally they had received the utmost consideration and kindness. The present tour of the students was, apart from athletic contests, intended to be educative and instructive. The boys would visit various cities and towns en route, and comparisons would be shown and drawn; local governments would be viewed, and comparisons made, and by this means much good would accrue to the students. A fine musical programme was rendered, and refreshments were handed round. All heartily entered into the proceedings, which were thoroughly enjoyable and most sociable. The room was handsomely decorated, thanks to the exertions of Mr. Timms. The ladies, notably Mrs. Michael Browne, lent invaluable assistance, while to Mr. Paul Kavanagh a great deal of credit is due. He arranged nearly everything locally before and after the team's arrival. The students made an excellent impression, and were voted the finest lot of young fellows seen here. The team won the first match on Saturday against St. John's College by 22 points to nil. On Wednesday next they meet the Grammar School, when a good match is expected.

(From an occasional correspondent.)

Monuments are about to be erected over the graves of Rev. Fathers Sheridan and Veale, whose remains now rest in the Panmure Cemetery, where also are monuments to the memory of the Right Rev. Mgr. Walter McDonald, Very Rev. Dr. James McDonald, V.G., Very Rev. J. C. Downey, O.S.B., Rev. R. Launzell, Rev. Benedict Tickell, O.P., and Brothers Joseph and Mark, of the Marist Order. In the beautiful Church of the Assumption at Onehunga lie the remains of our late saintly Bishop, the Right Rev. John Edmund Luck, O.S.B., together with those of the Right Rev. Mgr. James Paul, V.G., who for forty-eight years was the venerated rector of Onehunga. Outside the church are the graves of the Very Rev. James Mahoney, O.S.F., V.G., and the Rev. Francis A. Luck, O.S.B. In the public cemetery, Onehunga, the bodies of the Rev. J. V. Hennessy and Rev. S. Zainey are laid. In the Auckland Cemetery stone crosses mark the graves of the Right Rev. Abbot Wilfrid Alcock, O.S.B., Rev. James Norris, Rev. Francis Connolly, Rev. John Joseph Breen, and Rev. John Hynes. At Otahuhu a beautiful marble cross stands to the memory of the Very Rev. M. D. O'Hara. Here also lie the remains of the Rev. W. B. Purton, O.S.B., and the Rev. James MacIntosh.

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