

Diocesan News

ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

July 25.

The buildings at Dixon street used as a Convent High School, and now removed to Sussex Square, are being re-erected on the new site.

His Grace the Archbishop, on leaving Queensland, is to proceed on holiday to the South Seas before returning to the Dominion.

The newly-formed Catholic Club at South Wellington is to meet on Monday to consider and adopt rules. A rule worthy of notice to be proposed is that the amount of 2s 6d be added to the amount of the annual subscription for the purpose of providing all members with a copy of the 'Catholic Magazine.'

The Very Rev. Father Copère, Procurator-General of the Marist Fathers in Rome, has been appointed Consultor to the Congregation of the Propaganda. The Very Reverend Father is well known to many of the New Zealand clergy.

I regret to learn that the popular representative of the 'Tablet,' Mr. Moriarty, has been somewhat unwell during the past few weeks. Mr. Moriarty was, however, able to get about for a few hours each day during the week, and hopes to be himself again very soon. His friends throughout the Dominion, and they are indeed many, will join me in the wish that he will quickly recover his normal good health and the energy that has so characterised his work.

Victoria Hall was crowded on Wednesday evening on the occasion of the social gathering held by the parishioners of South Wellington. An enjoyable concert programme was provided. The ladies of the parish had charge of the supper room, which was all that could be desired in this direction. A considerable sum for the schools should be realised as a result of the social. The committee are deserving of commendation for the manner in which the arrangements for the gathering were made. Mr. B. A. Guise acted as secretary. Among those present were the Ven. Archdeacon Devoy, S.M., Rev. Fathers Herbert and Herring, and Mr. W. H. P. Barber, M.P.

The list of passes at the June theory examinations conducted by the Associated Board of the Royal Academy of Music and Royal College of Music of London, has been prepared by Mr. E. C. Cachemaille, the resident secretary. The particulars as far as they concern our convent pupils are as follow:—

Local Centre Harmony Advanced Grade. (Full marks 150, honors 130, pass 100.)—Marie Bailey (St. Mary's Convent), 116; Mabel Notremah (St. Mary's Convent), 107; G. Blacklock (St. Mary's Convent), 104.

Local Centre Harmony, Intermediate, Honors.—Annie L. Gibbs (St. Mary's Convent), 143; Cecilia Dwyer (St. Mary's Convent), 141; Lorna Bridge (St. Mary's Convent), 131.

Local Centre Rudiments. (Full marks 99, pass 66.)—Iniwa Bunny (St. Mary's Convent), 90; Nita Green (St. Mary's Convent), 89; Ivy T. Rollo (Convent, Otaki), 86; C. Greenfield (St. Mary's Convent), 83; Kate R. T. Best (Convent, Otaki), 81; Elsie Draper (St. Mary's Convent), 66; Teresa Mahoney (St. Mary's Convent), 66.

School Examinations.—Harmony (full marks 150, distinction 130, pass 100): Higher Division, Distinction—Nita Green (St. Mary's Convent), 137. Higher Division, Pass—Teresa McEnroe (St. Mary's Convent), 126; Muriel I. Blake (St. Mary's Convent), 117; Violet Lamacroft (St. Mary's Convent), 104; Juliet F. A. Greig (St. Mary's Convent), 102; Girlie Gibbs (St. Mary's Convent), 101; Iris Ross (St. Mary's Convent), 101. Lower Division, Pass—Priscilla Miller (St. Mary's Convent), 128; Olive C. Young (St. Mary's Convent), 123; Alice Draper (St. Mary's Convent), 120; M. Outtrim (Convent, Newtown), 113; Norma McGrath (St. Mary's Convent), 111; K. McGrath (St. Mary's Convent), 108.

School Rudiments of Music (full marks 99, pass 66).—Primary Theory—Dolly Hunter (St. Mary's Convent), 97; Marjorie L. Brice (St. Mary's Convent), 90; Lilian Dealy (St. Mary's Convent), 89; Eileen Nesbitt (St. Mary's Convent), 88; Barbara Hunter (St. Mary's Convent), 81.

(From An Occasional Correspondent.)

St. Patrick's College will re-open on Thursday, July 30. The results of the winter examination will be made known in a few days.

I am pleased to record that out of the 51 successful candidates at the June theory examinations in music, 31 were pupils of the local convent schools.

The erection of the new church for the Catholic residents at Kilbirnie will be commenced next month. The building will be of brick, and the cost is estimated at £3000.

The ladies of the Te Aro parish are working hard to make the social which will be held in the Wellington Town Hall on Wednesday, August 5, a success. According to the way the tickets are selling there should be a crowded house.

The Catholic Seamen's Institute supplied the usual weekly concert to the sailors in the port on Monday night at the Sailor's Rest. The entertainment proved very successful and enjoyable. Those who contributed to the success of the concert were Misses Anderson, Cashman, Jones, McKay, Strickland, Messrs. Hankins, Levin, Perkins, Sharp, and Master Christie.

A social in aid of the St. Anne's School fund was held on Wednesday evening in the Victoria Hall, about 300 persons being present. The following ladies and gentlemen contributed items during the evening:—Madame Carlton, Misses Barton, Twohill, Shaw, Messrs. J. Parker, P. Doyle, and Master Christie. The accompanists were Misses Christie and Evetts and Mr. McLachlan.

The concert in Carterton in aid of the local convent funds, held on Tuesday evening, was largely patronised, and the entertainment provided was most enjoyable. The orchestra was under the baton of Mr. R. Crawley, the children's choruses were conducted by Mr. W. J. Berrill, and the marching was controlled by Miss G. Berrill. The vocal numbers and orchestral selections were taken from 'The Bohemian Girl.' Mrs. Ashton, Miss Armstrong, and Messrs. Algic and Beals filled the principal roles. The Misses Thelma Paterson, Queenie Berrill, and Phyllis D'Arcy gave a nice exhibition of dancing.

Masterton

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July 24.

The parishioners of St. Patrick's Church intend holding a bazaar early in December, with a view of raising funds to pay off the debt on the church and school. The various stalls have been allotted, and an energetic committee of ladies who have the matter in hand are meeting with very encouraging support.

Miss K. Stempa, who has been a member of St. Patrick's choir for a number of years, and who is leaving Masterton shortly for Petone, was presented by the members of the choir with a handsome jewel case, and by the Very Rev. Dean McKenna with a silver-backed hair-brush. Mr. A. R. Bunny, conductor of the choir, and the Very Rev. Dean both referred eulogistically to Miss Stempa's work in the choir, and wished her every success in her new sphere.

The social held in the Town and Drill Halls last evening, in aid of the funds of St. Patrick's Church, was an eminently successful function. The catering was managed in a skilful manner by a large and useful committee of ladies, whose obliging attentions were a pleasant feature. During the supper interval, pianoforte extras were played by Mrs. Withers and Messrs. H. Fawcett (2), R. McIntosh (2), and N. McEwen. The auditorium of the Town Hall was well filled with seats and card tables. As the result of the tournament, a lady's prize was awarded to Mrs. J. O'Neill, and a gentleman's prize to Mr. R. Hatch, each of whom won ten games.

Mr. B. J. Dolan, who has been a resident of Masterton for many years, left for Napier yesterday, to take up the practice of his profession there. Prior to his departure he was met by a large and representative gathering of citizens and members of the legal fraternity, and presented with a purse of sovereigns as a mark of appreciation. Mr. C. A. Pownall, who made the presentation, eulogised Mr. Dolan's ability in his profession, and expressed regret at his departure. He said Mr. Dolan was a man to be admired and complimented for the progress he had made in his profession. He was virtually a self-made man who had made his own opportunities, and he had risen to be a clever advocate and an able Crown Prosecutor. He predicted for him a brilliant career, and assured him of the best wishes of the community for future success and happiness, both for himself and Mrs. Dolan. Messrs. H. J. O'Leary, S. O'Regan, W. L. Falconer, J. Colway, J. C. McKillop, J. Yarr, J. Iorns, and M. Foley also referred to Mr. Dolan's personal qualities and his social and professional abilities. Mr. Dolan feelingly replied, and thanked the speakers for their remarks.

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