

Diocesan News

ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

October 17.

The Redemptorist Fathers begin to-morrow a mission at the Sacred Heart Basilica.

Mr. and Mrs. Lamartine Dwan and Master Leo Dwan returned on Wednesday, after a short but very enjoyable trip to Sydney.

The inspector's report on St. Joseph's Orphanage speaks in high terms of the discipline, efficiency, and general tone of that institution.

The Catholics of Karori formed a working-bee on Labor Day, and set about preparing the site for their new church. The Rev. Father Hickson, S.M., went out during the day and found them hard at work on their laudable undertaking.

The Rev. Father D. O'Shea, formerly of Dannevirke and lately of Hawera, was in town during the week. He left on Wednesday for the south, with the intention of remaining for some time at Queenstown for the benefit of his health.

On Wednesday last the altar boys from the several churches were taken for an outing to various pleasure resorts. The Thorndon boys, accompanied by his Grace the Archbishop and Rev. Fathers Bowden and Peoples, spent a most enjoyable day at Silverstream. Others had a pleasant time at the seaside.

A very successful social was held by the Catholics of Brooklyn in Fullford's Hall on Tuesday evening. The first part of the evening's enjoyment took the form of a concert, to which items were contributed by Miss Nellie Driscoll and Messrs. P. O'Kane, W. McLaughlin, J. Harken, J. Parker, and E. J. Reade. The accompaniments were played by Mr. W. McLaughlin.

On Wednesday evening the Christian Doctrine Society at South Wellington held its monthly social gathering. Speaking of gatherings of this nature on Sunday last, the Rev. Father Herbert, S.M., urged the congregation as many as could to attend, because in this way parishioners would meet one another, and there would be developed that spirit of Christian charity which did so much in a community.

What promises to be a most successful and useful device has been patented by Captain Hennah, officer in charge of the Government Buildings, and Mr. T. A. Rissel. The device is one for recording the course steered by a vessel. It has just been tried on the trip to Sydney, and did all that its inventors claimed for it. The slightest variances in the course being steered are clearly indicated. Mr. Rissel was formerly on the staff of Government electricians. He is one of our own young men, and as such he has our congratulations and best wishes.

Parliamentary candidates are now busy in the work of addressing the electors. In all the city contests the fight promises to be keen and interesting. Perhaps the best fight will take place in Wellington Central, where his Worship the Mayor (Hon. T. Hislop) will be in opposition to the present member (Mr. F. M. B. Fisher). Both gentlemen have frequently crossed swords in the municipal arena, and electors are looking forward with interest to the contest. The Labor party is putting up a candidate in each electorate, while the Socialists have a representative in the fight for Wellington South. Neither party, however, is likely to prove successful.

A large number of invitations have been issued by the Redemptorist Fathers in connection with the opening of their new church at Mount St. Gerard, Wellington. The building is daily assuming a more finished and stately appearance, and certainly bids fair to be one of Wellington's most striking landmarks. His Lordship Bishop Grimes, of Christchurch, will assist at the opening service, which will be performed by his Grace the Archbishop. The Redemptorist Fathers have incurred a debt of about £6000 in connection with the improvements they have effected. With the generous assistance of their many friends throughout the Dominion, they hope to considerably reduce this amount.

(From an Occasional Correspondent.)

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The Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered in St. Joseph's Church on Sunday, November 8.

The Very Rev. Dean Smyth, of Hastings, has commenced his canvass of the Te Aro parish in aid of the Cathedral fund.

Mr. Charles McKenzie was elected a member of the Wellington Catholic Club Executive, vice Mr. A. Searle, resigned. Mr. F. Hickmott was also appointed to the same body in place of Mr. McKeown, resigned.

At the monthly meeting of the men's branch of the Sacred Heart Association, held at St. Joseph's Church, on Sunday, October 11, there were about eighty members present. Two new members were admitted into the association.

There was an enthusiastic attendance of members of the Wellington Catholic Club's Cricket Club at a general meeting held in the club rooms on Thursday, 16th inst. Mr. Frost occupied the chair. The election of officers for the ensuing season resulted as follows:—Captain, Mr. J. McGovern; vice-captain, Mr. P. McGrath; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. C. McKenzie; general committee—Messrs. F. Hickmott, J. R. Hunt, J. McCusker, and J. O'Leary, with captain, vice-captain, and secretary; selection committee—Messrs. Frost, McGovern, and McGrath.

Members of the United Irish League held a pleasant reunion in Lyons's Cafe on Tuesday evening, October 13. At a suitable juncture, Mr. P. J. O'Regan, one of the vice-presidents, delivered a short address. He said that nothing so compelled the admiration of lovers of liberty as the consistent manner in which the people of Ireland had maintained their demand through centuries for the right of self-government—a right which modern civilisation was making inevitable for every people. The British workman had, he continued, no more consistent supporters in the House of Commons than the members of the Irish party, to whose credit be it said that every measure having for its purpose the amelioration of the workers' condition invariably had the solid support of the party. During the evening musical items were contributed by Misses Finlay, Eller, and Reichel, the accompaniments being played by Miss Reichel. Great praise is entitled to the committee of management, with Mr. M. O'Kane as secretary, who worked so hard to make the social a success.

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The usual monthly meeting of the H.A.C.B. Society was held last Tuesday, Bro. Connor being in the chair. One member was initiated, and one proposed for membership.

The Catholic social held in the Eketahuna Public Hall last week was a great success. The hall for the first time since it was erected proved too small for the number of persons present.

At the meeting of the committee held last week, various sub-committees were appointed in connection with the forthcoming bazaar. The opening date was definitely fixed for December 14.

The practical examinations by the representative of the Royal Academy of Music and the Royal College of Music have just been concluded, and the following are the successful candidates from St. Bride's Convent:—Advanced Grade (honors)—Phyllis P. Hanify (piano), 136. Advanced Grade (pass)—Kate Holloway (singing), 126; Vera Edwards (singing), 115; Lita Truman (piano), 104. Intermediate Grade (honors)—Margery McKenna (piano), 130. Intermediate Grade (pass)—Coralie Smythson (piano), 126. Higher Division (distinction)—Alma Fuller (piano), 130; Higher Division (pass)—Kate Holloway (piano), 119; Irene Taylor, 117; Dorothy Fowler, 116; May Cress, 101; Effie Cress, 100. Lower Division—Marie Brosnahan (piano), 123; Cecilia Minogue, 118; Olive Isaakson, 115; Vera Edwards, 108; Rita Hodgins, 105; Effie Wall, 103; Winnie Truscott, 100. Elementary—Ruth Bowden (piano), 111; Myra Wickens, 107; Muriel La Roche, 100. Primary Division—Phyllis Aronsten, 118. Mr. T. F. Dunhill, who was the examiner, also conducted an examination of the singing at St. Bride's Convent, the work of which greatly impressed him. Reporting on the result of the examination, he said that the singing class afforded him much pleasure by reason of the evidences displayed of musical intelligence and sound training. The choir was well balanced. The exercises were all sung with capital precision, and absolute correctness of intonation. The part songs were given with spirit, unanimity and brightness. In the important matter of sight reading, it was a pleasure to give unqualified praise. The members of the class were Mesdames Mansfield and Pikett, Misses V. Edwards, D. Fowler, B. Hammond, I. Hammond, R. Hooper, M. Welch, R. O'Dowd, R. Hodgins, K. Holloway, M. Harris, E. Michell, A. Michell, M. Kelliher, O. Richards, D. Cook, E. Jago, L. Byford, and J. Bennington.

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