

out, and the Japs succeeded in setting an example of political wisdom to all the foreign allies. In battle fearless and fierce, they were wont to spare the lives of harmless people in all towns and cities, and to post up notices calling upon all their allies "to spare and not to molest the inmates, who are good and loyal people." . . . In worldly wisdom, as in their commissariat and hospital organisation, the Japanese were considerably ahead of the best of the Allies.' Elsewhere in his article Dr. DILLON says: 'The Japanese who throughout the invasion of China were on their Sunday behavior, were the only Power among the Allies who understood the natives, gained their confidence, restored perfect order, and re-established the reign of law. The Japanese districts of Tientsin and Peking, for instance, were model cities, quite apart from all others. They were crowded with Chinamen who returned and were going about their ordinary business without fear for life or property.' In a word, the yellow Eastern pagan soldier has set an example of studied self-restraint and moderation to the degraded 'Boxer' from the West.

Despite the convenient fiction of international law, the three wars now being carried on can in no way lay claim to the title of 'civilised.' In the Philippines, as Mr. RICHARD BRINSLEY SHERIDAN, in a recent book, has pointed out, the American man-slayers have 'in forty-eight hours slaughtered more defenceless people than did the Spaniards in two centuries.' The war in South Africa has been for some time a crusade against helpless women and children. And the war in China, as described by European eye-witnesses, is a mere red orgie of massacre and outrage as infamous as anything that has been perpetrated by the Boxers. We need a GLADSTONE to lash the world into withering indignation at the atrocities of those disgraceful campaigns. In the meantime it is refreshing to note the fine sarcasm contained in MARK TWAIN'S 'Salutation Speech from the Nineteenth Century to the Twentieth': 'I bring you the stately matron named Christendom, returning bedraggled, besmirched, and dishonored from pirate raids in Kiao-chow, Manchuria, South Africa, and the Philippines, with her soul full of meanness, her pocket full of boodle, and her mouth full of pious hypocrisies. Give her soap and a towel, but hide the looking-glass.' But it would take an ocean of water, a mountain of soap, and sundry train-loads of concentrated disinfectants to wash out the deep dishonoring stain of those disgraceful wars.

MARIST BROTHERS' FUND.

THE Rev. Father O'Shea, S.M., Wellington, desires to acknowledge receipt of the sum of £10 from Nelson, and an additional contribution of £15 12s from Auckland towards the Marist Brothers' Indemnity Fund.

We have received per Mr. John Scanlan, Hororata, and duly forwarded to the hon. secretary, Rev. Father O'Shea, Wellington, the following sums towards the above fund.—Mr. James Scanlan, Medbury, 10s; Mr. Terence Reilly, Bangor, 5s. Mr. Alex. McRae, Black's Point, sends us 10s for the same object.

NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS.

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ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON.

(From our own correspondent.)

February 16.

The annual outing of St. Mary's Convent ex-Pupils' Association is being held to-day at Titahi Bay.

Very Rev. Fathers Binsheid, McNamara, and Smyth arrived from the South on Wednesday.

The Very Rev. Father Keogh arrived at Fremantle on the 9th inst. It is expected that he will arrive at the College about the beginning of March.

Rev. Father Foran, chaplain of the Imperial troops, called on Father O'Shea at the presbytery during his stay in port. He celebrated Mass at St. Mary of the Angels' on Sunday last.

It is intended to hold a bazaar in aid of the Newtown Convent this year. Rev. Father O'Shea will shortly call a meeting of ladies to make the necessary arrangements.

The half-yearly meeting of the Marist Brothers' Old Boys' Association is to be held on the 19th inst., when the question of making membership open to all Catholic young men, instead of as at present only ex-students of the schools, will be dealt with.

His Grace Archbishop Redwood returns to Wellington next Tuesday. He leaves immediately for Auckland to attend the sitting of the University Senate. Very Rev. Father Lewis, S.M., V.G., is also expected next week.

The two St. Patrick's College scholarships have this year been won by Timaru candidates, the first by John Venning and the second by Victor Geaney. Eugene Casey of Napier came third on the list.

The Rev. Father Foran and Rev. Mr. Townend, chaplains on the troopship Britannic, were the guests of St. Patrick's College staff on last Sunday. Each has the title of Colonel, and the latter, who attends the Anglican members of the troops, is, I understand, the senior officer on the ship.

At the end of the first week there were 60 odd intern students at St. Patrick's College. A new record has been established this year, inasmuch as from each of the families of O'Malley (Otira Gorge), Quill (Otaki), and Malone (Stratford) there are three sons attending the College.

The distribution of prizes won at the recent Marist Schools' Old Boys' Association sports took place on Wednesday evening. The Rev. Father O'Shea presided. A short programme of music was given, the following gentlemen rendering items that proved very acceptable:—Messrs. C. Gamble, H. McKeown, J. Flanagan, R. Whittaker and the Rev. Father Moloney, who also played the accompaniments.

The following are the results of the examinations in practical music, held under the auspices of Trinity College, London, at St. Mary's Convent, Wellington, in October 1900, by Mr. Chas. Edwards:—Vocal Associates in Music: Kate Connell, A.T.C.L., 98, (honors); May Sullivan, A.T.C.L., 84, (honors). Certificated Pianists: Nettie Falconer, 73; Sheila Clarry, 69. Pianoforte playing—senior honors: Nettie Drummond, 91; Lily White, 83; Winnie Richardson, 80; Senior pass: Queenie Bennett, 78. Intermediate honors: Mary McKeon, 83; Intermediate pass: Irene Webb, 67; Junior pass: Theresa O'Connor, 77; Nora Lavery, 66. Preparatory division: Queenie Doherty, 82. Solo singing: Senior honors: Queenie Bennett, 91; Connie McLoskey, 88; Gwen Flannigan, 86.

DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH.

(From our own correspondent.)

February 18.

Miss Katie Young, the talented pianiste and harpist, who is well known in musical circles, and who studied for her profession at the Sacred Heart Convent High School, under the Sisters of the Missions, was appointed to the important position of pianiste to the Musical Union at the last meeting of the committee of that society.

The delegates from the North Island to attend the district meeting of the H.A.C.B. Society, which opens in Dunedin on Wednesday, arrived in Christchurch on Sunday. They were met by the officers of St. Patrick's Branch and suitably entertained and treated to a drive around the suburbs, which was greatly enjoyed. They were accompanied in their journey south by the local delegates, including P.P. Bro. Doolan, P.D.P. Bro. Sellars (St. Patrick's Branch) Sister Bourke, P.P. (St. John the Baptist ladies' branch), P.P. Bro. McVeigh (New Headford), and P.P. Bro. McBride (Leeston).

DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND.

(From our own correspondent.)

February 14.

Rev. Mother Paul has been re-elected to the office of Rev. Mother of the Sisters of Mercy.

The annual retreat of the priests of the diocese, conducted by the Rev. Father Benedict, O.P., began at the Bishop's House, Ponsonby, on Monday evening.

On Sunday Sir Westby and Lady Perceval attended St. Patrick's Cathedral at the eleven o'clock Mass, and again at the evening devotions.

Elaborate preparations are being made here for the reception and entertainment of the Imperial troops. The Indian section arrived on Monday morning, and everything that is possible has been done to interest them.