

Diocesan News

ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON.

(From our own correspondent.)

July 19.

The Vev. Archdeacon Devoy, Provincial, has returned from the Hawke's Bay district.

Very Rev. Father Le Menant des Chesnais, V.G., of Christchurch, was in Wellington this week for a few days.

It is the intention of the Marist Brothers' Old Boys' Association to hold another social before the end of the present month.

The many friends of Mr E. Daly, of Newtown, will regret to hear of his serious illness.

The Very Rev. Father Lewis, Adm., V.G., who has been spending a short holiday in Wanganui, has returned to town.

A Wellington lady has generously presented to Rev. Father Cahill for his church in Martinborough the Stations of the Cross and two pictures.

The schools of St. Mary's Convent, Hill street, Wellington, and St. Bride's Convent, Masterton, were re-opened after the mid-winter vacation on Monday.

At the weekly meeting of the Hibernian Society held on Wednesday last, the officers recently elected were installed. The Society's finances were reported to be in a very prosperous condition.

Some three months ago the second Sunday of the month was set apart for the Sacred Heart meetings for the men of the parish. The attendance of members has greatly increased, and the result of the change is a source of great consolation to the clergy.

The Count and Countess De Courte left by the express train on Friday morning for Auckland, where they intend to take up their residence, the French Consulate having been transferred to the northern city.

The members of the Marist Brothers' Dramatic Club are to be congratulated on the results achieved in the production of the drama, 'The Wearing of the Green,' on Monday and Tuesday evenings at the Guildford street schoolroom, in aid of the organ fund of the Church of the Sacred Heart. The attendance was very large on both occasions, and in the audience were his Grace Archbishop Redwood, Very Rev. Father Le Menant des Chesnais, and several of the local clergy. In the part of Barney Rooney, a young rebel, Mr C. Gamble portrayed the character faithfully. Mr E. Marshall as Edward Griswald, Mr D. Kelly as Humpy Dargon, and Mr J. Gibbs as Harry O'Connor were well suited, and Miss E. Ruddy as the heroine, Grace Redmond, and Miss M. Doyle as Molly O'Connor performed their parts satisfactorily. The minor parts were well filled by Messrs R. Sievers, W. Murphy, C. McGrath and A. McRae. During an interval an Irish jig was very neatly danced by Miss Foley and Mr McPhee.

DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH.

(From our own correspondent.)

July 21.

The Rev. Father Hyland was, at its annual meeting, elected president of the Rangiora Brass Band.

An episcopal visitation will be made on Sunday next by his Lordship the Bishop to the parish of Darfield.

Rev. Father Lean has been transferred from Kumara to Ahaura.

Saturday next, July 26, Feast of St. Anne, will mark the fifteenth anniversary of the consecration of his Lordship the Right Rev. Dr. Grimes as first Bishop of the Diocese of Christchurch.

The Very Rev. Father Le Menant des Chesnais, V.G., attended a meeting of the Council of the Marist Order at Wellington during last week.

Dr. Frengley, late of this city, has been appointed to take up the duties of district health officer at Nelson. It has not been decided whether he will be permanently stationed there.

Dr. Davenport has been appointed by the St. Patrick's branch of the H.A.C.B. Society medical officer in place of the late Dr. J. Deamer.

Owing to ill health the Rev. Father Bogue, of Ross, has been compelled to relinquish duty for a time. The Rev. Father O'Connor, from Rangiora has gone to relieve him.

On Sunday, the 13th inst., the Right Rev. Dr. Grimes made an episcopal visitation to Brackenridge (Amberley), and at Mass in the Church of the Passion administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to a number of candidates and preached. A substantial amount was subscribed to the Cathedral building fund, and the sixpence-a-week contribution scheme for the same object organised.

His Lordship the Bishop preached at Vespers in the Pro-Cathedral on Sunday an impressive sermon on the day's Gospel. The theme of his discourse was the life and sufferings of our Divine Lord and sin and its consequences. After Benediction a number of persons were invested with the scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

The funeral of the late Mr Francois Lelievre, last of the original French settlers at Akaroa, took place on Tuesday. A Requiem Mass was celebrated in St. Patrick's Church by the Very Rev. Dean Foley, who also officiated at the grave, and addressed the assembled mourners. The cortege left the church at 2.30, and despite the inclemency of the weather there was a large attendance. The coffin was covered with wreaths and floral tributes from numerous relatives and friends.—R.I.P.

Another of those inter-club social reunions which, during the winter months, have done so much to assist in the cultivation of goodfellowship between members of the different Catholic organisations, eventuated on Wednesday evening last, when a return games tournament was played between representatives of the Hibernian Society and the Catholic Club in the rooms of the latter, the club being again victorious by 35 games to 29. Refreshments were provided, and during the evening recitations and musical items were contributed by a number of those present.

A successful concert in aid of the Catholic day schools was given on last Thursday evening at Leeston in the local town hall by a company of entertainers from this city, under the leadership of Mr W. H. Corrigan. Mendelssohn's 'Lauda Sion' formed the first part of the programme, the solos being taken by Misses L. Grady and F. Gardiner, Misses Grady, Slattery, and Buchanan, and Messrs Hynes, Buchanan, and Goggia assisting in other parts. In the second portion of the programme, besides the above mentioned who contributed items, Mr E. McNamara sang, Mr Corrigan played a clarinet solo, and Mr D. Ryan recited.

I have been afforded an opportunity by his Lordship the Bishop of viewing a remarkably fine drawing of the new Cathedral as it will appear when completed. It is the work of the architect, Mr F. W. Petre, and conveys a fine idea of the beauty of the magnificent structure. The picture is enclosed in a massive frame, and has been finely reproduced as a pictorial supplement by the Christchurch *Weekly Press*. The Bishop has a number of copies of the work, and no doubt many homes throughout the Colony will be adorned with specimens.

The Executive committee of the Christchurch Catholic Club decided at its last monthly meeting, that it was not desirable for members under 20 years of age to play billiards, and in future to withhold this privilege unless by special permit of the executive, and also to close the rooms nightly at 10 o'clock. A draft of additions and amendments to the existing rules of the club, and proposals for the devising of suitable means of recreation for junior members, were delegated to a special sub-committee.

In the Christchurch Catholic Club rooms on Tuesday evening last a very entertaining discourse was delivered by Mr Leo Fanning, of the *Canterbury Times* literary staff, to a large attendance of members on 'Football.' Modern application of passages from ancient and classical literature and incidents of remote times to the popular game was at once novel and quaintly humorous. The rise and progress of football, as now known, was fully gone into, the lecturer interspersing his remarks by original writings and extracts collected, by him in his journalistic capacity. The audience's keen appreciation of the lecturer's efforts to amuse and instruct was expressed in a vote of thanks moved by the secretary, Mr G. Dobbs, and seconded by the Rev. Father McDonnell, to which Mr. Fanning responded, stating at the same time that he would be always prepared when desired by members to treat of subjects of a similar character.

DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND.

(From our own correspondent.)

July 17.

Mother Mary, Superioress of the Sisters of St. Joseph, continues in a very low state.

Tenders for the erection of the Marist Brothers' College, in Ponsonby, were called for last week, and are returnable by the close of the month. Genuine pleasure is evinced at the prospect of the college being in working order in the near future.

Rev. Father Mulvihill has arrived from Gisborne upon a short leave of absence, owing, I regret to say, to ill health. His very many friends hope that he may be speedily restored to health and vigor.

The sad news of the death of Rev. Brother Urban, Provincial of the Marist Brothers, was received by cable last Friday from Sydney. The deceased visited the houses of the Order in the Colony quite recently, and while here he was anything but well. He subsequently visited the Islands, and then returned to Sydney, where he died. He was comparatively a young man, and by those with whom he came in contact he was deservedly held in very high esteem, and his loss to the Order is very great. He was a native of County Sligo.—R.I.P.

At St. Patrick's presbytery last Sunday evening a very handsome marble clock was presented by the Rev. Father Patterson, Adm., to Mr Thomas Carty, an indefatigable collector at the Cathedral, on behalf of his Lordship the Bishop, himself (Father Patterson), and the Cathedral collectors. The presentation was a wedding gift. The Rev. Father, in making it, highly eulogised the services of Mr Carty, which were so ungrudgingly rendered, and felt assured that the happy union would be blessed and rewarded by God. He wished Mr and Mrs Carty every happiness and success. Messrs C. J. Nerbeny, H. Duffin and M. J. Sheahan, collectors, heartily endorsed the remarks of Father Patterson. Mr T. Carty suitably responded, and thanked the donors for their very nice and useful present. The party, which included Mrs Carty, were then hospitably entertained by Father Patterson.

Ryan's Hall, Karangahake, was packed when the Catholic Bazaar was opened on Thursday by the Right Rev. Dr. Lenihan. His Lordship, who addressed the audience, was warmly received. Accompanying Dr. Lenihan were the Right Rev. Mgr. O'Reilly (Thames), Very Rev. Dean Hackett (Pacrao), and Rev. Father Kehoe (Te Aroha). Monsignor O'Reilly and Dean Hackett also addressed a few words to the people. The interior of the hall presented a very pretty appearance, and the array of fancy goods was displayed with great taste. The side-shows were well arranged, and a 'ping pong' court was set up in a corner of the hall, and did a thriving business. There was also a lolly stall and a tea and coffee stall both of which appeared to be well patronised. The