

Diocesan News

ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

August 2.

The second of the series of monthly socials, which the Marist Old Boys some time ago decided to hold, took place on Wednesday evening last and proved a success in every way.

The Shakespearean class, under the guidance of the Rev. Father Herbert, S.M., is making satisfactory progress, and when our new hall is erected there is every likelihood of the public being treated to one of Shakespeare's plays.

The amount received by the penny collections during the last ten years in the Te Aro parish has reached the sum of £1563 17s 8d, the average therefore being £156 a year. This large amount has been spent entirely on the schools in the parish.

Mr A. O'Brien, who distinguished himself at the Medical Examination held in London by winning a gold medal and heading the list in one of the subjects, is an ex-pupil of St. Patrick's College.

Mr J. G. Nowlan, who has made many friends during his short stay in Wellington, leaves for Sydney by the Westralia to-day to take up the position of accountant in the head office of the Citizens' Life Insurance.

The Old Boys have rather a formidable ping-pong team and have issued a challenge to the young men of St. Peter's Club (Anglican). The contest will take place early this month. The young men of St. John's (Presbyterian) will also probably put forward a team to meet the Old Boys.

The Old Boys' Association football team which early in the season gave such promise, has been rather unfortunate of late, and its chances for the championship are now somewhat remote. The club will be much stronger next season, when arrangements will be made to secure a better gymnasium.

In order to bring under the notice of the various Catholic Young Men's Societies the advantages of a general federation, the hon. secretary (Mr H. McKeown) and the hon. treasurer (Mr E. Fitzgibbon) of the Federated Societies are arranging to have circulars explaining the objects of federation forwarded to every Catholic society of young men in the Colony.

The high and side altars in the Church of the Sacred Heart have now been finished, and the addition of columns and panels of marble makes a marked improvement in their appearance. They were solemnly blessed by his Grace the Archbishop on Thursday morning, when Mass was celebrated, the Very Rev. Father Lewis, V.G., and Rev. Father Holley assisting at the ceremony.

The social held at the Victoria Hall, on Tuesday evening, in aid of the Newtown Church fund was a decided success. The concert part of the programme was most enjoyable, the following ladies and gentlemen contributing items: Misses Daniel, Daley, Mahar, and Messrs Zachariah, McColl and Timmings. Mr McLauchlin's orchestra supplied the dance music, and Mr McColl acted as master of ceremonies.

The Wellington Irish National Federation has received a letter from Mr John Dillon, M.P., in which he says amongst other matters that the Irish Party were never more united than they are at present nor more determined to oppose the tyranny of the landlord and the coercive measures attempted to be dealt out to the Irish people from Dublin Castle very often at the bidding of the landlords. In his letter he says that they need all the support they get from their countrymen abroad at the present juncture.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament was held at St. Joseph's Church on Sunday last, when the Rev. Father Moloney celebrated the 10.30 o'clock Mass. The choir rendered Gounod's Mass in an excellent manner, and was assisted by an orchestra, which included a harp, at both the morning and evening services. Mr J. G. Nowlan sang a solo at the Offertory. After Vespers a procession of the Blessed Sacrament was held, in which the different societies took part. Mr McLauchlin conducted the choir, and Mr Ennis presided at the organ.

REEFTON.

(By telegraph.)

(From our own correspondent.)

August 4.

Rev. Father Ainsworth recently concluded a most successful mission in the parish of Reefton. Ten days were devoted to the town itself, and the Catholic congregation fully availed themselves of the great privilege placed at their disposal. Hundreds approached the Sacraments, welcome assistance in the tribunal of Penance being given by the Very Rev. Dean Carew (Grynmouth), Rev. Father Clancy (Nelson) and Rev. Father Moloney (Wellington). Subsequently Father Ainsworth, in company with the parish priest, the Rev. Father Hickson, spent three weeks visiting all the parish stations, short missions being given in Matakaitaki, Murchison, Lyell, Alpine Hill, Three Chained Flat, Inangahua Junction, Cronadon, Boatmans, Waitahu, Progress Junction, Hinatu, Blackwater, and Ikamatua. In each locality the most gratifying results were recorded. Father Ainsworth also collected donations towards the Wellington Cathedral fund, the amount taken up in cash in the parish being very little short of £200.

If Cyclists or Footballers meet with accidents, they will find that Evan's WITCH'S OIL is infallible.—*.*

DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH.

(From our own correspondent.)

August 4.

The Rev. Dr. Kennedy, lately of Ashburton, has been appointed to the charge of Akaroa and Little River. The Rev. Father Ahern is now assisting the Very Rev. Dean O'Donnell at Ashburton.

His Lordship the Bishop, in continuing the episcopal visitation of the Canterbury portion of the diocese, was at Lincoln on Sunday last.

During the Bishop's visit to Darfield the sixpence a week scheme of contribution to the Cathedral Fund was inaugurated and very enthusiastically taken up.

The Christchurch Catholic Club at its last ordinary weekly meeting, debated the question of 'Rating on unimproved values' with the result that the majority favored the new legislation.

Last week the remaining suspected plague patients were discharged from the infectious diseases hospital at Bottle Lake. Another sufferer was however admitted, his malady so far being undefined. He was taken from the intercolonial liner 'Westralia.'

The Acting-Premier has received a cable message from Mr Seddon, stating that, in the medical examination at London University, the lists in three of the four subjects were headed by New Zealand students, one of whom, Mr Arthur O'Brien, son of Mr M. O'Brien of this city, secured a gold medal and scholarship of the value of £140, in open competition.

At the Church of the Holy Name, Ashburton, on Sunday, July 27, the Very Rev. Dean O'Donnell said it was his pleasing duty to announce that the parish was now out of debt, and there was a small credit balance at the bank. In 1885 the indebtedness was upwards of £2350, and during the 10 years he had been amongst them it had ever been his earnest wish to see this amount paid off. An acre and a half of land had also been added to the church property, and at the request of the Bishop, it was intended to build a new presbytery.

There will be Pontifical High Mass in the Pro-Cathedral on Sunday next on the occasion of the Coronation. In the evening there will be Solemn Vespers, when a sermon is to be preached by his Lordship the Bishop on the subject of 'The crowning of the king in olden and modern times.' During Benediction a solemn 'Te Deum' will be sung in thanksgiving and to implore the blessings of God on the new reign.

As showing the very great interest being taken by the Right Rev. Dr. Grimes in the establishment of a Veterans' Home as advocated by his Excellency Lord Ranfurly, the Bishop has sent a copy of the Governor's circular, together with one of his own, to all the clergy and convents in the diocese urging the claims of the noble work. This is only one instance of many where the Bishop has identified himself in furthering and aiding objects for the betterment and well-being of the public generally, indeed, in this regard his Lordship's industry and energy have been so conspicuous that no public movement is deemed complete unless his name is associated with it.

Among the notable events to mark the Coronation which had of necessity to be postponed, was the placing in position of a commemorative stone at the Cathedral. Although deferred this has not been abandoned, and on next Saturday morning at 10 o'clock one of the largest and handsomest Corinthian columns will be erected on the façade of the new building. Afterwards the works, which have of late made considerable progress, will be thrown open to the public for inspection. All are cordially invited to assist at this ceremony and visit the magnificent structure.

On the evening of last Saturday week his Lordship the Bishop arrived at Darfield, and on the following (Sunday) morning made the Episcopal visitation. The Bishop, having explained the nature of the canonical visitation, all went in procession to the Catholic cemetery adjoining the pretty Church of the Holy Angels and there recited the prescribed prayers. After the Gospel at Mass the Bishop preached, and made a fervent appeal on behalf of the new Cathedral, the result being a collection towards the fund amounting to over 100 guineas. At the conclusion of the Holy Sacrifice his Lordship administered the Sacrament of Confirmation, addressing the candidates both before and after, and in the evening preached to a crowded congregation on the 'Excellence and necessity of prayer.' On Monday morning the Bishop celebrated Mass for the dead and visited the schools.

The annual charity sermon on behalf of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul were preached in the Pro-Cathedral on Sunday. Very Rev. Father Le Menant des Chesnais, V.G., occupied the pulpit at High Mass and the Rev. Father O'Connell at Vespers. Collections towards the funds were taken up at all the services and the annual report and balance sheet of the Society's operations for the past year distributed. From the report (which also appears in another part of this issue) we gather that the total amount received from all sources amounted to £57 17s, whilst £57 18s 10d was expended. The report shows a good record in the alleviation of distress and destitution. The music at High Mass was Mozart's No. 2; as an offertory piece Franz Abt's 'Ave Maria' (quartette) was sung. After the sermon at Vespers Mrs A. Mead sang an 'Ave Maria,' by A. Rawlings. At Benediction, Hummel's 'O Salutaris' was sung by Mr Schwartz, and the Benediction service was Carl Moeller's, sung by the choir. Mr H. H. Loughnan conducted and Miss Funston presided at the organ. There was Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from High Mass until Vespers with the usual procession in the evening.

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