

work in the front of the building, and it was announced by Mgr. Mackay that the total reached nearly £90, which was expected to be made £100 at the evening service.

Vespers.

There was another very large congregation of Vespers, when the visitors again assisted the choir in rendering the incidental music, among the items being a 'Tantum Ergo' (Murphy), 'Ave Verum' (Murphy), 'Ave Maria,' and an 'O Salutaris,' the soloists being Mrs. Lynch, Mr. Jefferson, and the Rev. Father O'Reilly. Before the sermon the Right Rev. Mgr. Mackay took the opportunity of thanking the visiting prelates and clergy, and those who had assisted the choir during the day. He said that the generous response to the appeal for subscriptions had been beyond all anticipations, which was particularly gratifying considering the number of demands that had been made of late on the congregation. The sermon was preached by the Very Rev. Father Keogh, S.M., who dealt with the building of temples and churches for the worship of the Most High, and gave an able vindication of the practice as followed by the Catholic Church. He deprecated the widespread opinion that God did not desire the erection of temples in His honor, and contended that the buildings erected by the Church were symbolical of the faith, and the materialisation of the spiritual beliefs of its adherents. He instanced the impressive monuments raised by the ancients to emphasise their religious ideals, and remarked in passing that when Jerusalem was sacked by the Romans the temple alone was held sacred by the soldiers from the general destruction. He gave a brief outline of the history of the basilicas such as that they were gathered in, and stated that the buildings took their origin in Rome, where those devoted to the faith held divine worship. The rev. gentleman concluded an eloquent and telling address by appealing to the members of the Catholic Church to make earnest endeavor to understand the true intentions of the Church in erecting their magnificent places of worship, and to realise that they were not mere edifices in stone and other soulless matter but temples of God, as they themselves were temples of God.

Diocesan News

ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON.

(From our own correspondent.)

April 25.

Reference was made in all the churches last Sunday to the great loss the Catholic community had sustained by the death of the Hon. Dr. Grace.

The weekly meeting of the Marist Brothers' Old Boys' Association was held at St. Patrick's Hall on Monday evening. Rev. Father Kimbell occupied the chair. The reading of papers on the travels of members filled in a very pleasant evening.

'Britannia's Call to Arms' has been the centre of attraction during the week, and the attendance each evening has been very large. On Friday evening Signor Borzoni was tendered a complimentary benefit. The carnival closes this evening, when the goods remaining will be put up to auction.

It is with regret I have to record the death, the immediate cause of which was consumption, of Mr. J. Bourke, which took place at the hospital on Friday last. The deceased was an ex-pupil of St. Patrick's College, and had been a prominent footballer and member of the Wellington Rowing Club. His funeral took place on Sunday last and was largely attended, the members of the Melrose Football Club and the Wellington Rowing Club acting as pall-bearers. The Rev. Fathers Kimbell and Moloney officiated at the graveside.—R.I.P.

A meeting was held at the Convent School, Newtown, last Sunday afternoon to discuss the advisability of establishing a branch of the Hibernian Society. The Rev. Father Ainsworth occupied the chair, and in opening the meeting said it would give him great pleasure to see a branch established in his parish. Brother Callaghan, P.P. of the Wellington branch, was present and explained the working of the society and the benefits to be derived by its members. It was unanimously resolved that a branch of the H.A.C.B.S. be formed at Newtown. The necessary application will be signed and forwarded to the district executive in Auckland, and it is hoped the opening will take place some time in May.

NEW PLYMOUTH.

(From an occasional correspondent.)

April 22.

The bazaar in aid of the new parish school was held during Easter week, and the promoters, Mesdames C. Clarke, W. Bennet, J. Bennet, Dockrill, and Ryan, and Misses Radford, Hopkinson, O'Connor, Armstrong, and Gallagher, are indeed worthy of the highest praise for the success which rewarded their efforts; also Mr. Scully, who made a most energetic secretary. A gold watch, given by Very Rev. Dean McKenna to the lady who collected most money, was awarded to Miss Katie Flynn. When all accounts are settled, the Very Rev. Dean hopes to have about £250 nett.

On Easter Sunday two Masses were celebrated in St. Joseph's Church. At the last Mass the choir rendered very creditably Farmer's Mass in B flat, solos being sung by Mrs. Bennet, Misses Radford, and O'Donnell (soprano), Misses O'Connor and Dolan (altos), Messrs. Sullivan (tenor), Beale and L. Cox (basses). Miss Bessie Flynn, of Hawera, who assisted the choir, sang at the offertory an 'O Salutaris' composed by her sister, Mrs. N. Quin. After Mass the 'Hacc Dies' was sung by the choir. In the evening at Benediction an 'O Salutaris' (Murphy) was sung, in which Miss Bessie Flynn and Mr. O'Donnell took the solos, and the 'Tantum Ergo' (Mrs. N. Quin) was given by Misses Bessie and Katie Flynn. The solos of the Litany were well rendered by Misses Radford and O'Donnell, Messrs. Batchelor, O'Donnell, and L. Cox. As a voluntary Miss Bessie Flynn sang Liddle's 'Abide with Me' most devotionally. The duties of organist were most creditably carried out by Miss Katie Flynn. The altars were beautifully decorated for the great festival, the work reflecting the highest credit on the Misses Radford.

WANGANUI.

(By telegraph from our own correspondent.)

A cable message received on Monday from Tenerife brought news of the death of Dr. Connolly, of Wanganui, who succumbed to an attack of apoplexy, on April 16, on board the homeward-bound Rimutaka. The deceased had been in bad health for some time, and gave up practice last September. Just recently he returned from a long stay at Rotorua, spending a few days in Wanganui prior to joining the Rimutaka at Wellington, and it was understood then that his health had much improved, so that the news of his death on the voyage home has come as a great shock, not only to his many friends, but to the public of Wanganui. The Wanganui 'Herald' says:—

Dr. Connolly, who was about 57 years of age, was highly respected and well known throughout the Colony, and not a few in Wanganui will lament the death of a kind and generous friend, who was ever ready to assist by his skill as a physician and surgeon, and by monetary help, if necessary, those who needed it. The deceased was born at Mullingar, County Westmeath, and had been a resident of Wanganui for nearly 30 years. He was a practical Catholic, and a generous supporter of every undertaking in the cause of religion and education. He leaves a widow and two children at present in Auckland to mourn their loss, and to them the sincerest sympathy is extended.—R.I.P.

DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH.

(From our own correspondent.)

April 27.

Miss Katie Young has, it is understood, received the appointment of organist to the Pro-Cathedral, lately vacated by Miss Funston.

At St. Mary's, Manchester street, on last Sunday week feeling reference was made to the death of the Very Rev. Dean Mahoney, S.M., of Nelson. In token of sympathy with the sad occurrence the organist, Miss Katie Young, played the Dead March from 'Saul.'

The prayers of the congregation at the Pro-Cathedral were solicited on Sunday for the Rev. Mother Provincial of the Sisters of the Mission of the adjoining convent, who has been seriously ill for a considerable time. There are now no hopes of her recovery.

Whilst staying in Christchurch the Very Rev. Father Keogh, S.M., Rector of St. Patrick's College, Wellington, visited and spent a considerable time with an old pupil of the college, Master P. O'Connor, at present lying ill in Strathmore Hospital.

His Lordship the Bishop celebrated Mass, the first time publicly for several weeks, at half-past nine o'clock in the Pro-Cathedral on Sunday. There were many expressions of pleasure by the congregation at again seeing his Lordship so far recovered as to be capable of active duty.

The bazaar at Amberley, mentioned in my letter of last week, in aid of the Hawarden presbytery building fund, was opened by Mr. A. W. Rutherford, M.H.R., and continued for four days. The business transacted was so satisfactory that the sum of £220 was realised. A feature of the closing night was the disposal by art union of a solid silver epergne, valued at £75, which came into the fortunate possession of a local gentleman.

On Thursday evening last the Christchurch Catholic Club commenced the session of weekly meetings by a social gathering of members and friends. There was a large attendance, including several of the clergy. The programme consisted of a lecture by the Rev. Father Gallais, musical selections, and other items of an appropriate nature. Refreshments were handed round, and everything was done that the committee could devise to make the occasion enjoyable.

At the Parochial Library on last Friday evening the Pro-Cathedral choir tendered a complimentary social to Miss Funston on her retirement from the position of organist. Among those present were his Lordship the Bishop, the Very Revs. Vicar-General and Dean Foley, Rev. Fathers Cooney, McDonnell, and O'Connell, and representative parishioners. Songs were contributed by Misses Pender, Bryant, and A. McGill, Mrs. A. Mead, Rev. Fathers Cooney and O'Connell, and Messrs. R. Hayward, E. McNamara, and McKay. Messrs. Beveridge and Schwartz sang a duet. Refreshments were handed round, and at an interval his Lordship the Bishop, on behalf of the choir and friends, presented Miss Funston

RIDE "ANGLO SPECIAL" CYCLES.