

tives to welcome us were missing, and only some Fijians who came from a distance with a view of selling some almost valueless island curios met us with clamor to buy their wares. By chance Messrs. O'Meara, McCarthy, Woods, McLaughlin, and myself met one of the Rev. Fathers, and to our sorrow and regret learnt from him how hurt the Rev. Father Rougier felt at the wanton discourtesy exhibited towards himself and his coreligionists. We had no opportunity of calling upon the Rev. Father to express to him our personal regret and annoyance, as the captain's call to embark was imperative, the river and lagoon navigation at night being difficult and dangerous. The above statements will, I am certain, be borne out by every member of the party, including the Suvan townspeople in whose hands we were, and whose bountiful hospitality we had accepted. Save for this unfortunate blunder the day would have proved the most pleasant experienced during the whole journey.—I am, yours, etc.,

Hawera, June 22.

C. E. MAJOR.

Diocesan News

ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON.

(From our own correspondent.)

June 27.

The Very Rev. Father Lewis, V.G., will pay a visit to Very Rev. Dean Kirk, of Wanganui, before returning to Wellington.

The students of St. Patrick's College dispersed for the holidays on the 17th inst. The midwinter vacation at the convent schools in the city begins on Friday.

Rev. Father Huault is to preach a retreat to the nuns of St. Mary's Convent, which begins on Tuesday evening.

Mr. R. J. Collins, a well-known Catholic resident, has been gazetted Assistant-Secretary of the Treasury. News of his promotion will be received with pleasure by his many friends throughout the Colony.

Mr. J. Lempfert, whose death was chronicled in the Westport correspondent's letter published in last week's issue of the 'Tablet,' was, I understand, an ex-student of St. Patrick's College.

A meeting of the Marist Brothers' Old Boys' Literary and Debating Society was held in St. Patrick's Hall on Monday evening last. Mr. M. J. Crombie occupied the chair. The programme for the evening was a mock parliamentary election, and the candidates spoke on various current topics. A vote was taken for the election of a member for Wellington city, and resulted in Mr. J. McGowan being returned.

The annual general meeting of the Convent Ex-pupils' Association was held in St. Mary's Convent on Thursday evening last, when there was a large attendance of members. The annual dance has been arranged for next month. The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: President, Rev. Mother Superior; vice-presidents, Mother Bernard and Mrs. Chapman; committee, Mesdames Gamble and Gascoigne, Misses McDonald, Saunders, Brady, Redmond, White, and Sheehan; treasurer, Miss Duignan; secretary, Miss Sullivan.

Invitations have been issued for a smoke concert to be held on the 16th July under the auspices of St. Patrick's College Old Boys' Association.

DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

June 29.

Mass is to be celebrated at the Church of St. Mary Star of the Sea, Sumner, at eight o'clock next Sunday by one of the Pro-Cathedral clergy.

His Lordship the Bishop, accompanied by the Very Rev. Dean Foley, leaves to-day (Monday) on an episcopal visitation to the Westland portion of the diocese.

A preparatory retreat for candidates for Confirmation, extending over three days, was conducted by the Rev. Father O'Connell at St. Agnes's Church, Halswell. Father O'Connell celebrated Mass on Sunday, when his Lordship the Bishop administered the Sacrament to upwards of 30 young people. A collection in aid of the Cathedral Building Fund realised about £33.

In connection with the feasts of Saints Peter and Paul his Lordship the Bishop pontificated at Vespers in the Pro-Cathedral on Sunday evening, and preached a discourse relative to the head of the Universal Church. At Benediction the Bishop was attended by the Very Rev. Vicar-General as assistant-priest, and the Rev. Fathers O'Connell and McDonnell as deacon and sub-deacon respectively.

The Triduum in honor of the feast of St. John the Baptist at the Pro-Cathedral was brought to a close on last Wednesday evening, when the concluding sermon (a remarkably fine discourse) was preached by the Rev. Dr. Kennedy of Akaroa, on the subject of the day's festival. After Benediction his Lordship thanked the priests who were in attendance, and the various preachers, including the Rev. Fathers Richards, Hyland, and Cooney. He was particularly edified at the faithful response made by

the congregation, very large attendances being the rule throughout what was undeniably a time of great grace and blessing. So pleased was he and the clergy at the success of the celebrations that an endeavor will be made to have the Triduum annually.

Shortly before one o'clock on last Tuesday morning the city fire bells rang out an alarm, when it was discovered that the Catholic Club-rooms, situated near the episcopal residence, in Barbadoes street, were in flames. When the two chemical engines arrived on the scene, the fire was reducing to ruins the billiard room, a new portion of the building erected about two years ago, and was making its way into the library. This portion of the structure possessed an historic interest, as it was in reality the first Catholic church erected in Christchurch. Without the aid of the steamers the outbreak was subdued, not, however, before the club-room was gutted and most of the contents practically destroyed, whilst the library was somewhat damaged by water. The piano, owned by the Club, was uninjured, but the billiard table, on which there was an insurance of £60, was ruined. The building was not covered by insurance, and the whole block is to be forthwith demolished. The billiard room was in use up till half-past ten o'clock on the night of the fire, which is supposed to have originated near the fireplace. The loss incurred by the Club is considerable.

DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND.

(From our own correspondent.)

June 25.

Rev. Father Rouillac, who, it will be remembered, navigated the mission yacht Eclipse from the Islands to Sydney, is at present in Auckland, and is the guest of the Bishop. He intends to purchase an oil engine to place in his vessel.

Rev. Father Furlong, of St. Benedict's, officiated last Sunday at Waihi so as to enable the Rev. Father Brodie to come to town to take part in the opening of the new Sacred Heart College.

A few weeks ago I referred to an individual who had insulted Bishop Lenihan by placing in his shop window a card charging Dr. Lenihan with idolatry, and which had reference to his Lordship blessing a statue of Our Blessed Lady at St. Benedict's. His insults have gone on until at last his shop window has been stove in, and angry crowds have gathered round it, and the police, fearing bad work, charged him before the S.M., Mr. Brabant, with conduct likely to cause a breach of the peace, etc. He was bound over in two securities of £50 to keep the peace for six months.

Mr. William Beehan, District President of the H.A.C.B. Society, has been called to the Legislative Council. The Hon. William Beehan, M.L.C., has been the recipient of numerous congratulations from all parts of the Colony upon the distinction so well earned by him. It is natural for an Irishman to be a democrat. The misgovernment of his own land is wholly responsible for this, and the new Legislative Council under notice possesses a plenary store of the democratic spirit which caused him to identify himself locally with the Liberal party in every fight which it waged for the benefit of the masses. In matters Catholic he has been always prominent, and as a member of the church committee of St. Benedict's parish he has been invaluable. As a Hibernian since the starting of the Society in this Colony he has worked long and assiduously for its advancement, as well as furthering the interests of Ireland when monetary aid was requisite to carry on the fight at Home. He was born in Kerry in 1853, and came to Auckland in 1874, when the gold fever at the Thames attracted him thither. Subsequently he came back to the city, where he was employed in several drapery establishments, and later on started in business for himself, but 10 years ago he sold out to the D.S.C., and for seven years he was employed by that firm, after severing his connection with which he again started in business, which he now carries on. His brother Hibernians and numerous friends will feel proud of Mr. Beehan's appointment.

Every moment of time may be made to bear the burden of something which is eternal.

Happy he who speaks little; for words beget accidents, gloom, and interior trouble.

Notwithstanding that the weather was anything but inviting on Sunday, June 14, over 16,000 persons were present at the procession of the Blessed Sacrament in connection with the feast of Corpus Christi at St. Patrick's College, Manly. Although the ceremony attracted such a vast concourse thousands more would have been present but for the difficulties of the journey.

At this season everybody is liable to Coughs and Colds. Avoid all danger by taking TUSSICURA.—***

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