

Diocesan News

ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON.

(From our own correspondent.)

July 12.

The opening of the new organ at St. Mary's of the Angels' will take place on the 19th inst., when his Grace the Archbishop will dedicate the instrument. Solemn High Mass will be celebrated on that occasion. On the following Sunday the church and new schoolroom at Newtown will be blessed and opened by his Grace.

At the half-yearly meeting of the female branch of the Hibernian Society, held at St. Patrick's Hall on Wednesday last, the following officers were elected: President, Sister D. O'Flaherty; vice-president, Sister A. Hearn; secretary, Sister K. L. Robinson; treasurer, Sister A. Grant; warden, Sister E. Hicks; guardian, Sister N. Trainer. By resolution the secretary was instructed to send a letter to the District-President, Hon. W. Beehan, congratulating him on his appointment to the Legislative Council, and expressing the hope that he may live long to enjoy the high distinction conferred on him.

The annual social in aid of the Home for Incurables in charge of the Sisters of Compassion, took place at the Drillshed on Wednesday evening last, and was an unqualified success, the building being crowded. Among those present were his Grace the Archbishop, all the local clergy, Mr. and Miss Seddon, and many other leading citizens. A very attractive programme of music and recitations was given in an excellent manner by the following ladies and gentlemen: Misses Sullivan, Pulsford, Moran, Redmond, and Stidolph, Messrs. Hendry and De Vine. The Garrison Band played a selection. The dance music was supplied by Minifie's orchestra. A large tent adjoining the Drillshed had been erected, where supper was served by the Sisters and the ladies of the different parishes. Thanks are due to the committee, who were untiring in their efforts to please all. The institution will benefit to the amount of about £200 by the social.

The marriage of Mr. M. Gibbs, fourth son of the late Mr. James Gibbs, to Miss Frances Creuse, was celebrated at the Church of the Sacred Heart on Tuesday last. The Very Rev. Father Lewis, V.G., performed the ceremony. The bride was attired in cream serge and wore a wreath and veil. The bridesmaids, the Misses E. and M. Vincent, Misses A. McDonald and A. Gibbs, nieces of the bridegroom, wore white muslin dresses, white felt hats, and carried shower bouquets. The bridegroom's present to the bride was a gold watch, and to the bridesmaids gold brooches set with pearls and rubies. Mr. J. Smith was best man, and Mr. A. McDonald acted as groomsmen. After the ceremony a reception was held at the residence of Mrs. Stevenson, Murphy street. The honeymoon is being spent in Australia.

Westport

(From our own correspondent.)

July 4

The weekly sewing bee in connection with the forthcoming fancy fair and carnival is now in capital working order. It is earnestly desired that all those ladies interested in the laudable work in hand will make an effort to assist. A great deal remains to be done, and as the time is limited it is of the utmost importance that those who can give a helping hand to the good Sisters in their arduous undertaking should do so at once.

A well-known resident, in the person of Mrs. G. Mortimer, passed away at the local hospital last Monday morning. The deceased, who was formerly Miss Kearns, had been in bad health for some time. The funeral took place on Tuesday afternoon, leaving St. Canice's Church for the Orawiti cemetery. The Ven. Archpriest Walshe officiated in the church and also at the graveside.—R.I.P.

The Very Rev. Dean Lighthart returned to Westport from Reefton on Wednesday evening. The zealous missionary proceeds to Addison's Flat next Saturday. It is understood he will remain about three weeks in this district. Those who have the spiritual welfare of the native race at heart will be pleased to learn that the Dean has no reason to be displeased with the result of his mission on the West Coast.

The Wellington correspondent is quite correct in assuming that the late Mr. J. Lempiert, whose death was recently chronicled in this column, was an ex-student of St. Patrick's College. It is with pleasure I have to record the fact that Mr. Lempiert's earliest college days were spent in the well-known scholastic institution so ably conducted by the Marist Fathers.

The usual meeting of the Altar Society was held at St. Canice's Church last Sunday afternoon. The society is doing real good work, and the five beautiful statues which have recently been received are further proof of a laudable ambition to do everything possible for the beautifying and adornment of the altar.

Tenders are now called for the erection of a church at Millerton. The completion of this church will supply a long-felt want, and our Catholic community in Millerton are to be congratulated on the zeal they are displaying in this important matter.

The Rev. Father Malloy returned from Karamea and Little Wanganui early last week. In his long and tiresome journey to these distant parts of the parish, the rev. gentleman had the consolation of attending to the spiritual wants of many who rarely have the privilege of meeting their pastor.

The Very Rev. Dean Rolland, of Reefton, continues to remain in a very precarious state of health. The revered priest is slowly passing away to his eternal reward, as recovery from the painful malady from which he is suffering is now hopeless. The Rev. Father Hickson has done everything possible to mitigate his sufferings, and one of the good Sisters of Compassion is constantly in attendance upon him. To enumerate the noble work done by this devoted pioneer priest in the early digging days on the Coast would fill volumes. Affectionately esteemed by Catholic and non-Catholic alike, it is not to be wondered at that the greatest sorrow and sympathy have been expressed for good Dean Rolland all over the West Coast.

DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

July 13.

The Rev. Father Huault, S.M., of Meanee, came to Christchurch during the week to assist the Rev. Father Gallais, who is in charge of St. Mary's, Manchester street, during the absence of the Rev. Father Marnane.

Special reference was made in all the churches on Sunday to the serious illness of the Sovereign Pontiff. At St. Joseph's, Lyttelton, Father Cooney gave a brief resume of the Pope's life and deeds, and in the event of news being received of his death how the faithful should observe the occurrence pending succeeding events. Father Cooney also placed in a clear light the exact position when a papal vacancy takes place as against the wild and erroneous statements cabled out from day to day.

Miss Katie Young was recently the recipient of a cheque for a substantial amount, subscribed by the parishioners and choir of St. Mary's, Manchester street, on the occasion of her resignation as organist, to take up a similar position at the Pro-Cathedral. The presentation was made as a recognition of Miss Young's musical talents, in appreciation of the many acts of unobtrusive kindness performed by her whilst connected with the parish, and consistent devotion to duty, enhancing thereby to a great extent the excellence of the music provided at the church services, and general proficiency of the choir.

The Very Rev. Vicar-General presided at an executive committee meeting of the 'Polyorama' on Thursday evening last, when the work of the entertainment sub-committee came under review and other detail matters were discussed. The principal prizes of the Polyorama or international art union were on exhibition, and formed quite a striking display. Comprised in the list of over 30 articles it is perfectly safe to assume that in solid value a similar collection has rarely if ever before been acquired for such a purpose. What is described as a 'Fine mineral specimen,' a nugget of gold valued at 20 guineas, heads the array. It is followed on the tickets by a beautiful oil painting, the gift of the artist, Mr. J. M. Madden; a famous oil painting 'Sunset, Akaroa Heads,' by Mr. John Gibb presented by Messrs J. and W. Jameson (contractors for the Cathedral); an exquisite ivory crucifix, mounted on a silver-plated cross inlaid with rich mosaics of the principal monuments of Rome, presented by the Rev. Dr. Kennedy, Akaroa; a valuable water color painting, a landscape gift by the Countess of Ranfurly; a magnificent hand-painted mirror, gift of the Bishop; a splendid oil painting, gift of the artist, Mr. W. Green, Timaru; a rich cope in cloth of silver, elaborately embroidered, the work and gift of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd, Mount Magdala; a delicately painted panel, the work and gift of the Sisters of Mercy, Christchurch; a pair of artistic alabaster vases (Italian workmanship), presented by Mr. J. A. Hickmott; a beautiful hand-painted mirror, presented by Rev. Father Regnault, Waimate; a handsomely-worked drawing-room screen, the work and gift of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd, Mount Magdala; a very fine oil painting, gift of the artist, Mr. C. J. Goldstone, Waimate; a richly-carved occasional table, the work and gift of the Sisters of Our Lady of Missions, Christchurch; a rare (framed) photograph of our Holy Father the Pope taken whilst walking in the Vatican gardens, gift of the Sarony Art Studio; three large volumes of 'Australasia,' superbly illustrated with over 200 engravings; a splendid Japanese vase (a choice centre-piece) gift of the Bishop; a valuable work of art, gift of the workers, the Sisters of St. Joseph, Temuka; a rare steel engraving, 'The Ascension,' by Gustave Biot; a fine three-panel folding screen; a splendid steel engraving, 'An idyl,' by a Roman artist; a richly-worked preaching stool; a neatly worked musical cabinet; a collection of rare artistic works, gift of the Vicar-General; a Roman jewel box, richly inlaid with mosaics; another nugget, presented by Hon. J. M. Twomey, M.L.C., Temuka, and many other triumphs of art. The art union is under the charge of the Rev. Father O'Connell, who is doing his utmost to make it one of the features of the projected carnival.

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