

Caves in New South Wales. There is, indeed, a glorious wealth of coloring in the Canadian Rockies. Out on the Pacific waters a group of us watched the snow on Mount Olympia as, in the yellow sunset of an April day, it turned to the tint of old ivory and faded into a soft blush as of 'opening roses in the lily's bed.' But sunset in the wild heart of the Rockies is, like that in the Lakeland of New Zealand,

Something to Remember.

'The snow glory,' says the Marquis of Lorne, 'changes to deep purple at the base, and then, in successive waves of deep blue, pink-grey, and yellow-green, each shade is blended until at your feet you see the steel blue of the impetuous stream.' The artist Whymper stalked and climbed and sketched in the Canadian Rockies till he caught the feeling of the place. Then went back to the crowded streets and busy haunts of men once more. But the fascination of the mountains was upon him. In his dreams he saw the white ramparts in their robes of cloud and the valleys in their soft purple shadows; the mountains were calling to him, and he took up his palette and his alpenstock and gun and again and yet again buried himself in these noble solitudes that seem to bring man closer to his Creator.

The Canadian Pacific Railway crosses the backbone of the American continent at an elevation of 1500 feet below any line further south. This secures the passengers a double advantage: it reduces to a minimum the difficulties arising from snow-blockades, which are rare, even during the winter months; and it affords the traveller those stupendous views of high mountain scenery along what is claimed to be, for its scenic beauty, the most attractive railway route in the world. But space presses, and another paper must tell what we saw as we sped eastward from Yale along the wild gorge of Hell Gate in the Cascade Mountains.

(To be continued.)

Diocesan News

ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON.

(From our own correspondent.)

July 18.

The tenders for the erection of the Stoke Orphanage have been opened and are much higher than anticipated. Mr. J. Hegarty, of Greytown, forwarded a handsome donation through the 'Times' office in aid of Mother Aubert's Home for Incurables.

In all the churches on Sunday last the serious illness of the Pope was referred to, and prayers were asked for his recovery.

St. Patrick's College re-opened after the mid-winter vacation on Friday last, and the Convent High School resumes studies on Monday next.

The Marist Brothers' Old Boys' Association held the third of its monthly reunions at Spillers' Hall on Wednesday evening last. A most enjoyable time was spent by those present.

Miss Ettie Maginnity is now studying at the Royal Academy of Music, London, and is under the tuition of Professor Moretti, who is greatly pleased with her voice, and has advised her to study for oratorio work.

The Hibernians of Wellington intend entertaining the Hon. William Beehan, M.L.C., of Auckland, at a banquet in honor of his appointment to the Upper House. Mr. P. M. Twomey has been appointed secretary to the committee.

The Ven. Archdeacon Devoy was unable to attend the funeral of the late Dean Rolland owing to the West Coast boats not arriving in time. His Lordship Bishop Grimes represented the clergy from Wellington.

The seventh annual social of the ladies' branch of the Hibernian Society was held at the Victoria Hall on Wednesday evening last. There were 50 couples present. The evening was devoted to dancing, and at intervals songs and recitations were given by members. Miss K. Robinson was a most energetic secretary, and the following ladies formed the committee: Misses L. Butcher, H. O'Flaherty, M. Robinson, A. Grant, A. Trainer, N. Doyle, and Hicks.

From the 'N.Z. Times' I clip the following:—Mr. J. H. Walker, who describes himself as one of the survivors of Rua Aruru and Te Ngutu-o-te-Manu, writes: Although the Very Rev. Father Rolland has passed from our midst, his memory will not be forgotten by many who knew him in the sixties during the Maori war in Taranaki. Well do I remember that noble and much-beloved gentleman at Rua Aruru and at Te Ngutu-o-te-Manu. He did not carry sword or gun, yet he was ever to the fore, ministering to wounded and dying, and was ever ready to assist to carry a comrade. His pleasant face and

cheery word will be remembered by all of us, irrespective of caste or creed. If ever a departed one was entitled to a memorial that very reverend and much-loved gentleman is.

At a social tendered on Wednesday night to the visiting delegates to the Liberal and Labor Federation the Hon. W. Beehan, M.L.C., was the recipient of a presentation from the members of the Liberal Federation of Auckland on the occasion of his appointment to the Upper House. The Premier, in making the presentation, said it was his duty to hand to him an illuminated address and a gold watch. Proceeding, Mr. Seddon said when the Government decided to submit Mr. Beehan's claims for the favorable consideration of the Governor they did so knowing that his appointment would be in the best interests of the Colony. He referred to the interest Mr. Beehan had always taken, right back to the time of Sir George Grey, in the cause of advancement and prosperity, and felt sure he would worthily occupy the position to which he had been called. Mr. P. J. Nerheny, president of the Auckland branch of the federation, also extolled Mr. Beehan's good qualities. In thanking the Auckland delegates on behalf of the donors for their valuable gifts, Mr. Beehan said he could not adequately express his thanks in words. He assured the members he deeply appreciated their gift, and would always endeavor to work in the interest of the people and of New Zealand.

For some time past a local committee has had in hand the task of reviving the Old Boys' Association of St. Patrick's College, and it is pleasing to note that their efforts in this direction have been met with a great measure of success. The gathering, which took the form of a smoke concert, held in Godber's rooms, Cuba street, on Thursday evening last, bore ample testimony to this fact, and it must have been gratifying to the energetic secretary, Mr. M. J. Crombie, and his efficient committee, who have bestowed no small amount of time and labor in endeavoring to resuscitate the Association, to see such a large muster of old boys respond to the call and rally round the flag of their Alma Mater. The success of the smoke concert augurs well for the establishment of a healthy and vigorous Old Boys' Association, which will see at no distant date branches formed all over the Colony. It is to be hoped that suitable club rooms will soon be procured, where members may meet to indulge in the amusements and pastimes that kindred institutions, possessing club rooms, are fortunate enough to enjoy. By this means, old boys, when on a visit to Wellington, will have a place to go to, where they will be sure to meet many old school mates and renew acquaintance with faces familiar in college days. That the movement is arousing enthusiasm in other parts of New Zealand is evidenced by the fact that numerous apologies for absence were received from influential ex-pupils of the college resident in other centres, and expressions of regret at their not being in a position to attend the evening's function. Apologies for absence were also received from the Ven. Archdeacon Devoy, Very Rev. Father Lewis, Rev. Fathers J. Holley, T. O'Shea, and E. G. Kimbell. Vocal items were rendered by Rev. Fathers F. J. Hills, J. Ainsworth, and N. B. Moloney, Messrs. L. Dwan, W. R. S. Hickson, D. Ryan, A. H. Casey, D. Kenny, A. Ross, and P. McColl, and recitations by Messrs. S. J. Moran, B. J. Devine, and W. E. Butler, the last-named being responsible for recalling to mind reminiscences of College life away back in the eighties. Mr. C. McDonald acted as accompanist. The Very Rev. Father Keogh, Rector of the College, who has the interests of the old boys deeply at heart and is always ready to extend a hand of welcome to old boys of the college, presided over the gathering. The other members of the clergy present were the Rev. Fathers P. Fay (Blenheim), Geo. Mahony (Nelson), and C. O'Reilly (St. Patrick's College).

Palmerston North

(From our own correspondent.)

The Very Rev. Dean Grogan, who is on a visit to this parish for a week, is soliciting funds for the new Cathedral for the archdiocese. He celebrated the 8 o'clock Mass on Sunday, and also preached at the 11 o'clock Mass and Vespers, making an eloquent appeal to those who had pledged themselves to yearly instalments for five years, to keep their faith, and make good their promises, and to the fresh arrivals in the parish to give what they could afford for such a noble cause. It is to be hoped that the parishioners of St. Patrick's will surprise his Grace by this year's subscriptions. Large congregations were present both morning and evening. 'He wipes a tear from every eye' was very feelingly sung by Mr. Thomas Rodgers as an offertory at Vespers.

A grand social will be held in the Theatre Royal early in August in aid of the funds for the new convent.

RIDE "ANGLO SPECIAL" CYCLES.