

Diocesan News

ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

September 19.

The annual football match between past and present students of St. Patrick's College is being played to-day, and a social evening is to be spent at the college.

A social, under the management of the men's branch of the Sacred Heart Society, will be held at the Druids' Hall on October 21. The proceeds are to be devoted to the Te Aro parish schools.

The growing demands of the extensive parish of Te Aro have necessitated the appointment of a resident priest at St. Joseph's, Buckle street. A house in the neighborhood has been secured, and the Rev. Father O'Shea will take up his residence with an assistant priest about the middle of next month.

Mrs. Grace has presented to St. Joseph's Orphanage a large photograph suitably framed of her late husband, the Hon. Dr. Grace. The portrait is highly prized, as Dr. Grace was a generous benefactor of the institution.

The annual examination of the children of St. Joseph's Orphanage was held this week by Mr. Bird, the Government Inspector for Industrial Schools. Most satisfactory results were obtained by the children.

The following personal notes appeared in Thursday evening's 'Post' from the London correspondent:—The Rev. Father Golden (Wellington), who has been granted leave of absence from his work by Archbishop Redwood, is now in Ireland, and tells me that his health has already greatly benefited by the change. He purposes sailing from the Cove of Cork in the 'Germania' on the 24th September, reaching New York on the 1st October. After staying for four weeks in America with his relatives and friends in the United States, Father Golden will leave San Francisco on the 29th October by the 'Sierra' for Auckland, where he is due on the 16th November. Writing to me from Macroom, County Cork, Father Golden says the hay and oats are suffering greatly from rain; the crops are heavy, but dry weather is urgently needed else the losses to farmers will be serious. Blight has appeared on the potatoes, but spraying is a great check to the spread.—Mr. P. J. Garvey (Wellington) is leaving Scotland this week on a visit to the Cork Exhibition, he may possibly spend the latter part of his vacation in France. I mentioned recently he had successfully passed his first examination in medicine at the Edinburgh University.

Waipawa

(From an occasional correspondent.)

On Sunday, September 13, the pipe organ, which was lately erected in St. Patrick's Church, was formally opened, a crowded congregation being present. The 11 o'clock Mass was celebrated by the Rev. Father Johnston, and a full choir and orchestra, under the conductorship of Mr. James Cosgrove, rendered Mozart's Twelfth Mass. Mr. Spackman, of Napier, presided at the organ, which proved to be a very sweet-toned instrument. As an offertory piece, the organist gave Westbrook's 'Festival March,' and the retiring voluntary was 'Scipio March' (Handel) which was played with full orchestral accompaniment. The large congregation present at Vespers taxed the sitting accommodation of the church to its fullest extent. During Vespers the 'Laudate' (Zingarelli) and the 'Magnificat' (Denby) were rendered in a highly-efficient manner. Mr. Spackman gave a short organ recital, and chose as his subjects—'Cujus Animam' (Rossini), 'Commemoration March' (S. Clark), 'Largo Cantabile' (Haydn), 'Fanfare' (Lemmers). Miss Lansley sang Mascagni's 'Ave Maria,' and Mr. Bloore 'He wipes a tear.' Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament then followed. During the services the Rev. Father Johnston addressed a few remarks to the congregation, in the course of which he said that the organ was not only an ornament to the church, but was also a credit to the town. He thanked Mr. Hobday, who had erected the organ, and said it was a pleasure to have dealings with such a gentleman, who not only fulfilled so well his contract, but even voluntarily went beyond it. Referring to the organist, Mr. Spackman, he said that under the skilful touch of that gentleman the organ was heard at its best, and that those who had the pleasure of listening to the instrument must recognise the fact that Mr. Spackman was a master of it. The Rev. Father Johnston concluded his remarks by complimenting the choir upon the successful manner in which they had acquitted themselves during the day.

Some short time ago a Dramatic Minstrel Club was formed in connection with the church. The officers are:

President, Rev. Father Johnston; hon. sec., Mr. R. Noake; musical director, Mr. James Cosgrove. The object of the Club is to give performances in aid of church affairs. A large and enthusiastic audience was present in the Oddfellows' Hall on August 19 to witness the initial performance of the Club. The first part of the programme consisted of vocal items, jokes, and local hits, and was well received. The second consisted of a comedieta, 'Ici on parle Français.' The performers were all good in their several parts, and the playing of the piece gave evidence that the characters were happily cast. The programme was repeated at Waipukurau on September 2, and will be presented at Hampden on September 30.

The art union in aid of the organ fund will be drawn on October 7, and Rev. Father Johnston hopes that the result will do much towards lessening the liability on the investment.

The new church at Waipukurau is fast approaching completion, and will be ready for opening in a few months. This will prove a great boon to the Catholics of Waipukurau, as at present the Holy Sacrifice is offered in the Town Hall.

Takapau Church is now in possession of an American organ, and this does much towards enhancing the solemnity of the services.

Since Father Johnston's arrival here, the interior of the presbytery has been renovated, and now a balcony is being added to the building. This addition was greatly needed, and, when completed, will improve the general look of the presbytery. The Catholics of the parish have reason to be proud of the work that has been done in their midst through their generosity, and the untiring zeal and diligent work of the parish priest.

DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

September 21.

The Chapter of the Order of Our Lady of Missions met recently in France for the election of a Mother Provincial in New Zealand, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Rev. Mother Teresa, a few months ago. The religious here have not yet been apprised of the result.

The handsome addition in brick and stone to the monastery of the Sacred Heart, fronting Lower High street, is expected to be completed and ready for occupation by the Sisters of the Missions in about a fortnight's time.

The names of any pupils of the Sisters of the Missions do not appear in the musical examinations' list recently published. This is explained by the fact that at time of the examinations the late Rev. Mother Provincial was so seriously ill that it was decided to withhold candidature until the December examinations, for which a number of pupils are being prepared.

At a well-attended meeting held on last Thursday evening, of the 'Polyorama' executive committee, his Lordship the Bishop, the Very Revs. Vicar-General and Dean Foley and Rev. Fathers McDonnell and O'Connell were among those present. The principal business transacted was the allotment of stalls. All sub-committees reported that excellent progress was being made.

The Very Rev. Dean Foley returned from the West Coast last week, and was with the Bishop at Lyttelton on Sunday. The site of the new church on the Coast, recently acquired and indicated in last week's 'Tablet,' is at Blackball, in the vicinity of the State coal mine.

Mr. Hugh Doherty, a very old Catholic resident and colonist of many years, passed away last week at the ripe age of 80.—R.I.P.

The devotion of the Forty Hours' Adoration will commence in the Pro-Cathedral on the first Sunday of October and continue over the two following days. During the devotion the 'Te Deum,' in thanksgiving for the elevation of Cardinal Sarto to the Pontificate as Pius X., will be sung in union with Montmartre, in Paris, with which the local Cathedral is affiliated.

His Lordship the Bishop made an episcopal visitation of Lyttelton on Sunday last. He celebrated Mass at eight o'clock, and at the eleven o'clock Mass, celebrated by the Very Rev. Dean Foley, administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to 52 candidates. The Bishop preached morning and evening at St. Joseph's Church, and a sum of £80 was subscribed to the Cathedral Building Fund.

At Lyttelton on Sunday his Lordship Bishop Grimes was presented by Mr. Joyce on behalf of the parishioners, with a beautifully engrossed and illuminated address suitably framed, the illuminating and embossing being the work of the Sisters of Mercy of St. Joseph's Convent. The Bishop expressed his great appreciation of the handsome gift, and later on in the day thanked very sincerely the people for their generosity in regard to the Cathedral Building Fund.