

# Diocesan News

## ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

October 17.

A conversazione will be held in St Patrick's College next Tuesday evening, when the Rev Dr. Kennedy, of Meaneo Seminary, will deliver a lecture.

On Tuesday evening, under the auspices of the Hibernian Society, a benefit social was held in the Druids' Hall for Mr. J. Maher, an invalid member who, as the result of an accident, has been laid up for the past 18 months.

The social, under the management of the members of the men's branch of the Sacred Heart Society, takes place next Wednesday evening. A large number of tickets have been disposed of, and a satisfactory attendance is expected.

The annual picnic of the altar societies of Newtown and Te Aro was held at Seatoun on Labor Day. Rev. Fathers O'Shea, McNamara, Ainsworth, Moloney, and Kimbell accompanied the party. Luncheon was served at the priests' cottage at Seatoun. Various forms of amusements were indulged in during the day, and a most enjoyable time was spent.

Mrs. Patrick Monaghan, a well-known resident of Karori, died at her residence on Saturday last at the advanced age of 88 years. The deceased had been a resident of the district for the last 50 years. Her husband, the late Major Monaghan, predeceased her by some six years. Mrs. Monaghan leaves a family of four, with a large number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren. The funeral took place on Tuesday, the Very Rev. Father Lewis officiating at the church and at the graveside.—R.I.P.

On Friday evening at St. Patrick's Hall, the Catholic Young Men's Club concluded their session with a mock trial. Mr. J. J. Devine occupied the bench, and he had associated with him a special jury. All the details of procedure were attended to. The bulk of the work fell on the shoulders of counsel for the plaintiff (Messrs. P. Healey and H. McKeown) and Mr. A. Casey, who appeared for defendant. Messrs. Charles Gamble, T. O'Sullivan, M. Ellar, and P. McGovern represented the principal characters in the 'trial.' The production was a really creditable one.

## DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

October 19.

During his recent visit to Australia, Mr. John Barrett and the Rev. Father J. Gately, S.J., of St. Mary's, North Sydney, who are cousins, met for the first time in over forty years. The Rev. Father Gately was to leave Sydney on Saturday last for New Zealand on a brief visit.

On Sunday next, Feast of the Patronage of the B.V.M., Solemn High Mass will be celebrated at St. Mary's, Manchester street, at 11 a.m., and his Lordship the Bishop will preach. The formal opening and blessing of the fine new presbytery is arranged for 3.30 in the afternoon. At Vespers the Ven. Archdeacon Devoy, S.M., Provincial, is to be preacher.

The Rev. Father McDonnell left last week for the West Coast to minister in the parish of Kumara, pending restoration to health of the Rev. Father O'Halloran, who is not recovering from the recent somewhat serious accident which befell him, as speedily as was at first hoped.

On Tuesday last the children of the Pro-Cathedral parish schools, including those of Addington and Halswell, had their annual outing. Special cars conveyed the party of several hundred to Sumner, where, in perfect weather, a most enjoyable day was spent. The church grounds there were conveniently utilised for the purposes of a picnic, sports being carried out on the sands. The excursion was organised by the Sisters of the Missions, who are in charge of the schools, and among those present were his Lordship the Bishop (who during the day presented prizes, some of which he donated), the Very Revs. Vicar-General and Dean Foley, Rev. Fathers Richards and O'Connell. Many other friends were also in attendance and materially assisted in supplying requisites and adding to the enjoyment of the people.

Referring to the old penal days, not more than six long lives ago, Sir George Clifford, in his address to the Christchurch Catholic Club, in contrasting the present position of Catholics with the cruel disabilities they were then subject to, said that among those persecuted

for the grand old Faith was his great-great-grandfather, who was committed to the Tower. Not so very long ago in the ordinary course of human events, priests were hunted like felons in Merrie England. How very different in these days. Not one member of the community exhibits other than the utmost respect towards Bishop Grimes, for instance, who when he walks down the streets of Christchurch is greeted smilingly by citizens of every form of belief. In those strenuous days of the past no Catholic was allowed to ride a horse of ten pounds sterling in value; without running the risk of having it taken from under him. Such a high handed proceeding would be extremely inconvenient to me just now, said Sir George naively.

His Lordship the Bishop visited Woolston on Sunday afternoon, and was met by Mr. E. O'Connor, president of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, and the teachers of the Sunday school recently established under the auspices of the Pro-Cathedral Conference. There was an attendance of 45 children, on whose behalf Miss Murphy read and presented the Bishop with a beautiful address nicely worded, wherein was expressed gratitude for the establishment of the Sunday school, and to the teachers who sacrificed their time of rest in order to give instruction in Christian doctrine. A hope was also expressed that soon they would be in possession of a small place of their own wherein not only instruction would be imparted, but where the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass could be offered. The Bishop, in reply, said he was delighted to see so many gathered together to receive such necessary instruction, and expressed his appreciation of the efforts made and time so ungrudgingly given by the few devoted workers in imparting the truths of Holy Church to the young children of the district. It was his earnest desire that as soon as possible a place of worship would be erected in the neighborhood.

During the course of his address at the opening of the Christchurch Club rooms, Sir George Clifford said he was tempted some time to pause and think if we were a part of a Christian nation. On perusing his daily paper he was shocked and grieved to learn the decision arrived at by the Lancaster Park authorities to allow their grounds to be continued in use for purposes (which were a distinct desecration of such a solemn day as Good Friday. The Catholic Club was an institution which had done, and would he hoped and believed, continue to do, good work by providing means of healthy recreation for young men. Its work was particularly the work of the laity, and their devotion to the Church was apparent in the earnestness of their endeavor to help on its work. Its work was urgently needed, for a wave of atheism, agnosticism, and indifferentism was passing over the world, but this was not really a bad thing, as the wave must be followed by perhaps an even stronger reaction. In that the laity as well as the clergy would have an important part to play, and he was glad that the Catholic Club existed as a school in which they could learn their part.

Mr. Hugh McDonagh, a veteran who died in the Christchurch Hospital last week, was accorded a military funeral. The deceased was one of the first selected to become an inmate of the Veterans' Home at Auckland, and his Excellency, Lord Ranfurly, who has exhibited such a marked interest in the institution, was also deeply interested in the deceased veteran, whose career was remarkable for adventure and activity on many of the Empire's battlefields, Paardesburg being one of the last. The funeral procession started from the hospital, the coffin being borne on a gun carriage and preceded by the Garrison Band, which played the 'Dead March from Saul' and other funeral marches. A number of veterans (army and navy) and many officers and men of the defence corps followed the remains to their last resting place. The Very Rev. Dean Foley conducted the interment in the Sydenham cemetery, and at the graveside delivered a short address touching on the career of the deceased. The Engineers supplied the firing party, and the 'Last Post' was sounded by the battalion buglers.—R.I.P.

Owing to the interest displayed and energetic action of Bro. F. J. Doolan, president of the local branch of the H.A.C.B. Society, new branches are likely to be instituted in the immediate future at Ashburton and Lyttelton, and possibly at Cheviot. The Very Rev. Father O'Donnell is in cordial sympathy with the establishing of the Society at Ashburton, and is giving valuable assistance in the formation of a branch. At the invitation of several intending members, with whom he had been in communication, Bro. Doolan visited Ashburton on Sunday last with the object of explaining the workings, advantages, and benefits of the Society. With the assistance of the Rev. Father Cooney, Messrs. Head, Kelliher, and Browne, Bro. Doolan has made preliminary arrangements for the opening of a branch at Lyttelton. A record number of 20 members has been enrolled by the local branch (St. Patrick's) during the past quarter.

In his annual address to the Anglican Synod Bishop Julius said, in speaking of the want of a supreme head,