

Diocesan News

ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

From our own correspondent.

April 17.

The parishioners of Newtown will hold a schools social at St. Anne's Hall on May 5.

The ladies of St. Mary's branch of the H.A.C.B. Society held a most enjoyable euchre party a few evenings ago at Hall's Rooms, Cuba street. There was a large attendance.

The Very Rev. Dean Tubman, S.M., Timaru, is at present the guest of the Very Rev. Dean Smyth, S.M. (Provincial), at St. Mary's, Boulcott street. Dean Tubman is on his way to America for a holiday.

The Rev. Father Hurley, S.M., Dominion treasurer of the Catholic Federation, wishes to acknowledge the receipt of £5 from Mr. W. W. Charters, Christchurch, as a donation towards the erection of the Trencham Catholic hall for the use of Catholic soldiers.

I very much regret to record the death of Mr. James H. Coogan, of the Land and Income Tax Department. The late Mr. Coogan was educated at the Marist Brothers' School, and was only 38 years of age. He is survived by a widow and one child. The interment took place on Tuesday at Karori, prior to which a Requiem Mass was celebrated at St. Mary of the Angels'.—R.I.P.

A social and entertainment in aid of the Catholic education fund will be held in the large Town Hall on May 19. The function will be managed by a joint committee from St. Joseph's, St. Mary's, and the Sacred Heart parishes, with Mr. J. J. L. Burke as secretary. Tickets are now in circulation, and it is confidently anticipated that as a result of this united effort, the education fund will be considerably augmented.

A mission, conducted by Very Rev. Father Taylor, S.M., and the Rev. Father A. T. Herring, S.M., commenced at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart last Sunday. The church was crowded on Sunday evening, when the Rev. Father Herring preached an eloquent sermon. All the services during the week have been well attended, and the number of communicants each morning is increasing—a practical sign of the successful efforts of the missionaries.

One of the most popular officers of the Samoan Garrison was the chaplain-captain, Rev. Father Thos. Segrief, S.M., who, at the time when the war broke out, was on the professorial staff of St. Patrick's College. When his Grace the Archbishop called for volunteers for chaplains, Father Segrief was one of the first to respond, and was accepted for service with the advance Expeditionary Force, which contained a great preponderance of Catholics. Father Segrief returned with the troops on Wednesday by the Talune in the best of health, and ready again to proceed to the front if his ecclesiastical superiors consent, and the Defence authorities desire his services.

The Wellington Catholic Education Board met last Wednesday in the Catholic Federation rooms. His Grace Archbishop O'Shea presided, and among the members present were the Ven. Archdeacon Devoy, S.M., Very Rev. Dean Regnault, S.M., the Very Rev. Father O'Connell, S.M., and the Rev. Father Hurley, S.M., Adm. It was announced that the sum of £1000 was now bearing interest, and that included in this was the sum of £125, the result of the St. Patrick's Day celebrations this year, which it is expected to be supplemented by an additional payment of £25, when all the returns have come in. It was decided to make an application again to the Macarthy Board of Trustees for a grant.

The Ven. Archdeacon Devoy, S.M., presided over a most enthusiastic meeting of parishioners last Sunday afternoon at St. Anne's Hall to make the preliminary arrangements for a bazaar, which it has been decided to hold in October next, commencing on the 30th of that month. The bazaar will comprise a tea kiosk and four goods stalls—two to be provided by Newtown, one by Kilbirnie, and one by Island Bay. The name selected for the bazaar was the Empire Floral Fete and Art Union. The Children of Mary will be in charge of the tea kiosk. The ladies of Kilbirnie will take charge of the sweets stall. Mesdames Gamble and Wylie, and the Misses Segrief will take one of the stalls, and Mrs. Chamberlain and other ladies will control the Island Bay stall, whilst the Ladies' Club will be responsible for the other. The committee will consist of the church committee and others, with the Ven. Archdeacon Devoy as chairman, and Messrs. W. P. McLachlan and D. Ryan as joint secretaries.

A Pontifical High Mass was celebrated on last Thursday at St. Joseph's Church, Buckle street, for the repose of the soul of the late Bishop Grimes. His Grace Archbishop O'Shea pontificated, the Ven. Archdeacon Devoy being assistant priest, Rev. Father O'Connor, S.M., deacon, Rev. Father W. J. Peoples, S.M., subdeacon, and Rev. Father Hurley, S.M., Adm., master of ceremonies. Among the clergy present were the Very Rev. Dean Smyth, S.M. (Provincial), Very Rev. Dean Regnault, S.M., Very Rev. Father O'Connell, S.M., Very Rev. Dr. Kennedy, S.M., Rev. Fathers Lynch, C.S.S.R., Grogan, C.S.S.R., Barra, S.M., Smyth, S.M., Seymour, S.M., Venning, S.M., O'Reilly, S.M., Kimbell, S.M., Gondringer, S.M., Schaefer, S.M., O'Leary, S.M., Cullen, S.M., Segrief, S.M., Bartley, S.M., Gilbert, S.M. The music was rendered by the pupils of St. Patrick's College, assisted by the clergy. There was a large congregation.

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Rev. Father Bartley, S.M., of St. Patrick's College, was the occasional preacher at the Easter services.

A euchre party in aid of the distressed Belgians (under the auspices of the Children of Mary) was held in St. Joseph's Schoolroom on last Thursday evening. It proved a great success, and those who had the arrangements in hand are to be highly congratulated.

In the recent Trinity College theoretical examinations the pupils of the local convent were successful, with one exception only, in passing with honors. A pleasing feature of the examinations was the success of the two candidates in the licentiate examination—Misses Theresa Vickers and Ruby Kathleen Curran. The latter is 15 years of age only, and the Sisters of the convent have been the recipients of congratulations on the great success of their pupils.

DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

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A resolution of sympathy with Bro. J. Finnerty on the death of his wife was passed at the meeting of St. Patrick's branch of the H.A.C.B. Society on last Monday evening.

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