

bread, as the working men on the roads appear to make their lunch on it, with perhaps a tiny piece of cheese. Can you imagine our working men thriving on this?

I forgot to say that many old barges have been fixed up on the Seine, and here whole families of Belgian refugees are housed. As in England, these poor people are being kept by the generosity of the public. Another thing I have noticed here in all the churches every day after the usual collection, a collection is taken up by one of the Ladies of Charity for the poor. This may account for one seeing so little poverty, although it must be as prevalent here as in all large cities. With regard to the women whose husbands are serving at the front, they have been allowed to take their husbands' place at work, and consequently you see women as tram conductors (or conductresses if you wish), and even delivering merchandise, such as charcoal and braise, etc., and I have seen one or two driving taxis, but these are few. It shows that the women are resourceful; and they are also very thrifty and clever with their needle, which means they make all their own clothes. When there is a blue sky overhead and the sun is shining Paris is a succession of beautiful pictures, as all the avenues and boulevards have either, at one end or the other, some magnificent building with a glorious gold dome, or beautifully carved statuary standing out against the clear sky. I am sure the view from the La Madeleine steps of La Place de La Concord with its fine statues, its obelisk, fountains, buildings all round, including the Chamber of Deputies with the dome of Les Invalides in the distance is a sight never to be forgotten. I could write about places that are a delight to me to look at constantly, but one must come and see them for themselves, it is so different to reading of them. I spend all my time just walking round admiring the picturesque.

(To be continued.)

Diocesan News

ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

From our own correspondent.

April 24.

Mr. F. Venning (brother of the Rev. Father Venning, of St. Mary's), of the staff of the District Lands and Survey Office, who has been promoted to the position of Receiver of Land Revenue at Gisborne, has been presented by his fellow-officers with a pair of binoculars.

The quarterly meeting of the St. Vincent de Paul Society took place last Sunday at St. Patrick's Hall. Bro. L. T. Reichel presided. Bro. A. A. Corrigan was appointed secretary of the Particular Council. Good reports were received from the various conferences of the circumscription, especially from the Seamen's Conference, which is doing a lot for the Catholic seafaring men visiting this port.

The interment of the late Mr. Cornelius McManus, formerly proprietor of the New Zealander Hotel, who died at Otahuhu, took place on Thursday morning. The body arrived by the morning Main Trunk train from Auckland, and was taken to the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. Among those who attended were the Rev. Fathers Walsh (Lower Hutt) and Daly (Upper Hutt). The members of the Hibernian Society acted as pall-bearers.

The mission conducted by the Very Rev. Father Taylor and Rev. Father A. T. Herring, Marist Mis-

sioners, at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Thorndon, has been most successful. The services are all well attended, and the number of communicants at the early Mass is daily increasing. Strenuous efforts are being made during the mission to strengthen the various parish organisations—Catholic Federation, Hibernian Society, St. Vincent de Paul Society, etc. The mission will conclude on Sunday.

A quiet wedding took place in St. Joseph's Church on Tuesday, the contracting parties being Mr. Arthur Coates and Miss Mary O'Keefe. The Rev. Father Barra officiated, and the bride was given away by Mr. M. Laracy. Mr. L. M. A. Rearden was best man, and Miss Nora O'Keefe was bridesmaid. After the ceremony a wedding breakfast was held at the residence of Mr. Laracy. The function was presided over by Mr. W. C. Noot. Mr. and Mrs. Coates left for the south by Tuesday night's ferry steamer.

The wedding took place on Wednesday morning, in St. Mary of the Angels' Church, of Miss Nonie Spring, second daughter of Mr. Alexander W. Spring, of Ashburton, and Mr. Michael James McEnroe, eldest son of the late Mr. Philip McEnroe and Mrs. McEnroe, formerly of the West Coast. The Rev. Father Murphy officiated. The bridesmaid was Miss Ellen Spring, and the best man was Mr. Philip McEnroe (brother of the bridegroom). Mr. McEnroe, who has been a member of St. Mary of the Angels' Choir for several years, was, in honor of the occasion, presented with a mark of esteem by the Very Rev. Father O'Connell, S.M., on behalf of the choir.

The Rev. Father Hurley, S.M., Adm., Dominion treasurer of the Catholic Federation, has received the following additional donations towards the Catholic church-room and social hall at the military camp, Trentham:—Mr. Martin Kennedy, K.S.G., Wellington, £50; anonymous, £25; Mr J. Griffin, Nightcaps, £5 5s; Mrs. J. Griffin, Nightcaps, £1 1s; Miss Janie Griffin, Nightcaps, £1 1s. Father Hurley will gratefully acknowledge further donations. The hall, which, although not yet completed, was used for Mass for the first time last Sunday, is greatly appreciated by the men. Provision is made in the building for a chaplain's room, and facilities are afforded for hearing confessions. There is seating accommodation for 400. The men will be supplied with writing material and reading matter, and donations of suitable current and up-to-date magazines and papers will be gratefully accepted if forwarded to the Rev. Father Daly, Catholic camp-chaplain, Trentham. The Catholic Federation, under the directorship of Father Daly, is arranging a concert for Wednesday evening for the amusement of the men.

In its notice of the ninth concert of the Hawera Liedertafel on Wednesday last, the Hawera Star says: Miss Teresa McEnroe, a Wellington soprano, of whom many in Hawera have pleasant recollections, was the soprano soloist. She has an exceedingly artistic style, and sings all her most florid work with consummate ability and the utmost ease, a great charm in a singer. She was equally *au fait* with the brilliant and florid 'Polonaise' from 'Mignon,' the touching and expressive 'Songs my mother taught me,' and 'A birthday.' In all of these she fully caught the spirit of the composer, and gave a delightful interpretation of them all. Her clear enunciation, artistic style of production, great expression, and, above all, her marvellous range and brilliancy, combined to give a performance that carried her audience away and led them to demand encores in each case. She added 'I wish I were a tiny bird,' 'Wake up,' and 'Believe me, if all those endearing young charms.' Her performance was really delightful. Miss McEnroe is a pupil of the Sisters of Mercy, St. Mary's College, Hill street.

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