

never rise: 'Life looks very different when viewed from the horizontal.' Life and its philosophy look very different when viewed from the gathering shadows of the end of life.

Don't forget Francis Bacon's well-known expression 'A little philosophy'—by which he meant natural philosophy, or as we call it, science—'inclineth man's mind, to atheism, but depth in philosophy bringeth men's minds about to religion.'

Diocesan News

ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

From our own correspondent.

May 8.

Mr. J. P. Kelly has been elected Mayor, and Mr. W. Perry a councillor of the Eastbourne borough.

Rev. Father Bartley, S.M., M.A., of the professorial staff of St. Patrick's College, left for Sydney last Thursday on a short visit.

Mr. J. E. Fitzgerald has been elected a member of the City Council. Mr. J. S. Swan was runner-up, and missed election by a narrow margin.

The committee engaged in the organising of a bazaar for the Wellington South parish are working hard, under the directorship of the Ven. Archdeacon Devoy, to make the function a great success.

The annual social in aid of the schools was held at St. Anne's Hall, last Wednesday evening, and was a most successful function. The Ven. Archdeacon Devoy and the Rev. Father Peoples were amongst those present.

On Sunday morning, after the 9 o'clock Mass at St. Joseph's Church, the members of the Boys' Choir made a presentation to the Rev. Brother Fidelis, their deservedly popular choirmaster, to mark the occasion of his feast day.

Miss Enid Hanna, of Auckland, a pupil of St. Mary's College, conducted by the Sisters of Mercy, secured the highest marks in New Zealand last year for the advanced grade, Royal Academy of Music, thereby securing the gold medal. Miss Hanna was awarded 137 marks out of a possible 150.

The Very Rev. Father Taylor, S.M., is conducting a mission at Northland. The exercises have been well attended, and Father Taylor's exertions have already had a good effect, judging by the enthusiasm with which the residents are responding to his exhortations. Rev. Father Herring, S.M., is conducting a mission at St. Bridget's Church, Wadestown.

The school committee elections were partly successful from a Catholic point of view in the number of Catholics who secured seats. For Willis street five Catholics were returned in the persons of Messrs. B. Doherty, D. R. Lawlor, J. Hyland, T. P. Halpin, and R. Cook. Mr. D. R. Lawlor was appointed chairman, and Mr. Doherty secretary. The following were also successful:—Northland, Mr. M. Walsh; Wadestown, Mr. W. M. Ellis, who was appointed secretary; Maranui, Mr. J. A. Sullivan; Kilbirnie, Mr. T. J. Bourke; Johnsonville, Mr. F. T. O'Neill; Muritai, Mr. J. P. Kelly; Taita, Mr. F. Reichel.

The mission which was commenced at Karori on Wednesday evening last was brought to a close on Sunday morning, when Mass was celebrated by the Rev. Father Herring, S.M., at 7.30 o'clock. Practically all present (a large congregation) received Holy Communion. The rev. missionary delivered an impressive sermon, and at the conclusion of the Mass gave the Papal blessing to those present. The Rev. Father Herring also thanked Mr. T. Campbell and family for allowing their residence to be used for the mission, there being no church in that district, and for many services rendered in connection therewith. The mission was in every respect a successful one.

The convent school, Boulcott street, is the first primary school to affiliate with the World Life Saving Society, and seven of the pupils—Misses Mary O'Driscoll, Peggy Wooller, Teresa Hickey, Iris Warren, Maude Allen, Agnes Walker, and Eileen Pender—were awarded proficiency certificates for life-saving, which is highly satisfactory, considering that the classes commenced only in February, and the examination was held on April 22. The officials of the World Life Saving Society (Messrs. Hill, Collier, Duffy, and Ross) paid a visit to the school, where Sister Mary Gonzaga (the principal) had the children assembled to witness the presentation of the certificates.

The annual social gathering of the Marist Brothers' Old Boys' Cricket Club was held in the Tasman Street School on the 22nd ult. The Rev. Brother Donatus presided over an attendance of about sixty members, including the Rev. Brothers Basil, Fidelis, and Augustine. During the evening the following toasts were honored: 'The Pope and the King'; 'Alma mater,' Mr. B. A. Guise and Rev. Brother Basil; 'Visitors,' Messrs. J. Hopkins and G. Leydon; 'Catholic Federation,' Messrs. B. Walshe and M. Walsh; 'The teams,' Brother Fidelis, Mr. K. Demuth, and Master W. Beveridge. Master Beveridge, in a neat little speech on behalf of the boys' team, which visited Wanganui, thanked the club for their efforts in organising and financing the trip. The other toasts were—'Our friends on active service,' Mr. P. Hopkins; 'The chairman,' Mr. M. Walsh and Brother Donatus. Musical items were rendered by Messrs. G. Leydon, J. Boyce, and the school choir. Trophies were presented to the following:—Junior team (batting), K. Demuth; junior team (bowling), J. McMahon; third class (best all round), G. Fitzgerald; junior boys (best all round), W. Beveridge. Before the close of the evening Mr. F. J. O'Driscoll (secretary), on behalf of the members of the club, presented Rev. Brother Donatus, who has occupied the office of president, with a gold-mounted fountain pen, as a memento of his three years' occupancy of the position which he filled with conspicuous ability and success. Brother Donatus briefly replied, and expressed his determination to do all he possibly could to help on the club. A very pleasant evening was brought to a close by the singing of the National Anthem and 'Auld lang syne.'

The sixteenth annual meeting of the Wellington Catholic Club was held in the clubrooms, St. Patrick's Hall, on Thursday, April 22. Mr. G. Dee presided, and there was a good attendance. The chairman, in his opening remarks, congratulated the club and its executive on the good work done during the past twelve months, and pointed out that the serious situation brought about by the declaration of war was responsible for the loss of nineteen of its active members, who had responded to the call to arms, and were now serving with the Expeditionary Forces. Although the club had suffered this depletion in its membership, it was still in a position to muster an enthusiastic gathering at its annual meeting. Prior to the business of the meeting, advantage was taken by the members to make a presentation to Mr. Thos. Tiller, on the occasion of his marriage. In making the presentation, Mr. Dee dwelt on the good work done by the recipient during his term as a member of the executive and, on behalf of the members, expressed the hope that Mr. Tiller would have every success in the future. Mr. B. Leydon supplemented the remarks of the chairman, and eulogised the many good services rendered by Mr. Tiller during his connection with the club. The annual report and balance sheet were read and adopted. The election of officers resulted as follows:—Patron, his Grace Archbishop Redwood; president, his Grace Archbishop O'Shea; vice-presidents—Very Rev. Dean Regnault, S.M., Adm., Rev. Brother Basil, Dr. Cahill, and Messrs M. O'Connor, M. Kennedy, C. P. Skerrett, E. B. L. Reade, J. L. Leydon, J. McGowan, and M. McKeown; secretary, Mr. F. J. O'Driscoll; treasurer, Mr. M. O'Kane; auditors, Messrs. J. F. O'Leary and F. McDonald; executive—Messrs. V. O'Brien, H. J. Tus-tain, P. J. Grant, F. Eller, W. C. Thomas, B. Leydon,