

Diocesan News

ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

August 18.

The ladies of the Catholic Knitting Guild who had a stall on Boulcott street corner on "Violet Day" collected £150. The flag used by them to catch stray pennies and other small donations helped considerably in realising this fine total.

St. Anne's bazaar, which is to take place in October, promises to be a great success. A feature of the bazaar will be the maypole and other dances which the children of the school are now practising assiduously. The Ven. Archdeacon Devoy is now circulating the tickets for the art union which will be drawn in connection with the bazaar.

The Marist Brothers' School, Newtown, drum and fife band paraded on last Friday afternoon and performed in various parts of the city. The band's participation helped in a great measure the efforts of those engaged in the proceedings of "Violet Day" for the Red Cross fund. The smart appearance and the excellent playing of the boys, under their instructor, Bandmaster Brown, was the subject of favorable comment.

A Requiem Mass was celebrated by the Rev. Father Smyth, S.M., Adm., in the Basilica, Hill street, on last Friday for the repose of the soul of the late Brigadier-General F. E. Johnston. There was a large congregation, among those present being Sir James Allan, K.C.B. (Minister of Defence), Sir Joseph Ward, Bart.; Colonel R. H. Rhodes, and the Hon. A. M. Myers. General Johnston, who was a son of the Hon. Chas. Johnston, Speaker of the Legislative Council, was an exemplary Catholic, and did much to provide facilities for the Catholic chaplains and their men to practice their holy faith at Gallipoli and in France. R.I.P.

The following is a list of the marks awarded to the pupils of Seatoun Preparatory College for boys, conducted by the Sisters of Mercy, who were successful in the recent theory musical examination: Intermediate Grade—C. Winn, 126. Higher Division: L. Retter, 135 (honors); F. O'Loughlin, 128. Lower Division: E. Bradley, 126. Rudiments of Music: M. Smith, 89; F. McParland, 87. Division II: N. Robertshaw, 97; E. McParland, 92; F. Hailes, 90; H. Vavasour, 90; L. Driscoll, 84; V. Mewhinney, 78; T. Hull, 77; G. Vavasour, 71. Division I: O. Broad, 96; T. Pratt, 96; J. Lauchlan, 94; T. Reid, 84; J. McKewen, 84; H. Guildford, 76; F. Sexton, 76; J. Vavasour, 73; F. Carmody, 69; B. Redwood, 69; M. Burke, 68; V. James, 67; G. Rutter, 66.

The celebration of the centenary of the founding of the religious Order of Marist Brothers, by Father Champagnet, in the year 1817, will take place here on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, September 8, 9, and 10. Thousands of Catholic men owe much to the Brothers of this great Order, which has spread to every country of the world. Hundreds of Catholic men in this Dominion can trace the success of their lives, both spiritual and temporal, to the teachings of the talented and self-sacrificing members of the Order of Marist Brothers, and many a priest and religious in this Dominion can trace the foundation of their religious life to the training and example of the Marist Brothers. In gratitude, therefore, it behoves every old boy of the Marist Brothers' School to rally round the Brothers in the celebration of the centenary of their world-famed Order. Owing to incomplete records, it is impossible to trace every boy who attended the school, but it is to be hoped that those whose names are not recorded

will hand in their names to the secretary of the centenary committee, Marist Brothers' School, Newtown, as early as possible. The celebrations will be: Requiem Mass on Saturday, September 8, in each of the parish churches and St. Gerard's Redemptorist Church; Sunday, September 9, Solemn High Mass at 9 a.m., and general Communion of old boys and present students at St. Mary of the Angels' Church. Mass will be celebrated by members of the clergy who are old boys of the school, and the music will be rendered by the school choir. At the same church in the evening the Rev. Father S. Mahony, S.M., an old boy and now parish priest of St. Mary's, will preach a panegyric on the life of the Ven. Father Champagnet. On the Monday evening a social reunion will be held at the Alexandra Hall, Abel Smith street.

CATHOLIC FIELD SERVICE FUND.

Amount previously acknowledged	£1784	18	9
Ladies of Eltham, proceeds of patriotic tea	£6	15	6
Mr. J. Murray, Woodville	1	0	0
		7	15
		6	
		£1792	14
		3	
Less expenditure, as pre- viously detailed	£1088	5	10
E. Sommerville, for relig- ious objects	2	14	0
Stationery for Trentham Camp	12	9	3
Bank charges	1	8	9
		1104	17
		10	
Balance at credit	£687	16	5

Wanganui

(From our own correspondent.)

August 17.

The Very Rev. Dean Holley, S.M., Provincial, made an official visit to Wanganui a few days ago.

Last Thursday evening the parish committee of the Catholic Federation held a most successful concert and social in the Druids' Hall, the first part of the programme consisting of solos by members of St. Mary's Choir and part songs under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Spillane, which were rendered creditably. An excellent supper was provided by the ladies of the parish, who deserve to be commended on the way they arranged all the good things that were partaken of. The subsequent social was thoroughly enjoyed by a large number of participants, and it is pleasing to note the excellent support given these gatherings by our non-Catholic friends. Messrs. J. B. O'Keefe and C. Higgs rendered very satisfactory service in connection with the social. The proceeds being in aid of a worthy object, a welcome amount was realised. The Very Rev. Father O'Connell, S.M., expressed his thanks for the patronage accorded, and to the committee for its successful efforts.

Gisborne

(From our own correspondent.)

August 4.

At the second Mass on last Sunday the Rev. Father Lane eulogised in eloquent terms the great work being done in the interests of the Church and of our holy faith by the *N.Z. Tablet*. He urged upon every family in the district to subscribe to the *Tablet*, which, under the present editorial control was placed on the top rung of Catholic journalism. The reading of the splendid articles in the *Tablet* (continued Father Lane) should make every one glory in being a Catholic.