

## Diocesan News

### ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

February 21.

Father Hurley, S.M., Adm., left yesterday for the south. He will be present at the half-yearly meeting of the Catholic Federation, to be held at Dunedin on March 5.

The new girls' school building now being erected in Buckle Street is progressing satisfactorily, and it is anticipated that it will be ready for occupation after the Easter holidays.

The annual Communion of the members of the Hibernian Society will take place at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Hill Street, followed, after Mass, by the annual Communion breakfast.

Now that the war is over efforts are to be made to again increase the ranks of the Hibernian Society, and the Wellington District Council of the society will shortly be called together to deal with matters affecting the welfare of Hibernianism.

The pupils of the Marist Brothers' School, Newtown, were successful in securing, under the conductorship of Rev. Brother Fidelis, the Begg Challenge Shield in choir competitions against all comers, held locally at the Town Hall. Master Tom George, of the Marist Brothers' School Hawkestone Street, won in the solo section; and Master John Watters secured third place in the same competition.

The St. Patrick's Day Celebration Committee met last Thursday evening at the rooms of the Catholic Federation, Fletcher's Buildings. Mr. J. P. McGowan presided, and among those present were Father Mahony, S.M., and Rev. Brother Eusebius. Apologies for absence were received from the Ven. Archdeacon Devoy and Fathers Hurley and Smyth. Good reports were received from the various sub-committees, and a successful celebration appears assured.

### Napier

(From our own correspondent.)

February 22.

Rev. Father J. Tymons has returned from a visit to Wellington. Rev. Father J. Dowling is now taking a well-earned rest at Christchurch.

The Rev. Dr. Kelly, editor of the *N.Z. Tablet*, when visiting in the North Island, spent a few days at Napier, and delivered an eloquent discourse at the evening devotions at St. Patrick's Church.

Napier has recently had a valuable asset added to its musical circles in the person of Mrs. G. P. Aldridge (nee Miss Phyllis Hanify), L.T.C.L., L.A.B., of Wellington, who has now taken up residence here. She will take part in the St. Patrick's Night concert.

Miss Adelaide Bruce, the favorite Australian contralto, who, after spending a considerable period in Hawke's Bay, is about to return to her native town, gave her farewell concert in Princess Hall last Wednesday evening, to a large and enthusiastic audience. She was supported by several well-known artists. At the devotions on a recent Sunday evening at St. Patrick's Church, Miss Bruce very charmingly rendered an aria from the "Stabat Mater."

An energetic committee has been formed in connection with the St. Patrick's Day celebrations, when it has been decided to hold a big demonstration and children's festival at Nelson Park, Napier South. A sub-committee comprised of Messrs. Morrison, Mullany, Shanaghan, and W. J. McGrath, has been deputed to draw up a sports programme. The children's pleasure is being specially catered for, and luncheon, etc., will be provided to the young folks free of charge. On St. Patrick's Night a grand national entertainment will be held at the Municipal Theatre. It is hoped to secure the services of some well-known artists from

Wellington and Auckland, who have taken part in these entertainments in former years.

The convent schools re-opened on February 4 with an excellent all-round attendance. The children were all enjoying perfect health, and after their unusually long holiday were eager to commence work again. For the first two weeks the enrolments at the Sacred Heart High School numbered about 100, which number includes many new boarders. Each day brings new boarders and day pupils, and although the schools are now full, the numbers are rapidly increasing. At St. Joseph's and St. Patrick's Schools the daily attendance is also about 100. The Marist Brothers' Schools also opened with a very good attendance. Brother Walter, who had been in charge of the school for three years, has been transferred to Wanganui, and Brother Dennis is now in charge.

### DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

(From our own correspondent.)

February 21.

The Right Rev. Mgr. Ormond, secretary to the Apostolic Delegation, who has been on a short visit to his relatives here, leaves by the Manuka to-morrow evening on his return to Sydney.

An interesting tennis match was played on Saturday afternoon last between St. Patrick's Tennis Club and John Court's, Ltd., on Mr. John Court's ground, Hamilton Road, Ponsonby, and was watched by an interested group of spectators. The match resulted in a win for John Court's, Ltd., by 76 games to 70.

At a meeting of the Auckland Hospital Board held this week, a letter was read from his Lordship the Bishop, the Right Rev. Dr. Cleary, conveying appreciation of the board's expression of thanks for what the Sisters and other voluntary workers had the privilege of doing for the epidemic sufferers in the temporary hospitals of the Sisters at Vermont Street and Grey Lynn. On behalf of the Diocesan Council, his Lordship placed on record its admiration of the skill, energy, and indefatigable zeal, and the marked success with which the chairman and the medical, nursing, and business staff of the board coped with the epidemic.

### CATHOLIC FEDERATION SCHOLARSHIPS.

The Catholic Federation scholarship scheme was successfully launched in Auckland on February 11, when an examination was held at St. Benedict's Hall for the four bursaries allotted by the Auckland Diocesan Council for competition among all Catholic boys attending Catholic schools and those attending State schools in districts where no convenient Catholic school exists, who have secured a Sixth Standard proficiency certificate. Notwithstanding the short notice given—the proposal to introduce the scholarship scheme was not adopted until January 13 of this year—twelve entries were received for the examination, eleven candidates facing the examiner. Very Rev. Dean Cahill (president of the Auckland Diocesan Council), supervised the examination, and the board of examiners were Father Bradley, Dr. Maskell, and Mr. G. Tooman. The subjects set for the examination were: dictation, geography, arithmetic, English, and Christian doctrine. Following are the results:—Guy McLeod, 553; Maurice Armstrong, 549; Alfred Bennett, 542; Frank Terry, 513; Francis Casey, 466; Maurice Gilman, 464; P. G. Barry, 438; Bert Hynes, 397; James W. Coe, 332; Russell Eric Lynch, 325; Gerald Walsh, 211. Provided all the conditions are complied with, the first four names have been awarded scholarships. The Auckland Diocesan Executive desires to gratefully acknowledge the services rendered, and the valuable support given by a number of enthusiastic gentlemen in the successful launching of the scheme, among whom may be mentioned the examiners, and Father Brennan, and Rev. Brother Benignus (Director Sacred Heart College). In an especial manner the executive deeply appreciates the kindly interest displayed in, and the enthusiastic approval of, the venture by his Lordship Bishop Cleary.

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