

Diocesan News

ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

April 11.

Bro. M. J. Sheahan, district treasurer of the Hibernian Society, was in Wellington during the week, and found time to look up some of the local officers.

The Thomas Moore Anniversary Musical Festival Committee met last evening, Mr. F. J. Oakes presiding. The secretary reported that the syllabus of the competitions had been distributed to the various schools. Three choral competitions are included—one exclusively for girls, one for Catholic primary schools, and the other open to all schools. Besides the choral numbers, there will be solos, duets, and elocutionary items for both boys and girls. For the elocutionary contest the cups kindly donated by the Somerville family, through Mrs. Ward, of Auckland, have been allotted, one each for the boys and girls. The competitions will take place on May 24, and the concert on May 28 (Moore's anniversary).

An excellent set of pictures depicting the life of our Lord and the Crucifixion were shown at St. Anne's Church, Wellington South, on last Sunday evening, and illustrated the lecture given by Father Kimbell, S.M., on the subject. Father Hurley, S.M., Adm., of St. Joseph's, very capably controlled the picture display, which, coupled with the lecture, proved most interesting and instructive to the large assemblage, the church being completely crowded.

The parishioners of Thorndon, under the able direction of Father P. J. Smyth, S.M., Adm., are making elaborate preparations for a sale of work at the Sydney Street Hall. The principal attraction will be a tug-of-war contest for which valuable prizes have been allotted.

The following Catholic schools and institutions have benefited by this year's distribution of the T. G. McCarthy Trust:—St. Joseph's Convent, Waverley (conditionally), £40; Brigidine Convent, Pahiatua (conditionally), £80; St. Anthony's Catholic School, Pahiatua, £40; Petone Convent School, £80; St. Patrick's School, Masterton, £60; St. Patrick's Parochial School, Palmerston North, £80; Convent of Mercy, Palmerston North, £80; St. Joseph's School, Ohakune, £40; Brigidine Convent, Carterton, £40; Institute Notre Dame des Missions, Lower Hutt, £80; St. Mary's Convent, Wellington, £200; St. Mary's School, Foxton, £40; Boys' Preparatory College, Seatoun, £40; Convent of the Sisters of St. Joseph (conditionally), £160; St. Joseph's Orphanage, Upper Hutt, £140; St. Joseph's Convent, Jerusalem, £40; St. Joseph's Convent, Otaki, £40; Brigidine Convent, Foxton, £40; Convent of Mercy, Marton, £40; St. Bride's Convent, Masterton, £80; Convent of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, Taihape, £40; Sacred Heart Convent, Mt. St. Joseph, Wanganui, £160; St. Anne's Parish School, Newtown, Wellington, £40; Home of Compassion, Island Bay, Wellington, £80; The Convent, Feilding, £64; St. Stephen's School, Waverley, £40; Convent of Mercy, Hill Street, Wellington, £40; Convent of Mercy, Nai Nai, £80; Catholic School, Carterton, £40; St. Matthew's Catholic School, Marton, £40; Convent of Mercy, Newtown, £40; Marist Brothers' School, Newtown, £60; St. Joseph's Convent, Ohakune, £40; St. Catherine's Convent, Kilbirnie, £40; Marist Brothers, Hawkestone Street, Wellington, £80.

His Grace Archbishop Redwood celebrated his 80th birthday on Tuesday, April 8, and was the recipient of many congratulatory messages from all over the world. His Grace entertained the local clergy to dinner, among those present being his Grace Archbishop O'Shea, the Right Rev. Mgr. McKenna, V.G., the Very Rev. Dean Holley, S.M. (Provincial), Ven. Archdeacon Devoy, S.M., the Very Rev P. Whelan,

C.S.S.R. (local Superior of the Redemptorist Fathers), and Fathers Quealy, Daly, Mahony, S.M., Hurley, S.M., Adm., Smyth, S.M., Adm., Kilbride, C.S.S.R., Kimbell, S.M., Bowden, S.M., O'Connor, S.M., Campbell, S.M., M. Devoy, S.M., and Dignan, S.M. The health of his Grace Archbishop Redwood was toasted, his Grace Archbishop O'Shea making an eulogistic speech, which was gratefully acknowledged by Archbishop Redwood.

The contract for the erection of St. Mary of the Angels' Church, Boulcott Street, has just been let. The plans provide for a building second to none in New Zealand in Gothic architecture. The contract price is £27,500.

DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

April 12.

Bro. J. M. Coffey, B.P., presided at the meeting of St. Patrick's branch of the H.A.C.B. Society, held in the Hibernian Hall on April 7. Bro. J. McCormick, P.P. (sick visitor), reported satisfactorily re the sick and distressed, and £6 10s in allowances was passed for payment. It was decided to assist the garden fete to be held at St. Mary's Presbytery grounds by furnishing and managing the side shows. Fifteen candidates were nominated for membership, and one new member elected. Bro. Lyons, who has recently returned from active service, was welcomed by the president. The chaplain (Father Long) expressed his pleasure at the success that attended the efforts of members in securing so many candidates, and drew attention to the importance of attending the processions of the Blessed Sacrament. Accounts totalling £13 16s 10d were passed for payment.

The fortnightly meeting of St. Mary's branch of the H.A.C.B. Society was held at Ozanam Lodge on Monday evening, March 31. Bro. A. F. Roche, B.P., presided, there being a full roll of officers and a good attendance of members. The branch chaplain (Father Roche) and the district deputy were in attendance. The president welcomed back, after nearly four years of active service, Bro. Wilson, who was first secretary of the branch, and whom all were delighted to see again, hale and hearty. Bro. Wilson acknowledged the kind remarks of the president, and pledged himself to renewed efforts for the welfare of the branch. To Bro. J. M. Coffey (president) and Bro. T. P. O'Rourke (vice-president of St. Patrick's branch) Bro. Roche conveyed a cordial greeting, and welcome to the meeting. In replying, Bro. Coffey congratulated St. Mary's branch on its largely increased membership. A motion of appreciation of the services rendered in the cause of Hibernianism during the recent mission by Fathers McCarthy and O'Leary (Marist Missioners), was recorded on the minutes. Sick pay (£3), and accounts (£16) were passed for payment. Four new members were initiated, and three candidates nominated. Bro. J. Ormandy, P.P., proposed that St. Mary's branch consider the advisability of forming a juvenile branch of the society. Bro. H. Johnston seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

The ordinary meeting of St. Matthew's (ladies') branch of the H.A.C.B. Society, was held in the Hibernian Hall on Monday evening, March 31, Sister E. Jacques, B.P., presiding. Fathers Cooney (Lyttelton) and Fogarty (Cathedral) were in attendance, and congratulated the branch on its large and active membership. Four candidates were nominated for membership, and accounts amounting to £16 5s 10d were passed for payment.

April 14.

A garden fete will be held in St. Mary's Presbytery grounds on Anzac Day and the Saturday following (April 25 and 26) in aid of the Papanui church building fund.

Very Rev. Dean Hyland, Rangiora, has received the sad news of the death of his father, in Ireland. Solemn Requiem Mass will be offered at Rangiora on

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