

Diocesan News

ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

May 24.

St. Patrick's College re-opens on Tuesday, after the term holidays.

During the absence of Fathers Hurley, S.M., Adm., and O'Connor, S.M., who were attending the retreat of the Marist Fathers at St. Patrick's College, Father O'Ferral, S.M., of Greenmeadows Seminary, was in charge of the St. Joseph's parish.

The combined parishes of Thorndon and St. Joseph's will hold a bazaar at the Town Hall towards the end of the year, probably in October. The preliminary arrangements are already receiving attention. The proceeds are intended to aid in liquidating the debt on the school buildings in each parish.

The annual competitions in connection with the Thomas Moore Anniversary, which are being conducted to-day, are causing much interest. No less than 78 entries were received—9 for the choir items, 34 for the solo sections, 10 for the duets, and 12 for the elocutionary contest. Mr. F. J. Oakes is acting as adjudicator for the musical items, and Mr. P. J. O'Regan in a similar capacity for the elocutionary sections.

Napier

(From our own correspondent.)

May 23.

Councillor W. J. McGrath has been appointed to represent the Borough Council on the Napier High School Board.

Father Ainsworth, Marist Missioner, passed through Napier last week en route to Gisborne, to conduct a fortnight's mission.

At the recent Napier Municipal elections, Messrs. G. P. Aldridge and W. J. McGrath were elected members of the Napier Borough Council.

Mr. G. P. Aldridge, secretary of the Napier Returned Soldiers' Association, and Mr. Brian Malone, a member of the association, are at present visiting Christchurch, attending conferences in connection with the Returned Soldiers' Association.

Widespread regret was felt at the recent death of a well-known Napier resident, Mrs. M. Lloyd, wife of Mr. George Lloyd, who passed away while on a recuperative visit to Gisborne. The deceased lady had been in ill-health for a considerable period. She leaves a grown-up family of four daughters—Mesdames Kiley (Wellington), Silverwood (Gisborne), Lawry (Napier), and Miss Lloyd (Napier).—R.I.P.

The Hastings School Committees' Association recently complained to the Education Board re the provision of examination rooms, objecting to the using of the Catholic schoolrooms for holding synchronous examinations. At the last Hawke's Bay Education Board meeting the senior inspector, reporting on this matter, pointed out the absurdity of the objection, and the board decided to support the inspector.

A Catholic social was held at the Taradale Town Hall on May 19, when there was a very large attendance, including many visitors from Napier. Mrs. O. Anderson's band, in its usual pleasing style, supplied the music. Mr. T. O'Reilly and his assistants were indefatigable in their effort to see that a pleasant time was spent by all. A first-class supper was provided by an energetic ladies' committee.

At the Easter Competitions at Napier, the following Convent pupils gained prizes:—Song, Miss Gwen-

doline Bickerstaff; piano (champion), Miss E. Sattler, (under 14), Miss M. Berry, (under 16), Miss W. McCarthy, (under 18), Miss W. McCarthy, (duet), Misses Dineen and Lette, Misses L. Takarangi and B. Renata, Misses S. Hunia and L. Takarangi; graceful dance, Miss M. B. Dallow; sailor's hornpipe, Miss M. B. Dallow; piano (under 12), Miss T. Kirk; action song, Sacred Heart High School (1) and St. Joseph's Parochial School (2); school choirs, St. Joseph's Native School Choir (1).

DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

May 26.

Father Hegarty (Westport) is at present a guest at the episcopal residence.

A euchre social is to be held on Thursday, June 5, in the Oddfellows' Hall, Woolston, the proceeds being intended to augment the new local Catholic School building fund. An attractive programme has been arranged.

The many friends of Father O'Hare will learn with regret that his health has been so impaired that his medical adviser has deemed an operation necessary. Father Fogarty (from the Cathedral) is doing duty at Kumara in the meantime.

Marist Brothers Old Boys have six representatives in the Canterbury team to play in the match against the Maori team on Saturday, these being J. C. Mullins, D. McCormick, E. Fitzgerald, J. Ellis, L. Petersen, and J. Smith. On last Saturday M.B.O.B. seniors defeated Albion by 21 points to nil; in the second grade contest Marists were defeated by Technical by 6 points to 3; third grade lost to Riccarton by 12 points to 3; fourth grade won against North Canterbury by 54 points to nil; fifth grade defeated Technical by 11 points to nil. The school senior team defeated Sydenham by 12 points to 8, and the juniors lost to Woolston by 11 points to nil.

Members of the Cathedral Choir and their friends assembled in the Catholic Club Rooms on last Thursday evening to bid farewell to their organist (Mr. H. Hiscocks) and conductor (Mr. P. F. Hiscocks), who are leaving Christchurch to resume their former positions at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Auckland. Very Rev. Dr. Kennedy, Adm., presided, the Very Rev. Dean Van Dyk and the Cathedral clergy being among those present. A musical and elocutionary programme was contributed to by the following:—Miss Rings (piano solo and song); Misses M. G. O'Connor, Dorothy Taylor, E. D. Taylor, E. Collins, E. Moloney, and Father Murphy (songs); Messrs. D. Dugay and A. P. De la Cour (humorous character sketches). At an interval the Very Rev. Dr. Kennedy spoke in appreciative terms of the good work accomplished in the choir by their departing guests. A great variety of high-class music had been introduced into the choir since the advent of Messrs. Hiscocks to this city. He could not let the opportunity pass (he said) without referring to the edification the conductor had given to all, and to the most obliging manner of the organist, who at all times, outside his official duties, had been at the service of the congregation and the children's choir. In saying farewell on behalf of the choir members particularly, he (the speaker) did so with regret, but there was a consolation attached to the parting by the fact that the talents of the Messrs. Hiscocks were to be at the service of our co-religionists in another part of the Dominion. He wished (he said) to refer to the great assistance Mrs. P. F. Hiscocks had been to the choir by her consistent attendance and willing services, and he had great pleasure in asking Mr. and Mrs. Hiscocks, sen., and the talented organist, Mr. Harry Hiscocks, to accept from the choir members tokens of esteem that would serve as links of friendship, and remind them of

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