

ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

June 7.

Father Kennedy arrived recently from Ireland to take up duties in the Wellington Archdiocese. He is a native of Tipperary, and was educated at the Carlow College.

Father Barra, S.M., chaplain with the N.Z. Expeditionary Forces, writing recently to Father Hurley, S.M., Adm., stated that he would probably leave England for New Zealand about the end of May, and arrive here in July.

Mr John Duggan, who has just been discharged from the N.Z. Expeditionary Force, after service abroad, has left on a visit to the United States for the benefit of his health, which is seriously impaired through the rigors of the campaigns which he participated in.

The first meeting of the men's branch of the Sacred Heart Society, of St. Joseph's parish, re-formed during the recent mission, took place at St. Joseph's Church, Buckle Street, on last Tuesday evening. There was an excellent attendance. The meetings will take place monthly, on the Tuesday after the first Sunday of each month.

The combined parishes' annual schools' social will take place at the Town Hall on Wednesday, June 18. The first part will be devoted to picture films, kindly lent by the N.Z. Picture Supplies, Ltd. The refreshments will be provided by a committee of ladies from each parish. Mr. W. McLaughlin's orchestra will supply the music. Last year £180 was the financial result from this function, and it is anticipated that this amount will be exceeded this year. The proceeds are intended to augment the Catholic Education Fund.

The Dominion Executive of the Catholic Federation met at the Catholic Federation rooms, on last Saturday. Mr. P. D. Hoskins, in the unavoidable absence of Mr. D. L. Poppelwell (Dominion President), presided. Christchurch was represented by Mr. F. J. Doolan, and Auckland by Mr. Dromgool. The report of the Teachers' Conference in connection with the scholarship examinations, was received and adopted. The educational platform to be formulated by the Federation was discussed, and a committee was set up to consider the matter and report to the next Dominion Executive meeting. The sale of the Taherenukai Catholic Camp Hall, erected just prior to the Armistice, was considered, and the offer of the Right Rev. Mgr. McKenna was accepted. It was decided to keep the chaplains provided with sufficient assistance from the field service fund, to enable them to dispense comforts to invalided soldiers, and amounts were voted for this purpose. Arrangements were made for making Federation Sunday, which occurs on July 6, an occasion for an effective recruiting campaign.

Napier

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June 6.

Mrs. H. Burns, of Clive, left last week for Wellington, en route to Ireland, on an extended holiday visit. She sails by the Moana, and will be accompanied by her son, Mr. Leo Burns.

It is the intention of the combined congregations of St. Patrick's and St. Mary's churches to hold a bazaar towards the end of the year, for the purpose of raising funds to erect a new parish school. The various societies will each be in charge of a stall. A concert is being held at the Convent shortly for the purpose of augmenting the funds for the Convent stall.

At the Easter Competitions at Napier the Convent pupils were very successful, and gained the prizes in nearly all the musical sections. The positions in the various grades were as follow:—Church choirs, 1st and 2nd; school choirs, 1st; action songs, 1st and 2nd;

piano (champion contest), 2nd; piano (under 18), 1st and 2nd; piano (under 16), 1st; piano (under 14), 2nd; piano (under 12), 1st and 2nd; piano duet (open), 2nd; piano duet (under 16), 1st and 2nd.

On the afternoon of May 22 an outbreak of fire occurred at the Napier Convent, but fortunately without serious results. The fire started in a clothes cupboard in the main dormitory, but the origin is a mystery, as there were no children about the wards, and matches are not used. It was at first thought the fusing of an electric wire may have been the cause, but that was not so. The fire brigade promptly responded to a call, but the Sisters, with the aid of buckets of water, had the outbreak well in hand by then. Had the fire gained a hold the consequences would have been serious, as the building is a wooden one, and the water supply available is not adequate for fire-fighting purposes.

The impressive ceremony of the reception of new members into the Sodality of Children of Mary took place at the Napier Convent Chapel on Sunday, May 25. Our Lady's Altar was beautifully decorated for the occasion. There was a large and representative gathering of the Children of Mary, and Convent boarders. Prior to the reception Father Tymons delivered an appropriate discourse on Our Blessed Lady, and impressed on his hearers the great honor it was to become a member of the sodality and a Child of Mary. Fourteen members and 20 aspirants were then received into the sodality. The "Ave Marie Stella" and other hymns, in honor of Our Lady, were beautifully rendered by the boarders and Sisters.

Mr. Denis Crowley, an old and respected resident of Clive for the last 40 years, was killed in a motor accident at Clive on Sunday last. When crossing the road, deceased was run into by a motor car driven by a young returned soldier. He was run over by the car, and sustained injuries which subsequently proved fatal. Deceased, who was a native of Co. Cork, Ireland, arrived in New Zealand 46 years ago, and for some time worked on the railway at Clive, subsequently settling at Clive, where he resided till the time of his death. A man of upright character and great warm-heartedness, he was greatly esteemed throughout the district. He was a keen follower of all outdoor sports, and his family likewise follow in his footsteps. To his four sons and six grown-up daughters deepest sympathy is extended. At the inquest on deceased a verdict was returned that the driver had done everything to avoid the accident. —R.L.P.

THE GOLDEN RULE.

Most Rev. Dr. Moeller, Archbishop of Cincinnati, Ohio, U.S.A., speaking in that city recently, said:—

In the reconstruction of the Old World now being effected at Paris, Ireland's rights must be vindicated, if the Peace Conference is not to be the veriest kind of a farce, a delusion and a snare. The "self-determination of peoples" is a happy phrase. It epitomises for nations the Golden Rule: "Do unto others as you would have others do unto you." It is eloquent in diction, and pregnant with meaning. It is music in the ears of everyone who loves his neighbor as himself. Its notes were born in the travail of the world. The fingers of suffering had pressed upon the keys of humanity, and the chord of brotherhood responded to the touch. "One touch of Nature makes the whole world kin." And our illustrious President, God bless him! heard the music, and wrote for it the immortal words, "the self-determination of peoples, small as well as large, is our aim in this war."

Let us hope that the principle of this proposition will be put into beneficent practice in the case of Ireland.

If we wish to arrive at Divine union, we must think, pray, act, suffer, renounce, and immolate ourselves as did Jesus Christ, our Heavenly Mother, and the saints.—*Mother M. of the Sacred Heart.*