

Diocesan News

ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

March 18.

The Right Rev. Mgr. Fowler, of the United States, is on a visit to Wellington, and is the guest of his Grace the Archbishop.

Mr. T. Burke (Kilbirnie) is about to pay a visit to the Old Country. He leaves Wellington on the 23rd by the Corinthic.

The General Chapter of the Marist Order takes place on next Wednesday in Wellington. There will be a large gathering of the Marist Fathers for the purpose of taking part in the proceedings.

The Petone Hibernians celebrated St. Patrick's Day by a social in the Drill Hall. The building had been decorated with bunting and foliage, and presented a bright appearance. A number of musical items were given.

The following pupils of the Sisters of Notre Dame Des Missions were successful at the Trinity College Examination held on December 3, 1910, at Petone:—Senior, Miss A. Golder; intermediate honors, Miss G. Pitt; intermediate pass, Miss Q. Cameron; junior honors, Miss O. Ryder; junior pass, Misses M. Moore, M. Bolton, and N. Golder (Lower Hutt); preparatory (distinction), Misses M. O'Connell, I. Exton, and Master F. Halley (Lower Hutt).

The members of the ladies' branch of the H.A.C.B. Society went to the Ohio Home on last Tuesday evening and entertained the old people. The following contributed items:—Misses Una Simon, Craig, MacNamara, Redmond, Reichel, and K. Robinson (branch president), and Messrs. Sullivan, Watson, C. McKenzie, Hill, and Craig. The inmates thoroughly enjoyed the entertainment. It is the intention of the ladies to visit the various homes during the winter months in the endeavour to contribute in a small degree to the entertainment of the inmates. They are to be commended for their thoughtfulness.

In cricket the Catholic Club has a lead from Karori on the first innings of 87 runs, with five wickets in hand. Karori, batting first, with three men short, made 61 (Spiers 27 not out, Coate 17). When stumps were drawn the Catholic Club had made 148, with five wickets down (Warne 80 not out, Leydon 29, J. McGrath 18 not out). Bowling for the winners, Warne took two wickets for 4 runs; Leydon one for 4; Carroll, two for 22. Atkin took four wickets for Karori. The Catholic Club made a disastrous start, three wickets being down for only 7 runs, but Leydon and Warne put on 70 for the fourth wicket, and McGrath and Warne a further 78 for the fifth wicket.

The St. Anne's Defence Cadets held a competition for the company belt, and trophies presented by Messrs. Hallenstein Bros., Mr. Gamble, and Mr. Jackson; conditions, 10 shots at 100 yards, 200 yards, and 500 yards. This was the final competition for these trophies. The following are the scores:—Sergt. L. Turner, 134; Sergt. J. Carroll, 128; Sergt. J. Heavy, 128; Private Mason, 125; Bugler Hopkins, 123; Private Carrig, 98; Private Hayan, 96; Corp. Mahoney, 92; Col.-Sergt. Gould, 85. Following are the prize-winners:—Hallenstein Bros.' trophy, Private Mason (249 points); Mr. Gamble's trophy, Sergt. L. Turner (247 points); Mr. Jackson's trophy, Sergt. J. Heavy (231 points).

Mr. J. Coyle has been appointed acting secretary to the Hospital and Charitable Aid Board, pending the appointment of a permanent successor to Mr. G. Willis, who recently resigned the position. Mr. Coyle is a prominent member of St. Anne's congregation, and when applications were invited for the position of secretary, when the Hospital and Charitable Aid Boards were combined under the Act of 1909, Mr. Coyle was the runner-up for the position out of a large number of applicants. Mr. Coyle joined the Post and Telegraph Department in 1891, and resigned from that department in 1906 to take up the position of clerk to the Pohangina County Council. He resigned that position to take up the secretaryship of the Wellington Hospital Trustees. Last year he was appointed accountant for the Hospital and Charitable Aid Board.

During a recent camp at Seatoun the lads of St. Anne's Cadets rendered valuable service at a fire which broke out there. One of the lads met with an accident during the fire, and when it came to dressing his wounds the need for a medicine chest was obvious to all present. Such a thing, however, was not part of the company's outfit, so Mrs. Millar, of Seatoun, who had witnessed the work done by the lads, undertook to raise sufficient money in the district to provide the corps with the necessary outfit. During the course of St. Patrick's Day celebrations at Newtown Park, Mrs. Millar took the opportunity of handing a well-filled medicine chest over to the corps, which was paraded in the middle of the park under Captain Martin. Captain Martin thanked Mrs. Millar and those who had assisted her, and the lads showed their appreciation of the gift by giving three hearty cheers for Mrs. Millar.

'Build up a nationality of your own, and be New Zealanders to the very fibre of your heart,' was the text of a few remarks by Monsignor Fowler in the course of his sermon at the Sacred Heart Church last Sunday evening. 'I have one fault to find with you colonials in New Zealand and Australia—or, rather, with you who are the sons of English and Irish colonists. I have heard the word "home" so much since I have been in the country in its relation to the Motherland. I would not have you disloyal and not love England and Ireland, but if you were born in New Zealand you should be New Zealanders, or if you are born Australians, you should be Australians, your home is where you were born. Build up a nationality of your own, and be New Zealanders to the very fibre of your heart; not that you should be one whit less a true and loyal subject. But this is your home. If America is great to-day it is because we have fostered and nourished that spirit of nationality; because we say we are Americans. We may be of English or Irish or French or German extraction, but we are of American birth, and therefore we are Americans, and we stand up for the Stars and Stripes.'

The St. Patrick's College swimming sports, held in Te Aro Baths yesterday, gave rise to some keen contests, of which the results are detailed below. This is the first occasion on which the college has organised a swimming sports meeting, but it is proposed to make the fixture an annual one henceforth. Results:—50 Yards Junior—First heat: L. Henry (1sec), 1; S. Henry (2sec), 2; S. Blake (4sec), 3. Also started: W. Little (13sec), Crayhead (9sec), O'Connor (9sec), Reynolds (3sec). A close finish; won by inches. Second heat: M'Mahon (13sec), 1; Redmond (1sec), 2; Cummins (5sec), 3. Also started: Martin (6sec), Dealy (5sec), Healy (3sec), Hodgins (3sec). Time, 48sec. Third heat: Garth (3sec), 1; Clarke (scr.), 2; O'Neil (4sec), 3. Also started: M'Millan (1sec), Cranby (6sec), Nugent (4sec), Coles (10sec). Final: Clarke, 1; Redmond, 2; L. Henrys, 3. Won by two yards. 75 Yards Junior.—L. Henry, 1; Clarke, 2; Redmond, 3. Won by inches. 50 Yards Senior.—McCarthy (scr.), 1; Coughlan (9sec), 2; Mutu (scr.), 3. 100 Yards Senior.—McCarthy (scr.), 1; Mutu (2sec), 2; Coughlan, who was the only other starter, retired. Dive.—Reynolds, 1; Cullen, 2; L. Henry and S. Henrys (dead heat), 3.

Hawera

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A congratulatory cable from the parishioners and the Hibernian Society was sent Bishop Clune yesterday upon his consecration.

Mr. T. Sexton, who has been indisposed for about eight months, is now in very poor health again, and unable to get about.

A very successful art union has just been conducted in the parish by Very Rev. Father Power. It will net about £200 profit.

Mr. W. E. O'Donnell has decided to take a sea trip for the benefit of his health, and leaves for England next Thursday by the Corinthic.

A tennis club has been formed in the parish, with L. O. Hooker as secretary. Very Rev. Father Power has given the members the use of a nice plot of ground, sufficient for a tennis and croquet court. This will be much appreciated during the next season.

A very successful concert was held at Okaiawa on St. Patrick's night, over 300 persons attending, and the results speak well for Mr. Brown, who carried out the duties of secretary. During the evening songs were rendered by Mrs. G. White (Okaiawa), and Messrs. Hooker and Bray (Hawera).

On Sunday last the members of the local branch of the Hibernian Society approached the Holy Table in a body, and afterwards sat down to breakfast in the school. Very Rev. Father Power attended, and during the course of some remarks made reference to the good work the society was accomplishing.

Last Friday Messrs O'Dea and Hooker motored to Moumahaki to attend the annual school concert in the district. During the evening Mr. O'Dea, who is a member of the Wanganui Education Board, distributed the prizes and made special reference to the excellent attendance of the pupils.

St. Patrick's Day was celebrated in Hawera with a very successful sports gathering, and a concert at night. Amongst the contributors at the concert were Mrs. O'Callaghan, Misses Reilly, Gallagher, Connell, Flynn, and Hearn, and Messrs. Cameron, Green, O'Connor, Patterson, and Page. Instrumental items were rendered by Mr. J. Higham's orchestra.

Mrs. H. E. Beveridge, George street, Dunedin, calls attention to her fine display of costumes in Mosgiel and Roslyn tweeds, fit and style being guaranteed. The millinery department is replete with all the latest novelties....

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