

## Diocesan News

### ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

April 15.

Messrs. Lamartino Dwan and Patrick Carmody, prominent members of the H.A.C.B. Society, have been appointed Justices of the Peace.

His Grace Archbishop Redwood attained the age of 72 last Saturday. Although his Grace has passed the three score and ten age he does not look any more than fifty.

Certificates for five years' service, under the St. John's Ambulance Association, have been awarded to the Rev. Mother Mary Joseph Aubert and several of the Sisters of the Home of Compassion.

Last Sunday evening the men's confraternity of the Sacred Heart met at St. Joseph's Church, Buckle street, there being a large attendance. The Rev. Father Taylor addressed the meeting on 'Prayer.'

The St. Patrick's College football team in the fifth grade commenced the season last Saturday, when they met and were defeated by the Wellington College team. The boys are laboring under a great disadvantage, inasmuch as there are no suitable grounds for them to practise.

There were large congregations on Good Friday at the Mass of the Presanctified at the Sacred Heart Church (Hill street), St. Joseph's (Buckle street), and St. Anne's (Wellington South). Sermons on the Passion were delivered by the Right Rev. Mgr. Fowler at the Sacred Heart Basilica, by Rev. Father James Goggan at St. Joseph's Church, and by Rev. Father Herring at St. Anne's.

The recently formed Nationalist League have selected, among others, Messrs. J. E. Fitzgerald and S. J. Moran, LL.B., two prominent members of the Catholic Club and H.A.C.B. Society, as the league's candidates for the forthcoming City Council election. Mr. Fitzgerald has also been selected by the same body as their candidate for the Wellington Harbour Board election.

Mr. Andrew Brennan, running shed foreman in the Government Railways at Parkakiriki, died at the Wellington Hospital on Saturday. Deceased, who was 39 years of age, had no relations in the Dominion. He was greatly esteemed by his fellow-workers, and the funeral was attended by several members of the Amalgamated Society of Engineers, members of the locomotive staff acting as pall bearers. The Rev. Father Ainsworth officiated at the graveside.—R.I.P.

The bazaar organised by the Thorndon parishioners, for the liquidation of the debt on St. Vincent's Church Schoolroom, Northlands, will be formally opened by the chairman of the Harbor Board (Mr. R. Fletcher) next Saturday evening in the Town Hall. The committee, with the Rev. Father Peoples, S.M., and Mr. Geo. McNamara, as secretary, have been working hard to ensure a successful function, and there is every prospect of their labors being rewarded.

The convent school and grounds, situated in Dixon street, Te Aro, have been sold to Messrs. Sharland Co. (Ltd.) for the sum of £5000. This school has been conducted by the Sisters of Mercy for the past 40 years, and many of those who were educated in the school will learn of its demolition with feeling of regret. The Very Rev. Father O'Shea, V.G., recognising that the schools must be in the residential portions of the city, acquired land in Sussex square, where a high school has been erected, the Sisters being domiciled in premises that were bought with the ground. Now that the sale of the Dixon street property has been effected, the scheme outlined for the erection of a parish school for the girls can be completed.

A meeting of the St. Mary's branch of the H.A.C.B. Society was held last Wednesday, Sister K. Robinson, B.P., presiding over a large attendance of members. Splendid reports were received in reference to the newly-formed Literary and Debating Society, which has been taken up by every member with the greatest interest. Several offers of help have been received, such as the use of a large meeting room, literature; also, several friends well known in debating circles have promised their assistance. Mr. S. Moran, one of the visitors at the meeting, also offered help, and was thanked. Several new members were proposed, and two initiated. Sister B. Craig was elected sick visitor, vice Sister M. Gosling, whose resignation was received with regret. Leave of absence was granted Sister O'Flaherty, vice-president, for one week, to enable her to visit Auckland. Sister M. Robinson, the first president of the society, was unanimously elected a life honorary member.

The *New Zealand Times'* London correspondent writes as follows:—"Brother Borgia, B.A., of the Marist Brothers' Order in Auckland, has just arrived in London via the Continent, on a visit to the Old Country. "My principal object in coming to Europe, especially to the British Isles," he said to me, "is to see as much as possible of the work in the schools, particularly in the secondary schools and training colleges. In going to Ireland I have the additional motive of satisfying the desire I have had from my earliest years of seeing the land of my forefathers."

Brother Borgia left Auckland on January 10, 1910, for Sydney, where he spent four months. Embarking on the Mooltan in May he landed at Marseilles on June 11, and visited Lyons, Modane, and Turin, proceeding thence to Grugliasco, a village about five miles from Turin. "There," said Brother Borgia, "at the Head House (or Mother House as we call it) of our Marist Brothers' Order, in company with forty brothers who had come from all quarters of the globe, I spent six months in following a course of ascetic and pedagogical studies. On February 3 I left Grugliasco, visited Milan, and passed through Switzerland, staying a night at Lucerne, and arrived at Arlon in Belgium. There I spent a few days in examining our Normal school, and after visiting Brussels, Bruges, and Antwerp I came over to London. My programme for the next two or three months includes a trip to Ireland and to Scotland, another week at London (Easter week probably), a week in Paris, and a fortnight in Rome, and I am due to catch the R.M.S. Orsova at Naples on May 30."

The St. Patrick's branch of the H.A.C.B. Society met last Monday evening. Bro. E. F. Reichel, P.P., presided, and there were present the Very Rev. Dean Regnault, S.M. (Provincial), Rev. Father Venning, and Bro. J. Casey, of Dunedin branch. The secretary (Bro. Hoskins) presented his quarterly report and balance sheet, which showed that the branch had made steady progress. The receipts of the quarter amounted to £230, whilst the expenditure totalled £186, leaving a balance of £44 for investment. The sick pay totalled £58, and a sum of £30 was paid in funeral claims, whilst £80 was disbursed for medical attendance and medicine. The takings for quarter night constituted a record, having reached the sum of £120. It was decided to give a Hibernian welcome to Bro. Donovan and Messrs. Hazleton and Redmond, the Irish envoys, and the management committee were empowered to make the necessary arrangements. Dean Regnault addressed the meeting, and complimented the branch on the progress made. He referred to the edification given by the members at their annual Communion, and the successful celebrations of St. Patrick's Day. He exhorted the members to do all in their power to give the Irish envoys a real hearty welcome. The Rev. Father Venning reported that he had visited Foxton recently, and found that there were 30 men willing to form a branch there, and were only waiting for word from the district executive. He also thought by a little effort, branches could be established at Wanganni and Levin. In both towns he found that there were very enthusiastic men connected with the Church, and all anxious to do what they could to further its interests. Accounts totalling £99 were passed for payment.

### Dannevirke

(From our own correspondent.)

The fine new convent for the Sisters of the Missions has just been completed, and it is a very imposing structure. The date of the blessing and formal opening by his Grace the Archbishop has not been yet announced.

His many friends have heard with regret that Mr. D. Higgins is at present a patient of the Dannevirke Hospital, and they hope to hear soon of his complete recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Power and their family have left for a holiday in Ireland. His many friends sincerely hope that Mr. Power will return to Dannevirke in the best of health. Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Buick have also gone on a holiday trip to the Mother Country.

On the 6th of this month a great benefactress of the Dannevirke parish passed to her reward, in the person of Mrs. Catherine O'Daly. The deceased lady, who was a native of Co. Kerry, was a woman of great faith. Six years ago she had a paralytic seizure, but she bore her infirmities with great patience and resignation to the will of God. Three years ago she presented a large statue of the Sacred Heart to the church in memory of her late husband, and last year she put a splendid addition, in brick, to the convent school (50ft x 30ft) at a cost of about £700. The new wing is called the 'O'Daly Memorial Wing,' the gift of Mrs. Catherine O'Daly. She also contributed generously to the building fund of the new convent. In her last illness she received the last rites of the Church from the hands of the Rev. Father Quealey, of Palmerston North.—R.I.P.

### DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

April 17.

The Redemptorist Missionary Fathers returned to Wellington early last week.

The Rev. Father Quinn, S.M., of St. Bede's College, assisted at Waimate on Easter Sunday, so as to allow the resident clergy to celebrate Mass in all the centres of that parochial district.

Recent visitors at St. Bede's College as guests of the Rector (Rev. Father Graham, S.M.) were the Rev. Father Gilbert, S.M., of St. Patrick's College, and Rev. Father Eccleton, S.M., who is returning to Wellington from Grey-mouth.

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