

would not be boycotting? I know perfectly well that if the land of Lancashire was to be sold to the tenants, and the untenanted land would be divided among the poor people in that neighbourhood, I say you could not carry out an agrarian revolution of that kind without a great deal of trouble and disturbance. I cannot think that the Irish people have behaved worse than other people would do in the circumstances. I think, having regard to their past history, they have behaved far better than any rational statesman would have thought possible. There have been crimes and outrages, local jealousies, local disputes, and local unhappiness with regard to the manner in which the Estates Commissioners have divided the lands between these people. As soon as the difficulty is got over—I am sorry that any financial reason should make land purchase go slower than it was previously doing—I believe that Ireland will be not only what it is at the present moment, as compared with England, a comparatively crimeless country, but when these troubles and disturbances are removed from the mind of a land-loving and excitable peasantry, you will find the state of Ireland an enormous credit to your Empire.

Diocesan News

ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

April 29.

The Very Rev. Dean Regnault, S.M. (Provincial), is resting at Te Aroha for a few days.

The general quarterly meeting of the St. Vincent de Paul Society takes place at the Guildford terrace school-room to-morrow. The ladies' branch will meet in the same place on Sunday week.

The Rev. Father Taylor left yesterday for Leeston where he assumes charge in succession to the Rev. Father Hills, who has been appointed to the Blenheim parish.

Mr. W. J. Organ, an old St. Patrick's College boy, and Mr. S. G. Ross, a Marist Brothers' 'old boy,' have been elected to seats on the Eastbourne Borough Council.

The garden party, arranged by the ladies' committee for the reception of the Irish delegates, has been postponed until May 30.

The Rev. Father Barra, of Wanganui, has been appointed assistant priest at St. Joseph's Church, Buckle street, in succession to the Rev. Father Quinn, S.M., who was transferred to St. Bede's College, Christchurch, at the beginning of the year.

Last evening Mr. E. B. L. Reade, the popular conductor of St. Anne's choir, was the recipient of a handsome dinner service from the members of the choir, in connection with his marriage to Miss Gallagher.

St. Anne's Drum and Fife Band, formed recently, promises to be a success. Mr. F. L. Dean has been appointed conductor, and is confident that the boys will be able to play in public in the course of a few months.

The Rev. Father Whelan, C.S.S.R., commenced a children's mission at St. Anne's on last Tuesday. To-morrow he will be joined by the Rev. Father Creagh, C.S.S.R., when a fortnight's mission for adults will commence. Missions will also be preached at Kilbirnie and Island Bay on the completion of the mission at St. Anne's.

To-morrow, at St. Anne's, 80 children will make their First Communion, and on Sunday week a similar number will communicate for the first time at St. Joseph's Church, Buckle street. In accordance with the recent decree of the Holy Father, batches of children will be prepared quarterly in future, instead of annually, as in the past.

Arrangements are well in hand for the reception of the Irish delegates, which takes place on Wednesday evening. A management committee consisting of Dr. Cahill, Messrs. M. Kennedy, M. O'Connor, P. J. O'Regan, J. O'Sullivan, E. Carrigan, M. Bohan, W. J. Feeney, E. J. Fitzgibbon, J. L. Burke, and D. P. Hoskins, was set up to make the final arrangements.

The annual social in aid of the schools of Te Aro takes place in the Town Hall on May 31. Arrangements have been made for a cinematograph entertainment during the evening, which should prove an attraction. The schools are sorely in need of assistance, and it is to be hoped that this social will be well patronised. The Rev. Father Venning, S.M., is in charge of arrangements, and under his capable direction a very successful function may be looked for.

Our people are now taking an interest in the public schools, and several have been selected to act on the various school committees. Mr. H. McKeown, who is a prominent member of the Catholic Club and the H.A.C.B. Society, has been appointed secretary to the Brooklyn School Committee. Messrs. M. O'Kane and H. Parsonage are on the Te Aro School Committee, and Messrs. J. Lodge and B. Nolan are on the Mount Cook School Committee.

I am pleased to record the success of Mr. J. E. Fitzgerald at the recent Municipal and Harbor Board elections,

he having been elected to both bodies. Mr. Fitzgerald is a prominent member of the Catholic Club and the H.A.C.B. Society, and was a member of the old Council. At the last general election he unsuccessfully contested the Wellington Suburbs seat. Another of our Catholic young men, in the person of Mr. S. J. Moran, LL.B., stood for a seat on the City Council, but was not successful.

The King's Festival Bazaar is still running its course in the Town Hall. The management committee have now definitely decided to extend the bazaar until next Tuesday. Business during the week has been brisk, and various attractions were introduced, including moving pictures, tugs-of-war, Marathon races, wrestling, exhibitions of drill, etc. Matinees were held on last Saturday and Wednesday afternoons, when special attractions were provided for the children. The Rev. Father Peoples as manager, Mr. George McNamara as secretary, and the lady stallholders and their assistants are to be commended for the manner in which they have worked to make the bazaar a success. As a result of their efforts it is confidently expected that the debt on St. Vincent's chapel, Northlands, for which object the bazaar was organised, will be considerably reduced.

At SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Lower Hutt, last Thursday, Mr. Oliver Abbott, youngest son of Mrs. Abbott, 'The Grange,' Pahautanui, was married to Miss Kathleen Patterson, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Patterson, of the Hutt. The church, which was filled to overflowing, was decorated by the girl friends of the bride. The ceremony was performed by the Very Rev. Father Lane, assisted by Rev. Father Peoples. The bride was given away by her father, and was attired in a handsome gown of ivory satin charmeuse. She wore a beautifully embroidered veil, fastened with a spray of orange blossoms, and carried a bouquet of roses and carnations. The bride was attended by four bridesmaids, Misses Eileen and Gertrude Patterson, Dorothy and Cecily Bradley. Mr. Roy Mulhern attended as best man, and Messrs. T. Patterson and T. O'Connell (Christchurch) as groomsmen. The chief bridesmaid, Miss Eileen Patterson, received from the bridegroom a diamond and sapphire dress ring, and to the others he gave studded turquoise brooches. A reception was afterwards held at the residence of the bride's parents, where afternoon tea was served in a large marquee on the lawn. Later in the day the newly-married couple left for the north.

Kaikoura

The Masses on Easter Sunday at the Sacred Heart and Star of the Sea Churches were attended by large congregations. Both churches were beautifully decorated. The Rev. Father Johnston was celebrant on each occasion, and preached eloquent sermons. One noteworthy incident in connection with the Mass at the Star of the Sea Church was that it was the first occasion that a choir has taken part in a service there. Miss Miles presided at the organ, and the singing throughout was capital.

At Maungamaunu, the periodical visit of the Maori missionary, Rev. Father Melu, was, on Easter Sunday, the occasion of a large and successful gathering of the Natives, who listened intently to the teaching of their pastor and friend (says the *Kaikoura Star*). The erection of a meeting house as a memorial to the late Hohepa Waruho was enthusiastically decided upon, and a strong committee of Maungamaunu and Hundalee Natives was formed, with Mr. J. Beaton as chairman. A considerable sum of money was immediately subscribed for the purpose, and it is hopefully intended to have the meeting house well in course of erection within the next two or three months.

DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

May 1.

Under the direction of Mr. W. McConnell the Marist Brothers' Old Boys' Association have a team entered in the Canterbury Miniature Rifle Association, and excellent form is being shown.

The Rev. Father Taylor, S.M., who succeeds the Rev. Father Hills, S.M., as pastor of the Leeston parochial district, arrived on last Saturday, and entered on his new duties on Sunday last.

There is to be a preliminary public meeting on Thursday evening in the hall of the Chamber of Commerce to arrange details in connection with the visit to Christchurch of the Irish Parliamentary envoys, who are to address the citizens in the Theatre Royal on May 25. Several prominent speakers and sympathisers of the Home Rule movement are expected to address next Thursday's meeting.

A farewell social gathering was tendered to the Rev. Father Hills, S.M., at Leeston on last Wednesday evening, when he was presented by Mr. O'Boyle, on behalf of the parishioners, with an illuminated address and purse of sovereigns. A musical programme was contributed to by Miss Birdie McCormick, Rev. Father Hills, and Messrs. Frank Holley, M. O'Brien, and J. O'Brien. Supper was provided by the young ladies of the parish. Father Hills left Leeston for Blenheim to-day (Monday).