

Rector of St. Bernard's Seminary, Olton, that when the Holy Father allowed the Bishop to present the name of a priest who might be appointed Coadjutor-Bishop he felt, as he stated on the occasion of the consecration, that a priest who had so completely realised the proper formation of a college and who had so efficiently presided over it was the man best suited to be his assistant in governing the diocese. Endowed with remarkable mental vigour, Dr. Ullathorne did much to build up the Church in the diocese. As was said of another prelate of the Midlands, Dr. Walsh, he reconnoitered prudently, foresaw correctly, and planned judiciously. Dr. Ilsley gave him strenuous aid, and when he succeeded him, not only strengthened the foundations he had laid, but conceived, matured, and carried through projects for religious development in many directions. Owing to his fostering care and the support he has received from his clergy and their flocks, Catholicity has prospered in the diocese, and the new arrangements made by the Holy See will undoubtedly tend to accelerate its growth.

The elevation of Liverpool to the status of a Metropolitan See has been expected for a considerable time. It is a great diocese, ruled by a Bishop peculiarly qualified to understand and satisfy the spiritual needs of the people. Dr. Whiteside was born amongst them, is thoroughly conversant with their habits and customs, is gifted with high administrative capacity, and has during his episcopate had the advantage of being in the best years of manhood, for he was only thirty-seven when appointed Bishop in 1894. The Right Rev. Dr. Bilborrow, late Bishop of Salford, whom he succeeded as President of St. Joseph's College, Upholland, said in the course of the sermon preached at his consecration: 'You will find him humble and patient, gentle but firm, accessible and impartial, honoring, rewarding, blessing true merit wherever it exists, without distinction of order or nation.' The preacher knew his character. These qualities have endeared the Bishop of Liverpool to all the members of his flock, and enabled him to achieve splendid results in working for the interests of the Church in the north. Visitors who have examined the Catholic institutions under his care have again and again expressed their admiration of the degree of perfection attained in the equipment of the diocese. Everything is complete and thorough in educational work—in the primary schools, in the Poor Law and Industrial schools, and in the colleges. With whole-hearted unanimity his people are always ready to follow the Bishop's lead, and it is not too much to say that when our schools were seriously threatened, one of the strongest factors in saving the situation was the power manifested in the immense Catholic demonstration within and around St. George's Hall, Liverpool, under the chairmanship of the Bishop. Not only by the Catholics of the diocese, but by a large number of non-Catholics in the North, the announcement of Dr. Whiteside's elevation is enthusiastically welcomed.

## Diocesan News

### ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

December 16.

Mr. P. G. McEvedy, a brother of Dr. P. F. McEvedy, of Wellington, has gained an entrance scholarship in science at Guy's Hospital, London.

There was exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Anne's Church on last Sunday. In the evening the Rev. Father Monahan, one of the recently-ordained priests, preached his first sermon.

His Lordship Bishop Carroll, of Lismore, and the Right Rev. Mgr. O'Haran, of Sydney, are at present in Wellington, the guests of the Redemptorist Fathers at Mt. St. Gerard.

Much sympathy is felt for Mr. M. J. McGahey, of Wadestown, a past president of the Sacred Heart (Thorndon) branch of the H.A.C.B. Society, on the death of his wife, which occurred on last Sunday evening.

The Marist Brothers of the South Island, Wanganui, Napier, and Wellington will commence their annual retreat at the Schoolhouse, Boulcott street, to-morrow. There will be about 32 Brothers present at the retreat, which will last for a week, and will be conducted by the Rev. Father Creagh, C.S.S.R.

The St. Patrick's College Entrance Scholarships have been won by Clifford P. Bowler, of the Convent School, Inglewood, and Basil Howard, of the Sacred Heart School, Thorndon. These scholarships are worth £20 per annum, and are tenable for four years. They are offered annually for competition by Mr. Martin Kennedy.

The Marist Brothers' School, Thorndon, although only one year in existence, and laboring under difficulties owing to the school being temporarily in a hall, and with a teaching staff of only two, has secured the two scholarships given by the Sacred Heart College, Auckland, for competition by boys attending the Marist Brothers' schools in the Dominion. The successful competitors are Master Leslie Kelly (son of Mr. Kelly, of the Railway Department) and Master James Callaghan (son of Mr. J. W. Callaghan, of the Tramways Department and District Deputy of the H.A.C.B. Society). This is a record of which Brother Virgilius and his worthy assistant (Brother Irenaeus) can feel well proud.

There passed away at her residence, Waipukurau, on Saturday, December 9, another old pioneer in the person of Mrs. E. Cassie, in her seventieth year. Mrs. Cassie, with her husband, arrived at Lyttelton forty-four years ago, and after travelling about a while, settled on land at the Washdyke, near Timaru, where they followed farming pursuits until the death of her husband, about thirty years ago, after which she moved to Wellington with her family, and had resided here and at Hawke's Bay since. Mrs. Cassie is survived by one son and two daughters—Mr. A. Cassie (of the Railway Department), Mrs. G. Shanly (Waipawa), and Miss Cassie (Waipukurau).—R.I.P.

The quarterly meeting of the St. Vincent de Paul Society (Particular Council) was held at St. Patrick's Hall on last Sunday. Mr. Martin Kennedy, K.S.G., presided, and the Very Rev. Father O'Shea, S.M., V.G., and Rev. Father Venning, S.M., were present. There was a representative attendance of the city conferences, and good reports were received from the country conferences. The society is progressing steadily, and doing a great deal of good work in the archdiocese. The quarterly meeting of the ladies' conference took place on last Wednesday, Mrs. Sullivan presiding, the Rev. Father Venning, S.M., being also present. Very interesting reports were read from the conferences of the circumscription, which disclosed very steady progress during the quarter.

Prior to the distribution of prizes at the Marist Brothers' School, Thorndon, on last Wednesday, the following excellent programme of vocal and instrumental items was presented by the pupils to a large attendance of parents and friends, among whom were the Rev. Fathers Hickson and Peoples:—Choruses by the boys, 'Welcome' and 'Erin the tear'; recitation, 'Nobody's child,' Master John Hawker; solo, 'Come back to Erin,' Master Allan Johnson (school medallist); piano solo, 'Sweet bye and bye,' Master Frank Hally; duet, 'In the dusk of the twilight,' Masters J. Thomas, G. Swan, G. Hill, A. Johnson, J. Coffey, and M. Keeney; solo, 'Ave Maria,' Master Joseph Thomas; recitation, 'When Pa begins to shave,' Master Fergus Reeves; comic song, 'Happy little Sam,' Master Vivian Ross; solo, 'The land of nod,' Master Michael Keeney; parliamentary discussion, Master J. Coffey (Government) and Master F. Chapman (Opposition); tableaux vivants, 'Tarcissus,' Masters R. Allen, C. O'Sullivan, F. Reeves, R. Ferris, and L. Kelly; choruses, 'O'Donnell Aboo' and 'God Save Ireland.' The boys did remarkably well, and their efforts were duly appreciated by the audience. Brothers Virgilius and Irenaeus are to be complimented on the successful results of their painstaking tuition. The 'parliamentary discussion' was a novel item, and evoked much amusement. Mr. E. J. Fitzgibbon, LL.B., was chairman.

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