

Macarthy's intention to make a special study of the society's work in Australia, with a view of furthering the interests of the society in New Zealand.

Mr. W. McLaughlin, conductor of St. Joseph's choir, who is well known in musical circles both here and in Dunedin, and a conductor of experience in connection with choir, orchestra, and operatic work, has been appointed musical director and accompanist to the Wellington Orphans' Club.

The Very Rev. Father O'Connell, S.M., Superior of the Marist Missionary Fathers, proceeds to Suva, Fiji, where he will conduct a mission for the Europeans of that town. From Fiji Father O'Connell will proceed to Sydney, where he will be joined by the Rev. Fathers McCarthy and Kimbell for the purpose of conducting a series of missions, which will be commenced in Sydney about May.

Interesting news has been received from Mr. L. Reichel, of Wellington, and the patentee of Reichel's automatic fire alarm. Mr. Reichel was present at the St. Vincent de Paul Conference at Bayswater, England, and was deeply impressed with the work of the society in England. Mr. Reichel is now in New York, after travelling through Germany, Austria, and England.

At the Basilica, Hill street, on Wednesday, Miss M. McGuire, of Wellington, was married to Mr. F. Mabbett, of Dannevirke. The bride was attended by Miss Elizabeth Briggs, of Wellington, and the bridegroom by Mr. A. Murphy, of Auckland. The bride was given away by her brother, Mr. J. McGuire, of Te Nui, Masterton. Rev. Father Hickson, Adm., performed the ceremony. A large number of guests attended the reception at the Burlington Cafe.

On Easter Sunday special services were held at St. Joseph's, Te Aro, where his Grace the Archbishop pontificated at the 10.30 o'clock Mass, Very Rev. Father O'Shea, S.M., V.G., being assistant priest, Rev. Father S. Mahoney, S.M., deacon, Rev. Father Barra, S.M., subdeacon, and Rev. Father Hurley, S.M., master of ceremonies. His Grace preached an eloquent sermon on the 'Resurrection.' The altar was beautifully decorated by the ladies of the Altar Society, and the choir, under Mr. W. McLaughlin, rendered appropriate music. In the evening the Rev. Father Barra, S.M., preached on the 'Resurrection of the dead.' At the Basilica of the Sacred Heart Solemn High Mass was celebrated by the Rev. Father T. McCarthy, S.M., Rev. Father Cullen, S.M., being deacon and Rev. Father Hickson, S.M., Adm., subdeacon. In the evening a special sermon was preached by the Rev. Father Eccleton, S.M., of St. Patrick's College. At St. Anne's Solemn High Mass was celebrated by the Rev. Father Peoples, S.M., Rev. Father A. Herring, S.M., being deacon and Ven. Archdeacon Devoy, S.M., subdeacon. At all the churches there was a great number of communicants at the early Masses.

Mr. Martin Kennedy, who has been elected chairman of the Bank of New Zealand, came out to Victoria from Ireland in 1860, being attracted by the gold rush. For twelve months he was on the diggings. Then news reached Victoria of rich discoveries in Otago. In company with many others he crossed over to New Zealand. For some years he, with his brother, carried on a merchant's business at Queenstown. When the rush to the West Coast started Mr. Kennedy removed to Greymouth, where he was a leading merchant for over twenty years. He was largely interested in gold mining in all parts of the West Coast, giving his time and experience in furthering the interests of the ventures with which he was connected. In 1874 he acquired a considerable share in the coal mines at Brunner, and his duties in connection with the mine became so onerous that in 1880 he discontinued the mercantile business and devoted himself entirely to them. Subsequently Mr. Kennedy became sole proprietor of the Brunner colliery and the steam colliers employed in the trade. In 1888 he amalgamated his colliery with the Westport Company's interest at Brunner, and the company became known as the Grey Valley Coal Company, of which Mr. Kennedy took up the

position of managing director. Keenly interested at that time in local and general politics, Mr. Kennedy stood for Parliament, and was returned as member for Grey, for which constituency he sat in 1876-78. Mr. Kennedy took up his residence in Wellington in 1889, soon after being appointed managing director of the company which purchased Messrs. Staples and Co.'s brewery. He also became interested in other local undertakings, and joined the directorate of several companies, including that of the Bank of New Zealand. Mr. Kennedy, who has always been to the front in Catholic matters and in the Home Rule movement, was a few years ago created by the Pope a Knight of St. Gregory. He is president of the Particular Council of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, and a prominent member of the H.A.C.B. Society and Catholic Club.

ST. ANNE'S FANCY FAIR, WELLINGTON SOUTH.

(From our own correspondent.)

St. Anne's Parish Hall was crowded on Saturday night, when Sir Joseph Ward formally opened the bazaar which has been arranged for the purpose of extinguishing the debt on the building. The Ven. Archdeacon Devoy, in introducing Sir Joseph Ward, laid stress on the necessity of a hall of that description for the purposes of a large and growing parish, and, judging from the large attendance, forecasted the payment of the debt at an early date. Sir Joseph Ward then formally declared the bazaar open, and Lady Ward was presented by one of the children with a beautiful bouquet. Good business was done at all the stalls and side-shows, and great interest was taken in the electric-cooking display. Great taste was shown by the ladies in preparing the stalls, which were very attractive. Each evening an excellent programme was gone through. The dancing of the children showed careful tuition, and was much admired. On Tuesday night there was an entertainment by gramophone (kindly lent by the Dresden Piano Company), when records of such great artists as Caruso, Melba, McCormack, and Tetrazzini were put through, to the delight of those assembled. On Wednesday there was a gymnastic display by Mr. Garnet Sims and his pupils, and a quartet by the Messrs. Foote. On Thursday a clever legerdemain entertainment was given by Mr. Liardet. The dancing also was of a high standard. Miss Doris Smith, in her Spanish castanet, scored a great success, her dancing alone being worth a visit to the fair. Another charming dance was a sailor's hornpipe by a bevy of sixteen young ladies, led by Miss C. Marshall. Friday night was devoted to club-swinging under the direction of Miss Gasquoine and dancing. Most successful matinees for the children were held on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons, at which the children's dances were repeated and much enjoyed by the juvenile audience. The ladies and their assistants have had a most strenuous week, which has been rewarded by most successful results.

During the week his Grace the Archbishop, Very Rev. Father O'Shea, S.M., V.G., Very Rev. Deans Regnault (Provincial) and McKenna (Masterton), and the Very Rev. Father Lane, of the Hutt, and practically all the clergy, paid a visit to the bazaar.

The following is a list of stalls and stall-holders:

Rose Stall—Mesdames Fitzgibbons and Collins; assistants—Misses Fitzgibbon (2), Gallagher, Lutz, Curran, O'Connor, V. Little.

Thistle Stall—Mesdames Wylie, Riddler, and Simon; assistants—Mrs. Giles, Misses Guerin, A. Cooper, Cudby, Riddler, S. O'Leary, M. Wylie, Corrigan, Richardson.

Shamrock Stall—Mesdames Segrief and Gamble; assistants—Misses Meyer (2), Devlin (2), Burke, O'Farrell, Segrief, Healy, Sullivan (2).

Forget-me-not Stall—Mesdames Dalton and Simon; assistants—Misses K. Robinson, M. Marshall, K. Marshall, A. Simion, W. Simion, W. Webb, H. Bradley, A. Flanagan, M. Flux, P. Branigan, M. Hanrahan, S. Scanlon, M. Delaney, F. Delaney, L. Delaney, M. Galvin, A. McCarthy, V. Dobb, J. Lenihan, A. Campbell, M. Little, M. Grant, C. Nash, L. Tyler, E. Kerr, N. Conrick, N. Scalmer.