

Institute, Chicago—no mean authority—has to say regarding these Graded Lessons. We give his deliverance as quoted by Mr. Murray, from a letter in his possession, in a recent number of the *Presbyterian Outlook*. Under the title 'Graded Lessons and Degraded Truth,' Dr. Gray writes: 'We must not allow ourselves to be misunderstood or misquoted on this important question. No person of sense objects to the best religious education in our Sunday Schools or to the Graded Lesson in itself, but only to the way the enemy would use these things to come in upon us like a flood. It is the treatment of these lessons put out by the syndicate of publishers so known to which we are opposed, and this on four grounds: (1) It is unscientific in method; (2) Impracticable in application for a large constituency of Sunday schools; (3) Unscriptural in character; (4) And exceedingly harmful in its spiritual results. To speak of the last-named, the particular treatment referred to stands for the radical criticism and a purely human and faulty authorship of the Sacred Books. It reduces the Word of God to the level of ordinary literature. It substitutes Nature lessons for Holy Scripture. It breaks the unity of effort which has been one of the strongest features of the Sunday school work for 40 years, and it slurs over the great essentials of the Christian faith. By these essentials I mean the nature and guilt of sin, the divine justice in dealing with sin, the atonement of Jesus Christ as the only hope of the sinner, the need of regeneration by the Holy Spirit, justification by faith, and the eternal retribution of those who die in their sins. . . . The Religious Education Association, which has been a primary agent in the introduction of these Graded Lessons, has already obtained too great an influence over the Christian thinking of this country. This is saying nothing against the men personally who are at the head of it. We admit their human scholarship, high resolve, and earnest purpose. But permit this association to continue its influence in similar proportion for the next ten years, and our churches will be so weakened evangelically that there will be no strength for a protest.' If all this is true—and there is not the slightest reason to doubt it—verily, the salt has already lost its savor.

Diocesan News

ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

September 27.

The Very Rev. Dean Regnault, S.M. (Provincial), has been appointed chaplain of St. Patrick's branch of the Hibernian Society in succession to the Rev. Father Joseph Herring, S.M., who has been transferred to St. Anne's, and the Rev. Father W. J. Peoples, S.M., succeeds the Rev. Father A. T. Herring, S.M., who has joined the Marist missionary staff, as chaplain of the St. Aloysius' branch.

The St. Patrick's branch of the H.A.C.B. Society held its quarterly meeting last Monday evening under the presidency of Bro. J. A. Sullivan, B.P. There was a large attendance including the Very Rev. Dean Regnault, S.M. Nominations were received for a committee for next St. Patrick's Day, St. Mary's Education Committee, and the Boxing Day Committee. Bro. F. Whitaker was elected to the office of warden. The question of nominating members for the office of district-deputy was held over. The receipts totalled £120.

A grand Celtic carnival will be held in the Town Hall, Upper Hutt, from 27th October to 1st November in aid of St. Joseph's parish and Orphanage, Upper Hutt. An art union, for which there are many valuable prizes, will be drawn, in conjunction with it on October 31. To encourage the sale of tickets for the art union rather a novel idea has been adopted—viz., the seller of the most tickets will be presented with a tourist railway ticket through either of the islands. A strong

committee, with the Rev. Father Daly at its head, is working hard to ensure the success of the carnival.

His Grace Archbishop Redwood visited the Star of the Sea Boys' Preparatory College, Seatoun, on Thursday, and administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to nineteen of the pupils. A number also received their First Communion. In the afternoon there was Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, and in the evening the Rev. Dr. Kennedy, Rector of St. Patrick's College, entertained the pupils by an instructive lecture on insect life, illustrated by limelight views. At the request of the Archbishop the boys were given a picnic on Friday.

It is with regret that I record the death of one of our popular young men in the person of Mr. Richard J. Davis, which occurred at his parents' residence, Ellice street, this morning. He was a member of St. Patrick's branch of the Hibernian Society and of the Catholic Club, and these bodies will be represented at his funeral which takes place on Monday morning. To his sorrowing parents and relatives in their bereavement is extended the sympathy of a large circle of friends.—R.I.P.

At St. Anne's Church, Wellington South, which is the chapel of the archconfraternity of the Holy Rosary, there will be special ceremonies on Rosary Sunday. A number of children will make their First Communion. In the evening a special sermon will be preached by one of the Fathers from St. Patrick's College, and there will be a procession in honor of our Blessed Lady in which a full muster of the Children of Mary will participate. Catholics of Wellington are reminded of the great indulgences that can be gained by visiting St. Anne's next Sunday.

At St. Mary of the Angels' Church on Wednesday, a wedding of interest took place. The church, which was decorated by the girl friends of the bride, was crowded. The bride was Miss Margaret Lawlor, daughter of Mr. D. R. Lawlor, of this city, and the bridegroom Mr. Edward J. Healy, son of Mr. W. F. Healy, of Brooklyn. The Nuptial Mass was celebrated by Very Rev. Dean Regnault, assisted by Rev. Father Hurley. The choir, of which the bridegroom is conductor, rendered one of Weigand's Choral Masses for the occasion, and at the conclusion of the ceremony the Wedding March was played by the organist (Mr. Isidore Mount). The bride was given away by her father. The bridesmaids were Miss Mary Lawlor, sister of the bride, and Miss Leila Healy, sister of the bridegroom. Mr. J. Creed acted as best man, and Mr. Davitt Healy as groomsman. The reception and breakfast was held at Godber's rooms, Courtenay place, and was presided over by Very Rev. Dean Regnault, over 80 guests being present. The Rev. Fathers Barra and Tymons were also present. The several toasts were: 'Bride and Bridegroom,' proposed by the Very Rev. Dean Regnault; 'The Clergy,' proposed by Mr. D. R. Lawlor; 'The Parents,' by Mr. F. McDonald; and 'The Bridesmaids and the Ladies,' by Mr. P. A. Lawlor.

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(From our own correspondent.)

September 23.

The quarterly meeting of the Hibernian Society was held last Tuesday evening, when a large number of members was present. The following were elected a committee to make arrangements for the Irish concert on St. Patrick's Day:—Bros. J. W. E. Miles, W. McTubbs, E. J. McLachlan, A. J. Fitzgerald (president), W. R. Setter (secretary), Very Rev. Dean Holley, and Rev. Father Moloney.

The fortnightly meeting of the St. Vincent de Paul Society was held on Tuesday evening, September 16, in St. Joseph's Hall. Mrs. Lacey (vice-president) occupied the chair, and there were present Rev. Father Mahoney and 25 members. Mr. Morgan, of St. Mary's Conference attended, and reported on cases requiring attention. A number of patients had been visited

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