

equipment for passenger steamers. The deceased is further credited with having first thought out the present method of conveying rainwater from the roofs of railway carriages by way of the hollow stanchions on the car platforms. He also invented a method of attaching the pneumatic cushion near the axle instead of outside the rim of motor vehicle wheels. The late Mr. Connolley, who is survived by one son, Mr. James Connolley, will be greatly missed by the people of Port Chalmers.—R.I.P.

## Diocesan News

### Archdiocese of Wellington

(From our own Correspondent.)

January 30.

The Marist clergy come out of Retreat this morning. There are the usual brief reunions of busy priests who seldom meet otherwise.

The Hibernian Society here will welcome recruits. Speaking on the subject on Sunday Rev. Father Smythe advised all young men to ensure against loss by accident or sickness by joining this well-known Catholic Benefit Society.

A pretty and popular wedding was that of Miss Elsie Kelleher to Mr. E. Sullivan, of Addington, Christchurch. The bride is a well-known member of St. Anne's congregation, where her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Kelleher, are old residents. She is a niece of Mr. P. D. Hoskins, of this city. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Father Sweeney, of Westport, assisted by Rev. Father Fallon, of St. Anne's. The bridesmaids were Miss Doris Hoskins and Miss Eileen Kelleher. Mr. Aeneas Curran was best man, and Mr. Frank Kelleher, groomsmen. A social evening was given by the bride's parents in honor of the event.

The art union promoted by the Catholic Education Board was drawn on Wednesday last. The education fund benefits to the extent of £120 as a result.

St. Patrick's Day this year will be celebrated by a national concert at the Town Hall. The usual sports will not be held this year.

The quarterly meeting of the Catholic Education Board was held last Wednesday, at St. Joseph's Hall, his Grace Archbishop O'Shea presiding. Accounts totalling £400 were passed for payment. Encouraging reports were received in regard to the various activities of the board. The date of the annual schools' social and picture entertainment was fixed for Wednesday, May 13.

Island Bay has a St. Anthony's Bread Box installed, and the Ven. Archdeacon Devoy, S.M., has been able by this means to send to the Home of Compassion the respectable sum of £26 for the year just closed.

### Retreat for Laymen at Wellington

(By P.D.H.)

The Week-end Retreat for laymen, conducted by Rev. K. McGrath, Marist Missioner, commenced at St. Patrick's College on Friday and concluded on Monday morning. The Retreat proved most successful. The full accommodation at the college was availed of, and 50 men of all stations of life assembled to partake of the quiet and regular life afforded by their temporary with-

drawal from the world. The rev. preacher gave a series of fine lectures full of that solid advice so necessary to men nowadays to combat the evils which surround them. A feature of the Retreat was the congregational singing of the men who claimed as one of their number an organist, so that the exercises of the Retreat were enhanced and made more devotional. The feeling experienced by all of the Retreatants was regret at the shortness of the period of the happy spiritual life which they enjoyed, and each man went away with the resolution of attending future Retreats and also acting as an advocate for the cause amongst his friends. The material comforts of the men were not overlooked, and the college staff, under the direction of the matron (Mrs. Channess), did everything possible to make their short sojourn at the college a most happy one. An acknowledgment of how successful this part of the Retreat was carried out was voiced at its close by Mr. P. J. O'Regan, who, in referring to this matter, said that the attention and cuisine excelled that of a first-class hotel. The same speaker, on behalf of the Retreatants, expressed their gratitude to Father McGrath, the Rector of the college (Very Rev. Father Gilbert, S.M.), the college Fathers and staff for what was done for them both spiritually and materially.

### Palmerston North

(From our own Correspondent.)

January 30.

After several days of anxious waiting during which we debated the possibility of their transfer from the parish, our priests came back from their Retreat with the good news that they were "safe"—for a little while anyway.

Last week Miss Alice Hodgins was married to Mr. David Perry, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Perry, of Eastbourne, Wellington; and Miss Frances (Fanny) Metcalfe, of Bainesse, became Mrs. Nash; for her marriage to Dr. Horace W. Nash, second son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Nash, was solemnised at Bainesse on the 19th. Both brides are well-known in the parish.

It will be many moons before the recent Retreat fades from the minds of those Children of Mary who were privileged to take part in it; and judging by the fervor of many of the retreatants it will have a life-long effect upon them. Rev. Father McCarthy, S.M., conducted the Retreat, and although it was very short it gave the participants an opportunity of hearing a priest who is invariably described as an eloquent preacher.

There's nothing very interesting to talk about at present except that we had a circus. A circus! there's magic in the word! we are never too "grown-up" to enjoy a circus although some of us will not admit it. "Just went to take the youngsters" is a good old excuse. This time they were debarred on account of the epidemic but we attended all the same, how's that? "To be able to tell the 'kids' (poor things) about it, of course." Kind of us wasn't it? anyway kindness is never wasted. Although charity begins at home it doesn't end there; and sometimes, perforce, it lands us at a circus.

On Friday last the thermometer registered 80 degrees in the shade, on Saturday it went up one, and Sunday found us "gasping" with the heat at 84 degrees—about 284 in the sun—and all were asking the yet unanswered question: Who invented work? and when "it" (gender unknown) made this awful discovery why wasn't it patented and copyrighted and declared "black" for all time? Well, it was 84 in the shade which meant that it was "hot"; we "cut" the milk and "poured" the butter and sighed for a cool breeze from the south. The breeze of our sighing arrived on Monday accompanied by much welcome rain. Things have been very brisk and healthy since then; and work is really good for us—keeps us warm these chilly days.

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### Masterton

(From our own Correspondent.)

January 29.

At the half-yearly meeting of the Hibernian Society held recently, the following office-bearers were installed for the ensuing term:—President, Bro. H. J. O'Leary; vice-president, Bro. B. Curry; secretary, Bro. A. L. Curry; treasurer, Bro. W. McAuley; warden, Bro. P. Ryan; guardian, Bro. G. Costello; sick visitors, Bros. D. O'Loughlin and Jas. Connors. The incoming office-bearers were congratulated on their election. Bro. H. J. O'Leary, who has occupied the chair during three former terms, was heartily welcomed to office again this year; and it was remarked, as a matter of general interest, that he had been a member of the society for fifty years. Mr. G. Horne was initiated as a full benefit member, and two candidates were proposed for membership. At the conclusion of the business a very pleasant social was held, when the retiring president (Bro. M. G. McAuley) received an illuminated certificate in recognition of his services to the branch, and was complimented on the interest and zeal with which he had performed the duties of his office.

Advice has been received from Pitman's examination department, Melbourne, that Miss Margaret Moran, a pupil of St. Bride's Convent, has been successful in a speed examination in shorthand, entitling her to hold a certificate for 150 words a minute.

Infantile paralysis is rather prevalent in Masterton, and has recently claimed a little lad of St. Patrick's School, Master Tommie Potter, who passed away quite suddenly.—R.I.P.

### Diocese of Auckland

(From our own Correspondent.)

January 29.

Owing to the unfortunate outbreak of infantile paralysis throughout the district all Catholic schools must remain closed indefinitely. This will be a very serious setback for the coming year, and it is unlikely that work will be resumed before the end of February.

Several changes have been made in the staff of the Sacred Heart College. Brother Hippolyte, who has been with us for so long and is very well-known throughout Auckland has been transferred to Christchurch. His loss is greatly regretted. Bro-

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