

deck-billiards, deck-quoits, and goodness only knows what else. I tried to get his photo but "the Kelly gang" pushed him out of the picture, so that there are only



"WE TWO."

to salute you from the page of the *Tablet*.

Now the days are hot and the nights long, with every prospect that things will be much worse before they are better. But day follows day quickly and weeks drop behind one like the leagues of the rolling ocean. One day soon we shall cross the line and a little later reach Teneriffe. Good-bye all.

## Diocesan News

### Archdiocese of Wellington

(From our own Correspondent.)

February 13.

The wedding was solemnised recently of Miss Teresa McEnroe, youngest daughter of Mrs. McEnroe, of Kensington Street, Wellington, and Mr. Thomas Casserly, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Casserly, Canterbury. The bride is the best known singer in the Dominion, so it is needless to add that the good wishes for the happiness of the newly-married pair will be many and heartfelt.

St. Joseph's Tennis Club is having an all-conquering career. It has defeated the Hutt and Island Bay. Some very promising players are included in its ranks.

Rev. Father Duffy, of Taumaranui, passed through this city, leaving by a Home liner on Saturday for Europe. May he have a pleasant holiday!

The schools here remain shut. The notifications of the prevailing disease have increased this week, but the Health Department allays anxiety by explaining that the list is increased by the notification of suspects.

His Grace Archbishop Redwood has been visiting Nelson.

A branch of the St. Vincent de Paul Society has been started at Eastbourne, and there is every prospect of good work being done in the future.

Rev. Father Lenihan has taken up his duties in the parish of St. Anne's.

Both given the knock-out by "NO-RUB-BING" Laundry Help—hard work and disease bacteria concealed in soiled clothing.

## Wanganui

(From our own correspondent.)

We started the year with Retreats, the men's being held from the 16th January to the 19th. Rev. Father Vincent, Marist Missioner, being Father in charge. The Retreat was successful in every way, as the men entered most earnestly into the various exercises and were all sorry when the short season came to an end. There really is not overmuch time, in this workaday world, to seek the peace and solitude so essential, and here it is that a Retreat comes to the assistance of the tired individual. All preliminary arrangements were attended to by the members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, with the Rev. Father Mahony as chairman, and they were helped also by members of the Hibernian Society. Provision was made for the living-in of the Retreatants at St. Joseph's School and the Villa Maria. Cubicles and stretchers were set up, the larder and its requirements were seen to, because, alas! no "Manna" falls in Wanganui, at least we're not rated for it yet. Father Mahony helped and furthered the Retreat in every way and Father Vincent was tireless in his endeavors to give the men all the instruction and personal help during the days which sped along so fast. The Retreatants desire to thank Rev. Father Mahony, Rector, for his deep interest in the work. Also Mesdames Richardson and Coxon, who attended to the refectory and enhanced their already wonderful reputation for "mothering." Also the Misses Rita Marshall and Maisie Burr for playing the organ during the evening exercises.

St. Mary's Children of Mary went into Retreat next, for three days, and were followed by the Aramoho girls, who finished the week. The members of both sodalities made a very big effort to attend all the exercises, but with them, as with Martha of old, it was business as usual through the working day. The Aramoho sodality had Sunday in their days, so it was made Our Lady's special, and at night a very beautiful procession was one of the features. The statue was carried round the church, being preceded by six little girls each holding a sheaf of white blooms tied with pale blue streamers. Both Retreats were brought to an end with a general communion and the Papal Blessing imparted by Father Vincent.

The senior boys were to have gone into Retreat, on the same lines as the men, but when the infantile paralysis made its appearance here, it was thought wiser not to risk the boys congregating for even a few days. So, the Retreat had to be ruled out this time. The epidemic is causing great anxiety, we here in Wanganui being rather badly afflicted. Fortunately it is not travelling so fast as the influenza did, and all precautionary measures are being taken. It is quite a change to hear the children playing games in their own gardens and back-yards, almost a lost art. It's a good thing, too, that we didn't buy all those expensive parks a few months ago (did you know that we turned down a whole basketful of loans?) They (the parks) wouldn't have been taken out of their parcels even this summer, if we had them.

Congratulations to Pat Matthews, but yesterday a Marist schoolboy. The big swim of the season, the "Bridge to Bridge" race was got through on Saturday afternoon, a big crowd watching. Sixteen competitors started and ten finished, including the only lady starter. Fifty yards before the finish it was most exciting. Matthews and Boulton, with only five yards between them, had it to themselves. Rylands was third, Quirk and Crotty fourth and fifth. Thirty yards from the judges Matthews struck out in splendid style, winning by eight yards, and having done the long course of all but three and a half miles, in 42min 59sec. Matthews, who is about seventeen, is a fine swimmer who trained well. He is a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Dowdall, of St. Mary's parish. His name goes on the "Sunlight Cup" as holder for 1925. Quirk and Crotty are our boys also.

We were very pleased to get our own three Fathers returned safely to us after their Retreat. Rev. Father Hickson has gone for a month's holiday to Queensland. Rev. Dr. Casey, who watched over us while the others were away, has gone again. Rev. Father Segrief is relieving here just now.

A visitor during this holiday time was Brother Edmund, who was stationed in Wanganui some 29 years ago when the Marist Brothers first came here. Brother Edmund spent Christmas and New Year with Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Burton, Guyton Street, and while here renewed the acquaintance of many old friends. Mrs. Craig, of Gonville, gave a musical evening, to enable a great many of Brother Edmund's old friends and pupils to meet him, and it was a most enjoyable gathering. Brother Edmund has his headquarters at the Marist College, Randwick, Australia, and is really canvassing for funds to build a new novitiate over there, but his visit to New Zealand is almost a holiday one, and he has been round the members of his family, Mrs. Burton here being a sister. While in Auckland he had the pleasure of meeting his aunt, Mother Veronica of the Sisters of the Missions.



## Palmerston North

(From our own Correspondent.)

February 13.

Monday last brought death again to the Yardley family; and Miss Mona Yardley is now numbered amongst the departed. She was on the road to recovery after an operation, and had turned the corner safely, as everybody thought; but God's plans for her were otherwise. Miss Yardley was the sister of the late Mrs. Ned Sheehy who died at Matamata a few years ago. Sincere sympathy is offered to Mr. and Mrs. Yardley and family.—R.I.P.

The new Council Chambers were opened on Wednesday afternoon, and occasion was taken to present the mayor with the mayoral chain, which was the outcome of a happy thought on the part of a past mayor of Palmerston North. Each ex-mayor (if deceased, his relatives) has presented one link to the chain, which consists of fifteen gold pieces bearing the names of the various

McLauchlan Bros.



CYCLES, MOTOR CYCLES, PRAMETTES.  
TRY US FOR A SQUARE DEAL.



Waimate