

Father Cahill added that the contract price for the building was £7250, to which had to be added £400 architects' fees, and then there would be the furnishing.

Afternoon tea was served all the visitors to the ceremony.

Following the ceremony, a number of cheques and other donations were handed up to Father Cahill, the total amount received being £435.

Diocesan News

Archdiocese of Wellington

(From our own Correspondent.)

March 6.

The Marist Brothers were entertained last night by the old boys of their schools at the annual reunion. The toast of "Catholic Education" was proposed by Mr. J. A. Scott, who set forth strongly the case for the Catholic schools, commenting on the excellence of their record in learning and sport, with special reference to the examination results which were not only equal to, but in some cases incomparably better than those attained by schools with all the advantages that the money of the country could give them. He emphasised the fact that no Catholic school, nor the Church itself was complaining of a "drift" as some other communities were doing. Mr. P. D. Hoskins proposed the toast of "*Alma Mater*." In a characteristic speech he showed what an advantage it was to any country to have an educational system like the system of Catholic education that brought such a great moral benefit to the country. Legislators, having the real welfare of the country at heart should recognise this at a glance. Instead of this, however, they found all sorts of obstacles placed in the way and millions of money spent in carrying on what was called free, secular, and compulsory education. Yet in spite of all Catholic education prospered more and more, and each year dawning brought a brighter view. Mr. M. Walsh proposed the toast of "The Hierarchy and Clergy." It was responded to by Rev. Father Murphy, who in turn proposed the toast of "The Marist Brothers' Old Boys' Sports Bodies." This was responded to by members of the Rugby, Soccer, and Cricket teams.

Much sympathy is felt for the relatives of Mr. James Beveridge, of Island Bay, who died this week. Requiem Mass was said at St. Francis's Church by Rev. Father Mark Devoy, who officiated also at the graveside.—R.I.P.

The Basilica choir is reinforced periodically now by the Wadestown and Northlands choirs, and when the epidemic regulations permit, the juvenile element, so well trained by the Brothers and the well-known Guilford Terrace singers will be added also on occasions. A fine volume should result.

Friends of Mr. Paul Cullen, formerly organist at the Basilica, will be interested to hear that he has entered Mosgiel Seminary.

Deep regret was felt generally at the sad deaths of the young sons of Mrs. Woods, of Christchurch. Mrs. Woods is well-known here, but the sympathy was not confined to her friends or those of Sir Joseph and Lady Ward. A tragic occurrence like that calls forth universal sympathy. The light of heaven to their souls!

An anniversary requiem will be held for Dean Lane at SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Lower Hutt, on Thursday, March 19. It is just a year since God called that dear old soggarth home, and his congregation and his friends will be glad to be able to pay this tribute to his memory.

The new presbytery at Johnsonville is to be blessed and opened this Sunday.

Rev. Father Butler, formerly curate at Kilbirnie, is appointed to succeed Father O'Donnell at Buckle Street.

Condolences to Mr. P. O'Neill, of Northlands, who has just lost his father in Marlborough.—R.I.P.

Rev. Father Dillon, of Marton, is appointed curate at St. Anne's, Newtown.

Rev. Father Klimeck, of Upper Hutt, is appointed to Marton. He has endeared himself to the Upper Hutt people and will be much missed. His place at Upper Hutt will be taken by Father Vincent Kelly, in fact he is already in residence. Kilbirnie is sorry to lose him. His place is taken at Kilbirnie by Rev. Father Linehan.

Diocese of Christchurch

(From our own correspondent.)

March 7.

The date of the garden fete, which is to be held in aid of Nazareth House, cannot be fixed definitely owing to the epidemic restrictions. The stallholders and their friends are busy holding functions to raise funds. The Sunday night concert, organised by Mr. F. McDonald, was very well patronised, as was also Miss Hayward's on Monday evening.

The Cathedral school committee are erecting recreation shelters in the grounds of the girls' school.

The Sisters of St. Joseph's Home, Middleton, have let a contract for the erection of a new chapel, and the work will be commenced immediately.

Good progress is being made with the new convent building at Mount Magdala.

Rev. Father Ainsworth, S.M., preached to a crowded congregation at St. Mary's, Manchester Street, on Sunday evening last.

Rev. Father Healy is away for a short holiday to recruit in health.

Rev. Father Houlihan, lately arrived from Ireland, has just received the sad news of the death of his mother.—R.I.P.

Much sympathy is felt for Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Wood in the loss they have sustained during the week by the sudden deaths of their two sons, aged nine and seven respectively. Mrs. Wood is the only daughter of Sir Joseph Ward. The funerals took place on Tuesday and Wednesday. Rev. Father O'Connell, St. Mary's, Manchester Street, officiating at the graveside.—R.I.P.

A fairly large number of the visiting firemen attended the church parade at the Cathedral on Sunday morning, where his Lordship Bishop Brodie, before reading the Epistle and Gospel, extended a welcome to them and to all the members of the brigades at present in Christchurch.

Addington

(From our own correspondent.)

March 7.

On Sunday afternoon, March 1, the Children of Mary entertained at an "afternoon tea" Rev. Father O'Connor, their spiritual director, who has just returned from a trip to the Homeland. The schoolroom and tables were tastefully decorated with the sodality colors and belladonna lilies. The president



MISS ETHEL WALLACE.

Miss Ethel Wallace, gold medallist, for the intermediate grade, local centre examinations of the Associated Board of the Royal Academy of Music and Royal College of Music, London. In 1924 there were 153 candidates for the intermediate grade, Miss Wallace being placed first, gaining 140 marks (violin). In 1921 she won a Junior Trinity College exhibition with 95 per cent. (violin), and in 1922 an intermediate Trinity College exhibition with 95 per cent. (violin). Miss Wallace is 15 years of age and has received all her tuition at the Convent of Mercy, Greymouth, New Zealand.

For unity and peace and concord afford the highest pleasure, not only to faithful men who know the truth, but also to the very angels in heaven; among whom, the Divine word says, There is joy over one sinner that repenteth, and returneth to the bond of unity.—St. Firmilian.

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