

# Diocesan News

Archdiocese of Wellington

(From our own Correspondent.)

December 4.

Another five pounds for the Far East box on the Catholic Supplies counter. There is certainly a generous and silent donor somewhere in the offing who appreciates the work of the Irish Missionaries in China. Speaking of the Irish Missions, their Christmas organ, *The Young Apostle*, is on sale there, and that is another way of helping that devoted band of priests. It's a fine Christmas gift for any child with its quaint illustrations and stories. And by buying it you not only give pleasure—you do good. And Christmas is coming.

The schools are preparing little plays and concerts for their breaking-up ceremonies. And in the orphanages too preparations are being made for Christmas. Children with good toys of which they have tired are reminded of the need of their less fortunate little friends in these institutions. Someone in visiting an orphanage the other day asked one of the little boys, "If someone were sending you something what would you like it to be?" He answered instantly, "A letter. I've never had a letter in my life." That anecdote speaks for itself. How little it takes to please these children. There are Mother Aubert's Orphanage at Island Bay, and Nai Nai and Upper Hutt, conducted by the Sisters of Mercy, and over the channel the Nelson Orphanage, conducted by the Sisters of the Missions—all full of children less fortunate than their brethren with homes of their own and parents to shower gifts upon them.

Mrs. McEnroe, of Kensington Street, died this week. Her family and her friends grieve deeply for her loss. Her fine straight wisdom, her firm abiding faith, made her one of Kerry's noblest types. She was respected by all who knew her, and the Coasters flocked to pay their last tribute to her. Her daughter, Mrs. Casserly (Teresa McEnroe) has a special place in Wellington hearts. To her and her sisters and brothers deep sympathy is extended. Mrs. McEnroe will not soon be forgotten. The Kingdom of God to her soul!

Wellington is collecting for a testimonial for Mr. Paul Hoskins, who is too well known to need introduction to *Tablet* readers. For thirteen years he acted as correspondent to this paper, and his copy never failed them. It was characteristic of the man. He has sacrificed everything in the way of worldly advancement to devotion to his faith, counting inaction and passivity ignoble things. At Buckle Street on Sunday, Rev. Father Cullen spoke in the highest terms possible of the great work and the saintly character of Mr. Hoskins, exhorting his parishioners to show practically the admiration they have all cherished for so long for his faithful and voluntary services to every Catholic cause. He was the last man to desire a testimonial and would have stooped it if he could. There has been no Catholic work in the city with which his name has not been connected,

and as an organiser he is unequalled. His friends in other centres will be glad to hear what is going on in every parish here, and may perhaps wish to join in the tribute.

The Catholic Education Board's report makes Buckle Street a proud parish. In the time-honored contest for first place its colors are triumphant. The figures disclosed are a credit to it. The erection of two fine schools is mentioned in the report. Two new schools in so short a time is an achievement. Both schools are fine solid buildings, lasting structures. St. Mary of the Angels and Kilbirnie owe a debt of gratitude to their pastors, Rev. Fathers Mahony, and Connolly, respectively.

The Church of St. Mary of the Angels now presents a magnificent interior. Father Mahony has had 28 (three-light) stained glass windows placed in position recently—14 on each side of the clerestory. Those on the Gospel side depict the Miracles of Our Lord, and the Epistle side the Parables. These pictures are exquisite works of art—the Gospel being represented in wonderful detail and marvellous expression. They are exciting great and deserved admiration, and St. Mary of the Angels' Church, which has so often been described as beautiful, is now a veritable gem.

## Wanganui

(From our own correspondent.)

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On Sunday, November 29, the new church at Parikino, Wanganui River was opened by his Grace Archbishop Redwood. Dedicated to St. Madeleine Sophie Barat, the ceremonies of the day were carried out at the new church with great éclat and everything went well. It was a wonderfully fine day, which made it possible for numbers of visitors, both Maori and Pakeha, to be present. The Wairere took a big load up from Wanganui, leaving town at half past seven in the morning. Passengers were picked up at Aramoho, and at several other landings up-river. Also, the Ohura brought another big lot down river from Jerusalem and other settlements. Consequently, Parikino was a busy place that day, and the proverbial hospitality of the Maoris was taxed to its utmost. It was a most enjoyable day for everyone, and it was quite picturesque to see both boats leaving Parikino in the late sunshine of a beautiful afternoon, the remaining Maoris farewelling their guests.

His Grace Archbishop Redwood was in Wanganui for a day or two before and after his visit to Jerusalem and Parikino. Very Rev. Dean Regnault and Rev. Father O'Reilly, S.M. (Provincial), also have been here on a short visit.

Wanganui friends of the late Rev. Father O'Ferrall, S.M., were shocked indeed to hear of his death. During his few years with us Father O'Ferrall endeared himself to all with whom he became acquainted, and as was generally the case, the connection was on account of sickness or other trouble in the family, there are many who have very fond recollection of him. He is at rest, and we can only pray for the repose of his dear soul. Requiem Mass was celebrated on

last Thursday, a big congregation attending.—R.I.P.

Died also during the week, after only a few days of real indisposition, Miss Mary Anderson, well-known in Wanganui for many years. Coming out to New Zealand when quite a young woman, Miss Anderson had lived here ever since a few weeks after her arrival in the country, and, during the long years had come to be ranked among the old residents of this parish. For many years Miss Anderson had been unable to get about very much and had to depend very largely on the goodwill of her friends, and, feeling rather worse than usual, had been anointed by Father Mahony just before he went away the week before last. No one anticipated what was coming, but she was dead just in a few days. Requiem Mass was celebrated for her, after which the funeral took place.—R.I.P.

St. Mary's Children of Mary and a few friends had a glad night at St. Joseph's School this week. The convent pupils and junior Children of Mary gave a nice little musical programme, after which Rev. Father Mahony, on behalf of the girls, presented the president (Miss Kennedy) with a silver vase, inscribed. The presentation was a great surprise and a great pleasure to Miss Kennedy, who was quite overcome and found it difficult to reply. Light supper was handed round, and the evening finished early after the young folk had danced awhile.

Still another death as I write this, word has been received of the death of Mrs. Sisson, sister of Rev. Mother Gertrude, Sacred Heart Convent, and mother of Sister M. Ligeuri and Mrs. Cochrane (Taranaki). Another sister (Mrs. Green) died only a few days ago, both being daughters of the late Mr. and Mrs. Collins, old residents of the Turakina Valley. Sympathy is extended to Mr. Sisson and the family.—R.I.P.

## Pcefton

(From our own correspondent.)

December 3.

The annual concert in connection with the local convent was held in the Princess Theatre on Saturday evening, and despite the inclemency of the weather, the attendance was very large, the seating accommodation of the theatre being taxed to its utmost capacity. The entertainment, which consisted of action songs, solos, choruses, monologues, dances, duets, and a pretty operetta, "Dame Darden's School," was full of interest and merriment from start to finish. The children showed they had been well trained for the occasion, and acquitted themselves in a manner that reflected great credit on the Sisters of Mercy. The audience was a most appreciative one, and many of the items received well-merited encores. During the evening Doctor Conlon, on behalf of the Sisters of Mercy, thanked all who had in any way assisted in making the entertainment so successful; special mention being made of Messrs. West, Wills, and Walsleben, who were responsible for the artistic decorations and stage production.

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