

Diocesan News

ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

November 4.

Preliminary arrangements are being made for the annual Catholic picnic, to be held on Boxing Day. As the surplus proceeds are to be devoted to the education fund, every effort will be made to ensure success.

Euchre socials to assist the funds of St. Joseph's bazaar, organised by Rev. Father Cullen, are being held each Wednesday evening at the residence of Miss Collins, corner of Brougham and Pirie Streets.

Miss Fagan, of Newtown parish, gained distinction in the recent Trinity College of Music examinations through the success of one of her pupils (Miss Mavis Dillon), securing the highest marks in the higher division, thereby securing a medal. Another pupil (Miss Mary Priest) secured the highest marks in the intermediate division and secured the Begg medal.

The following candidates in ambulance work passed in first aid at the examination held recently at the Green Street (Newtown) Convent School, conducted by the Sisters of Mercy:—Agnes Ward, Jessie Ward, Hazel Smith, Amy Moloney, Ena Wickliffe, Olive Clark, Lucy Hickey, Ethel Quirk, Rose Harris, Norma Clark, Ellen Stratford, Mary Hollis, Maurya Cauley, Clare O'Regan, Eileen Niall, Beatrice Hoskins, Frances Scanlan.

Over 30 members of the committee who are raising funds for Mother Aubert's Home of Compassion at Island Bay attended a meeting held at the rooms, 10 Woodward Street, last week. Mr. J. J. McGrath presided, and reported that all funds that had been received were being deposited with the Public Trustee, who had generously agreed to accept them at call, free of charge, and allowing current rates of interest. Mrs. Richard Dwyer donated a magnificent collection of art needlework, which will be exhibited at the Bristol Piano Company's window, and the proceeds of which will greatly enhance the fund. The following further functions were arranged:—Dance by Miss Doris Guise and her pupils in the large hall, Town Hall, on the 26th; "At Home" by Mrs. T. W. Young, at her residence, Hataitai, on the 30th. The ladies who have not yet given the "At Homes" or entertainments promised in aid of the fund are urged to do so before the end of November, and the appeal will close with the street day on December 2. The committee is fortunate in its secretary, Mrs. Gleeson, whose soul is in her work. She attends and assists at all functions, and to her energies much of the success already achieved is due.

A correspondent at Foxton writes to the effect that a bazaar in aid of the local church will be held at Shannon during the third week of November.

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Wanganui

(From our own correspondent.)

November 3.

This week has been one of special devotions. On Sunday morning, after Solemn High Mass, came the Forty Hours' Adoration, carried through in all solemnity till Tuesday morning, Feast of All Saints. The attendance at Holy Communion, at the various devotions, and at adoration was very large. Rev. Father Gondringer, S.M. (St. Patrick's College), preached the sermons on Sunday and Monday. All Saints' and All Souls' Days followed up with more opportunities, availed of to the full by the congregation, and now, we are simply exhausted physically, but, something to the good spiritually. How hard it is in these strenuous times to work in even a few extra exercises and prayers!

One of those events, alas! not too frequent in the history of the parish, occurred last Sunday, when the men after receiving Holy Communion, adjourned to St. Joseph's Hall for breakfast. The tables were tastefully decorated, and justice was done to the many good things provided. Rev. Father O'Connell presided at the principal table, and with him were Rev. Father Gondringer, the Marist Brothers, and the heads of the various societies. The usual toasts were honored, including "The Pope," "The Clergy," and "Kindred Societies." There was a fine address from Father Gondringer, and finally, the rev. chairman thanked those present for their attendance, especially mentioning the ladies—Mrs. Richardson, Mrs. Coxon, Mrs. Sharpe, Miss Koorey, and the assistants—for their energetic work.

Rev. Father Gondringer has returned to Wellington,

after a few days here. That we wish him all the joy and satisfaction of a perfectly lovely trip Home, right home to his very own country, Luxembourg, goes without saying, and we add the sincere wish for his safe return to us in New Zealand.

Rev. Father Fay, recovering quite cheerfully from his recent severe illness, is spending a week or two with Rev. Father O'Connell. Though a long way from well, Father Fay is improving wonderfully, even since he came back to our little old village and his old friends.

There is no end of sickness about, which the very unsettled season does not tend to dispel. Mr. William Kennedy, sen., is in bad health and has been confined to his bed for some weeks. Mrs. Crotty, who has been very ill indeed, is home again from hospital, and on the mend. Mrs. McArtney, Gonville, is still in hospital, but is getting better.

Senior-Sergeant Bourke retired from the Police Force at the end of October, and was farewelled and farewelled and farewelled day and night, for a whole week. Fortunately, there was no parish farewell, as Mr. Bourke has decided to live right here, where he can still keep his eye on us, a habit which has become part of himself during the 14 years of his efficient and kindly supervision. Their many friends, public and private, unite in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Bourke, Pat, too, and Simon, the happiest and jolliest times in their new life and home at Upper Aramoho.

The sad news, received last week-end, of the death at Auckland of Mrs. E. Wilson, was a great shock to many. During their years in Wanganui, Inspector and Mrs. Wilson were very well known, and made many friends in all sections of the community. Our sincere sympathy is extended to Mr. Wilson and the family.—R.I.P.

Died recently at Inglewood, after a long and painful illness, Mrs. James Ennes. The late Mrs. Ennes, who was 78 years of age, was the eldest sister of Mrs. Sullivan, of Mangamahua, both of whom were old and well-known residents of Christchurch. A grown-up family of two sons and a daughter is left.—R.I.P.

DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

(From our own correspondent.)

November 4.

Great regret is expressed for the continued serious illness of Hon. P. J. Nerheny, by the parishioners of St. Patrick's parish and the residents of the city generally. He has ever been a friend to the poor, irrespective of creed, and all sincerely hope that he will soon be restored to health.

Father Bradley, writing from Panama, states that the voyage has been a pleasant one, for the weather has been good, and that Bishop Cleary and he are both well.

For a few days Rev. Father Buckley returned from the Mater Hospital to St. Patrick's. He is very well after his serious operation, but has, by the doctor's orders, gone to Rotorua and Taupo to recruit.

An old and much respected parishioner of St. Patrick's, in the person of Mr. E. O'Hare, died lately after a long and painful illness, which he bore with great resignation and piety.—R.I.P.

Some 300 delegates from the different committees of the Irish Self-Determination League in the Auckland province met in St. Benedict's Hall on Sunday, the 30th ult., the principal business being to deal with the envoy's funds. Mr. M. J. Sheahan presided, and on the platform were Mr. W. T. Jennings, M.P. (who was welcomed home after his tour abroad), and Mr. A. Hall Skelton, one of the delegates to the Pan-Irish Conference to be held in Paris in January. On rising to reply to his welcome, Mr. Jennings received an ovation. He spoke of his travels in Ireland and the devastation he had seen. It had been most gratifying to find Protestants and Catholics alike evidencing a strong desire for a united Ireland under one Government. He contradicted the statement of a recent visitor from Co. Fermanagh that the Protestants of Ulster were strongly opposed to a united Government. Many Protestants to whom he spoke deplored the division of Ireland, and a deputation of Protestants had waited upon Mr. de Valera informing him that they had no desire for Ulster to be separate from the rest of Ireland. He said he believed that Mr. Lloyd George, within the next few days, would denounce the ultra-Unionist party, and that a definite basis of settlement was near at hand. To his surprise he had found no sign of ill-feeling between Protestants and Catholics. Mr. Jennings referred to the satisfaction he felt at Mr. Hall Skelton having been chosen a New Zealand delegate. Physically and mentally he was a good specimen of New Zealand manhood, and would represent the Dominion both on the platform and at the Conference with the greatest credit.