

Diocesan News

ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

November 11.

The following address from the Dominion Executive of the N.Z. Catholic Federation was presented to his Excellency the Apostolic Delegate on the occasion of his first visit to Wellington:—

To His Excellency the Right Reverend Bartolomeo Cattaneo, D.D., LL.D., Archbishop of Palmyra, Apostolic Delegate to Australasia.

May it Please Your Excellency.

On behalf of the Wellington Diocesan Council of the New Zealand Catholic Federation we respectfully extend to your Excellency a sincere welcome on your first visit as the official representative of our Holy Father Pope Benedict XV.

The Council is aware of your long and distinguished career in the service of our Holy Mother the Church, and it desires us to assure your Excellency of its unflinching obedience and loyalty to the Holy See and to the Archbishop and clergy of the archdiocese.

As your Excellency is no doubt aware the Catholic Federation interests itself in all social matters having for their object the welfare of the people of New Zealand, giving special attention to the cause of Catholic education, for which it has established bursaries at Catholic secondary schools. In these movements the Wellington Diocesan Council has taken its part, and we beg to assure your Excellency that any proposal for the advancement of our holy religion which is approved by our revered Archbishops will have the earnest support of the Federation in the archdiocese.

On behalf of the council we have the honor to be your Excellency's most humble obedient servants—W. M. LUXFORD, president; J. A. SCOTT, vice-president and chairman of executive committee; W. F. JOHNSON, secretary.

The euchre parties at Miss Collins' residence every Wednesday evening in aid of St. Joseph's parish bazaar are proving very successful. The two functions held to date realised £40.

Another devoted and exemplary Catholic in the person of Mrs. E. G. Weight, died at her residence, Alpha Street, last Saturday evening. The deceased was a daughter of the late John McMannaway. Four of her daughters are members of religious Orders—three in the Convent of Mercy (Sister Mary Clement, Palmerston North; Sister Mary Xavier, Thorndon, Wellington; and Sister Mary Agatha, Newtown)—and one in the Home of Compassion (Sister Mary Columba). Other daughters are Mrs. F. Stavelly, Lyall Bay, Wellington, and Miss Priscilla Weight. One son was killed in the recent war and the other is resident in this city. The interment took place on Tuesday, Requiem Mass being offered by Rev. Father O'Donnell at St. Joseph's Church for the repose of her soul. His Grace Archbishop O'Shea and Rev. Father Walsh, of Nai Nai, were present in the sanctuary. The children of the Convent of Mercy Schools sang the music of the Mass. Rev. Father Cullen, assisted by Rev. Fathers O'Donnell, McDermott, and Walsh, officiated at the graveside. Mr. Weight and his family have, in their bereavement, the sincerest sympathy and prayers of a wide circle of friends.—R.I.P.

I very much regret to record the death of Mrs. Martin Kennedy, which occurred at her residence, Gladstone Terrace, on Friday, the 4th inst. The deceased, who was in her 80th year, had been ailing for some time, and her death was not unexpected. She was born in Ireland, and came to New Zealand 52 years ago, being a resident of the West Coast for a great many years prior to settling in Wellington. The late Mrs. Kennedy was a devout and exemplary Catholic, and a generous benefactor to all the religious and charitable activities of the Church. She took a keen interest in the affairs of the land of her birth, and with her late husband extended generous hospitality to the Irish envoys of the Nationalist Party on the several occasions they visited New Zealand. She also several times visited Ireland, and up to the time of her death was most anxious about Ireland's future. Solemn Requiem Mass was offered for the repose of her soul on Saturday morning at the temporary church, Boulcott Street, which was crowded. Rev. Father Mahony was celebrant, and the college choir, with the Rev. Father Ryan as conductor and the Rev. Father Schaeffer at the organ, sang the music of the Mass. The interment, which was private, took place

on Saturday afternoon at Karori, Rev. Father Mahony officiating at the graveside. The late Mrs. Kennedy leaves a family of 4 daughters—Mrs. Daly (Auckland), Mrs. White (Christchurch), and the Misses Kennedy; and one son, Mr. James Kennedy, to whom is extended the sincerest sympathy of friends.—R.I.P.

One of the pioneer members of the Hibernian Society, in the person of Bro. Peter Moroney, passed away on Friday, November 4, at his residence, Normandale, Lower Hutt, at the ripe age of 90 years. Deceased, who was born in Ireland, came to the Dominion when a young man and followed the profession of school teacher. In his later years he was on the Government buildings staff, retiring on superannuation some years ago. He was an enthusiastic member of the Hibernian Society, and at one time occupied the position of secretary of St. Patrick's branch. The interment took place at the Petone Cemetery, the members of the Hibernian Society (city and Hutt branches) attended in regalia. Very Rev. Dean Lane officiated both at the church and at the graveside. The late Mr. Moroney, who was a widower, leaves a large grown-up family.—R.I.P.

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DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

(From our own correspondent.)

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His Excellency the Apostolic Delegate will arrive in Auckland on Saturday, November 26, from New Plymouth. On that same afternoon a garden party will be given in the grounds attached to St. Mary's Convent, Ponsonby, from 3 to 5 o'clock. On Sunday, the 27th inst., his Excellency will preside at Solemn High Mass in the Cathedral at 11 a.m., when addresses from clergy and laity will be read and presented. At 3 o'clock in the afternoon his Excellency will bless and lay the foundation stone of the new convent, Grey Lynn. In the evening, at 7 o'clock, he will preside at Vespers in the Cathedral, when the occasional discourse will be delivered by the Right Rev. Mgr. Hackett. At the conclusion of the sermon the Apostolic Delegate will officiate at Pontifical Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. On Monday and Tuesday his Excellency will visit convent schools and charitable institutions. The Apostolic Delegate will leave Auckland by the Niagara on Saturday, December 3, on his return to Sydney.

The Coadjutor-Bishop, Right Rev. Dr. Liston, visited Huntly parish on Sunday, October 30, and administered the Sacrament of Confirmation. On last Sunday his Lordship visited Coromandel and the outlying districts.

The recent fete held in St. Benedict's Hall in aid of the funds of the new parish of the Good Shepherd, Dominion Road, under the Rev. Father W. J. Murphy, realised over £300. Extensive improvements have been made in the grounds around the church-school since the inception of the new parish, and funds are in hand for the erection of a presbytery.

A grand juvenile social will be held in the Town Hall on Wednesday, November 16, in aid of the Grey Lynn convent fund.

The quarterly meeting of the Particular Council of the St. Vincent de Paul Society (comprising all the conferences of the diocese) will be held in St. Joseph's, Grey Lynn, on Monday, November 21. The president, Mr. C. Little, will give an interesting account of the congress held in Sydney last month, and at which Mr. Little was the Auckland delegate.

Rev. Father Zanna, writing to friends in Auckland, says that he visited Lourdes recently. During his stay in Paris he had the pleasure of renewing acquaintance with Archbishop Cerretti.

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DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

November 7.

A most enthusiastic meeting of parishioners was held in the Addington Catholic School, for the purpose of considering the best way to raise money to meet the many urgent requirements of the parish. It was decided to hold a monster garden fete in February. Representatives of Halswell had come specially to the meeting, and gave their assurance that the Catholics of Halswell would give their very best services. After some discussion the show ground was chosen as the best and most suitable place in which to hold the fete. Committees have been appointed in Halswell and Addington and for the purpose of furnishing their stall. The Addington committee intend to arrange a garden party in the parish grounds, to be held on the second Saturday in December.

The quarterly meeting of St. Patrick's branch of the Hibernian Society was held on the 31st ult., Bro. H. H. Upjohn, B.P., presiding over a good attendance. Rev. Father Hanrahan, Adm. (chaplain), was present and an-

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