

which reaches to Glencoe, 37 miles away. For pastoral purposes the district is admirably suitable, the town being situated on a large grassy plain. It is a place of considerable wealth, with good public offices, and buildings of a substantial nature. The population of the district is 19,822, divided as follows: 1158 whites, 798 Indians, 17,872 natives.

## Diocesan News.

### ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON.

(From our own correspondent.)

October 21.

A mission is to be opened in Hawera on Sunday. St. Patrick's College annual sports are to be held on the Basin Reserve on November 7.

Death has numbered among its own another of the early students of St. Patrick's College, Mr. Philip Hackett, of Auckland, who died in the Northern city last week.

The net proceeds of the recent performance of 'Conn the Shaughraun' in Masterton amounted to £50, and a cheque for that amount has been handed to St. Bride's Convent.

Mr. T. M. Cullen, who has for some years been a landing waiter here, has been appointed Collector of Customs at Oamaru. His friends, while regretting his departure, are glad to know that his transfer means promotion.

Among the members of the Transvaal contingent there are, I am informed, 21 Catholics. Mr. Ernest Smith, of Auckland, who, as an ex-student of St. Patrick's College, is known throughout New Zealand, is one of the troopers.

'The Eastern Carnival and Fancy Fair' is the name decided on for the bazaar to be held next Easter in aid of the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. At a meeting of the committee and stall-holders on Friday it was announced that a beautiful oil painting had been offered by his Grace the Archbishop as a prize in the art union.

The local Convent of Mercy has again won the distinction of one of its pupils gaining the Trinity College (London) singing exhibition medal. Miss Daisy Marshall is this year the successful candidate, and besides holding the medal she becomes entitled to a sum of nine guineas, which, however, must be expended in musical instruction.

The Very Rev. Father Soulas, of Jerusalem, was just recovering from a serious accident when a few days ago an even more serious one befel him. While endeavouring to save a child in danger in the saw-mill Father Soulas had his hand caught on a circular saw and cut severely. Though his condition for a couple of days gave cause for grave anxiety, he is now progressing as satisfactorily as can be expected. He is staying with the Ven. Archdeacon Devoy.

In consequence of the Rev. Father Patterson's projected visit to Europe the Rev. Father Tymons, at present curate at Wanganui, has been appointed parish priest at Palmerston North. It is a flattering testimony to Father Tymons's worth that he has been given charge of so important a district. I hear that Rev. Father O'Sullivan, late Procurator at St. Patrick's College, who returned from Sydney on Saturday, is to relieve Father Tymons at Wanganui.

The annual social in aid of St. Joseph's Orphanage was held in the Choral Hall on Wednesday evening. In spite of strong counter-attractions there was a very large attendance, about 350 persons being present. The committee and the secretary, Mr. T. Davis, are to be congratulated on the result of their efforts. Songs and recitations were contributed by Messrs. Gordon, Zachariah, and Keenan. The music was supplied by Fisher's orchestra, and Messrs. O'Brien and Holoroff made efficient M.C.'s.

Under the auspices of the Marist Brothers' Old Boys' Association, Mr. Gilfedder, M.H.R., delivered a lecture on Federation to the members and their friends in St. Patrick's Hall on last Tuesday evening. The chair was occupied by Mr. J. Kays. In his introductory remarks, Mr. Gilfedder congratulated the association on its having connected with it so useful an institution as a debating society. Numbers of men whom he had met owed their success in public life to the experience they had gained in such societies. He wished it every success, and thanked the association for asking him to deliver an address to the members. Dealing with the subject proper, Mr. Gilfedder, who is an anti-federalist, based his opposition to the scheme, from a New Zealand point of view, principally on the questions of Customs duties, public debt, representation in the Federal Parliament, and distance from the principal federating states. With federation, the Customs tariffs of the states must of necessity be the same, and the loss of revenue sustained would have to be recouped by the imposition of an extra land tax, and by an increase of railway freights. The establishment of a Federal Government would entail an enormous expenditure, which would in part have to be borne by this Colony. The lecturer could not see how the founding of a large city with magnificent buildings in Australia could in any way benefit the people of New Zealand. Although strongly opposed to federating, Mr. Gilfedder expressed the hope that next session an enabling bill would be passed, thus allowing the people an opportunity of deciding for themselves. A vote of thanks to the lecturer was, on the motion of the Ven. Archdeacon Devoy, carried with acclamation.

### WANGANUI.

(From our own correspondent.)

October 19.

The Catholics of Wanganui received an unwelcome surprise last Tuesday, when it became known that the Rev. Father Tymons had been appointed to the charge of the parish of Palmerston North,

and that he was to proceed thither on the following day. For the past four and a-half years Father Tymons has been curate of St. Mary's, Wanganui, and the untiring devotion with which he carried out the duties of his office has won for him a high place in the esteem of the people. As a preacher he displayed marked ability, his sermons being noted not only for the valuable instruction they contained, but also for the beauty of their diction. Although his departure is a distinct loss to the congregation in general, it is the younger members of it who are the chief losers. Father Tymons has, in an especial way, made himself the friend of the young men, for it was he who formed and presided over the St. Columba Literary and Debating Club, which for the past three years has quietly been doing such excellent work in our midst. The people will, no doubt, feel highly gratified when they know that Rev. Father Tymons has the honour of being the first priest educated in New Zealand who has been entrusted with the sole charge of a parish. Rev. Father Tymons left Palmerston last Wednesday, carrying with him the hearty good wishes of his many friends. Rev. Father O'Sullivan is his successor.

### DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND.

(From our own correspondent.)

October 19.

The Rev. Father Hickson, S.M., of Napier, sang High Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral last Sunday.

The attendance upon week nights at the devotion of the Holy Rosary in the city churches is excellent.

Rev. Father Hayes, of Brisbane, is here at present on a holiday tour and visits the Lake Country during his stay.

Eight members of the Auckland portion of the Transvaal contingent returned here yesterday, having been rejected by the Defence Department.

Last Thursday evening a most successful entertainment was given in aid of the parochial funds in St. Bonaventure's Hall, Parnell. The attendance was excellent.

Mr. Philip Henry Hackett, the youngest son of the late Mr. Hackett, formerly well known on the West Coast, died at his mother's residence in this city early last Monday morning. The deceased was educated at St. Patrick's College, Wellington, and was widely known and esteemed, and much regret is felt for his sorrowing relatives. The interment took place this afternoon at the Symond street cemetery. The funeral was very large and representative.—R.I.P.

The children of Parnell in large numbers made their First Communion recently. The Rev. Father Golden delivered an impressive and beautiful discourse, to which the children and the adults present in the Church of St. John the Baptist listened most attentively. A feature of the ceremony was the admirable singing of the children's choir, under the charge of the Sisters of Mercy. After Mass the children were entertained at breakfast by the good Sisters.

The one thing which is most striking is the unanimity with which the aspirants for Parliamentary honours treat adversely the Catholic claims on the question of education. Some of them would grant us the modicum of school inspection by Government Inspectors; others refuse even this, saying it would lead to a 'grant.' For this result Catholics themselves are alone responsible. If they were earnest and united in the assertion of their just claims, a different result would certainly be recorded.

His Lordship the Right Rev. Dr. Lenihan was, on September 4, the guest of his Grace the Archbishop of Cashel at the palace, Thurles. Our former illustrious Bishop has once again shown that he has not forgotten his old diocese of Auckland, and has given to the Right Rev. Dr. Lenihan, for the purpose of establishing another bursary, in St. Patrick's College, Thurles, for this diocese, the magnificent sum of £500. Our good Bishop writes to say that after leaving Ireland, to which he has become much attached, he has a fortnight's work in Liverpool, after which he goes to Spain, France, and back again to Ireland.

A most successful children's bazaar has been held by the children of the Parnell parish in St. Bonaventure's Hall in aid of the convent funds. His Worship the Mayor of Parnell, Mr. Hugh Campbell, opened the bazaar and spoke in a very complimentary manner of the Sisters of Mercy, who work so hard, and also of the children, for whose benefit and improvement the bazaar was undertaken. There were present the Very Rev. Dean O'Reilly, Adm. (St. Patrick's), Rev. Father Kehoe (Parnell), Rev. Father Golden, who is at present in temporary charge of the parish, together with a representative gathering, including members from the other denominations. Throughout its whole course the bazaar was well attended, and was voted the best yet held in the parish. The stalls were apportioned as follows:—Refreshment, fancy goods, plain needlework, and fish pond, the latter proving of special attraction to the smaller fry.

### DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH.

(From our own correspondent.)

October 23.

The Hon. Dr. Grace, M.L.C., spent a few days in Christchurch last week on a visit to his daughter, Mrs. Clark, and returned to Wellington on Thursday night.

'The lack of interest shown in the movement for completing the Cathedral (Anglican) is a marked contrast to the activity of the Catholics in a similar project,' writes the editor of the *Lyttelton Times* in a leading article commenting on Bishop Julius's remarks in his opening address to the Synod.