

# Diocesan News

## ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

January 23.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament was held at the Church of the Sacred Heart on Sunday last. His Grace the Archbishop left on Friday for Taihape, where he is to open a church to-morrow.

Very Rev. Father O'Farrell, C.S.S.R., passed through Wellington on his way north on Wednesday last.

Father Ganly, of Melbourne, passed through Wellington on his way to Rotorua this week.

The schools in the different parishes re-open on February 1st.

## DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

January 25.

The Rev. Fathers Mangan and Murray, C.S.S.R., are on the West Coast conducting retreats. The Very Rev. Father O'Farrell, C.S.S.R., has left for the north.

At the Sacred Heart Monastery, Barbadoes street, on Tuesday last seven novices received the holy habit in the Order of Our Lady of Missions. His Lordship the Bishop preached and conducted the ceremony. A large number of the clergy were also present.

The following changes among the diocesan clergy will be given effect to immediately: The Rev. Father Galais goes to Reefton from St. Mary's, Manchester street, the Rev. Father S. Mahony from Hokitika to the cathedral; Rev. Father Aubry from Waimate to Hokitika, and Rev. Father O'Connor to Waimate. The other recently ordained young priests, Fathers Graham and Venning, join the college teaching staff.

The Rev. D. O'Hallahan, pastor of Kumara, has obtained twelve months' leave of absence and intends leaving at an early date on an extensive tour through America and Europe, including a sojourn in Ireland. The Rev. Father has spent twenty years without a break on the mission in New Zealand, the greater part in Westland, laboring zealously and with marked success. His holiday is well deserved, and the hope will be widely expressed that he will return in renewed health and vigor to engage in his sacred calling for many years to come. The Rev. A. McDonnell, who has been temporarily relieving at Kumara during the last few months, will assume charge of the parish until Father O'Hallahan's return.

The executive committee of the Christchurch Catholic Club met last week, when, amongst other business transacted, was a decision to apply the rule regulating in regard to members that are unfinancial. One member was elected, and every member of the executive undertook to procure a new member each for the club by the next meeting. The secretary was instructed to write a letter of thanks to Mr. Muller, secretary of the Federated Catholic Societies, for a full report of the recent Conference proceedings, and to the Ashburton Club for the many kindnesses extended to the Christchurch delegates at the Conference held at Ashburton. The delegates (Messrs. J. Shanley and M. O'Reilly) were accorded a vote of thanks for the services rendered by them at the Conference. Several members were also heartily thanked for their action in arranging at short notice a suitable entertainment for the Wellington delegates during their stay in this city.

The Very Rev. Father Keogh expressed his pleasure at making the acquaintance of the 'old boys.' All the Fathers took the liveliest interest in all who had gone through their course at the college. Regarding the Old Boys' Association, it now numbered 150 active members, who had met three times in the college and twice outside since its formation. He trusted in time to see branches established in different centres, working in their separate sphere but with a federation of interests. The Sunday after Easter was fixed for a general annual meeting, which, as regards place, should be transferable. Such a Club, composed of ex-students representing many professions, could furnish a valuable advertisement for the college. Notwithstanding the exertion undergone by him to be there that evening, he was very pleased to attend and would come at any time to help them to establish a Club on the lines indicated. A musical programme was carried on at intervals, consisting of—Songs, 'The mandalay' and 'The warrior bold,' Mr. F. Evans; violin solo, Mr. R. Loughnan; songs, 'Island of dreams' and 'Anchored,' Mr. J. R. Hayward; 'The song that will live for ever,'

Mr. J. Shanley; and 'Sailing,' Mr. J. Lafferty. Nice light refreshments were also provided.

On last Wednesday evening, in the Catholic club-rooms, Barbadoes street, there was a reunion of the ex-students of St. Patrick's College resident in and around Christchurch for the purpose of meeting and entertaining the Very Rev. Father Keogh, S.M., the present Rector, during his visit to this city. Besides the guest of the evening, the clergy in attendance were the Rev. Father Regnault (Waimate), Rev. Father Mar-nane (St. Mary's), Rev. Father May, of Melbourne (a visitor at St. Mary's), Rev. Fathers O'Connell and Graham (both of the latter being ex-students). Among the old boys present were Mr. A. J. Malley (vice-president of St. Patrick's Old Boys' Association), Messrs. J. R. Hayward, F. O'Brien, P. O'Connor, F. Evans, D. Holland, J. McGee, O'Malley (2), R. Loughnan, and J. Lafferty. Mr. A. J. Malley, in welcoming the Very Rev. Father Keogh to the gathering, said that all having spent many happy days at the college together, it was natural they should feel desirous of renewing old acquaintances and also seeking new ones. They were thus anxious to meet the Very Rev. Rector, under whose able direction St. Patrick's was doing such a splendid work, to express to him their appreciation of the manner in which he carried out the onerous duties of his position, and to mark their deep sense of the useful time they themselves passed in the early career of the institution. Owing to many being engaged in harvesting and other farming operations, it was very difficult to get a large gathering together, so that apologies were received for non-attendance from many old pupils in the province. He need not emphasise the fact of the pleasure it gave all to make the acquaintance of the Very Rev. Father Keogh, whom he knew to have put himself about considerably to be present that evening, having travelled all day in a slow train from the south for the occasion. In conclusion he trusted that gathering would act as a stimulus to the formation of something definite here in regard to a strong branch of the Old Boys' Association.

## Timaru

(From our own correspondent.)

January 27.

The weather for the last few weeks has been all that could be desired for ripening the crops. In many places cutting has already commenced and everything points to an abundant harvest. With a view of hardening the grain market, the Canterbury Farmers' Association has chartered a special vessel, the 'Doris,' to take a direct shipment of cereals to the Home markets, and many farmers are availing themselves of the opportunity.

Miss Lloyd Hassell, one of our young fellow-townswomen, who arrived home a few weeks back after an absence of seven years spent in the study of music in some of the leading Continental conservatoires, got an enthusiastic reception at her concert in the Theatre Royal on Friday night last. She was bracketed for nine numbers, which were almost doubled by repeated encores. Her voice (a mezzo-soprano) is of good range and quality, and will be a decided acquisition to the Timaru concert platform.

Rev. Father Tubman left here on Thursday last for Australia on a well-earned holiday. During the thirteen years that he has labored in this parish, first as curate and then as pastor, he has not had a holiday worthy the name, and now that he has been able to get away for a few weeks we hope that he will have a pleasant and most enjoyable time. Rev. Father Kerley, of Temuka, accompanied the Rev. Father Tubman on his trip.

The St. Mary's branch of the Hibernian Society held its usual fortnightly meeting in St. John's Hall on Monday night, the 25th inst. Bro. T. Connor, in the unavoidable absence of the president, Bro. Donovan, took the chair. There was a long business paper, the principal item being the production of the quarterly balance sheet, which was passed, but owing to the lateness of the hour much important matter was held over till next meeting.

Rev. Father Rooney, S.J., who has just conducted two most successful retreats here, preached after Vespers on Sunday night last a most powerful and telling sermon on the Sacrament of Penance, its origin, practice in the Church from the earliest ages, and fruits of the reception of it. The Rev. Father leaves during the week for Dunedin.

The third-class cruiser 'Pylades' is now in port, and was visited by large crowds on Sunday afternoon. Her minstrel troupe gave a variety entertainment in the Theatre Royal on Monday night last, the proceeds going to the Veteran's Home, Auckland.

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