

The Heat was Rather Oppressive, the thermometer at night being 80 degrees. The days are very long and also the twilight. It is so pleasant to sit out of an evening and watch the fire-flies and enjoy the relative coolness. There are pleasant shady parts here along the lake which, when the north or east wind blows, greatly cools the atmosphere, particularly at night. Yesterday my old friend, Father Galligan, who, thank God, is in excellent health, came from St. Patrick's Church to see me, and I am going to dine with him to-day. You perhaps remember him when, some years ago, he visited Wellington at the time of the clergy's retreat, and greatly amused everybody with his racy American wit and humor. I find lots of people much interested in New Zealand and her social experiments and reforms, of which I have not a little to tell them. By the bye, Father O'Hallohan, from Kumara, met me at the Fair. He is well.

(A further interesting letter from his Grace Archbishop Redwood will be published in our next issue.)

Diocesan News

ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

August 13.

The Catholic school in the parish of Wellington South was examined by the State Inspector this week. The results are, I believe, highly satisfactory. Details of the report will appear later.

On Thursday evening Mr. J. J. Devine delivered an instructive and very interesting address to the members of the Catholic Club and friends. The subject of the address was the life of Lord Chief Justice Russell of Killowen. After the lecture a short concert programme was provided.

The members of the Catholic Young Men's Literary Society held their usual weekly meeting on Monday evening. A measure for the abolition of the Legislative Council was introduced by Mr Moran. After an able and interesting discussion, the meeting decided by a majority of one in favor of the retention of the Council as a revising chamber.

At a meeting of the recently formed social club in connection with the H.A.C.B. Society of Wellington South, held on Thursday evening, Mr E. Fitzgibbon was elected secretary, and Messrs J. Delany, L. Rawnsley, M. Fitzgibbon, A. Gutrie, and J. Ryan a general committee of management. The club room will be opened every Tuesday and Thursday in each week.

At the meeting of the executive of the Federated Catholic Young Men's Societies, held on Wednesday evening, replies were received from various societies expressing approval of the project of arranging for a general Communion of the young men throughout the Colony on the first Sunday in Advent. Further donations towards the fund for sending delegates to the Australasian Catholic Congress were received.

The Rev. Father Huault, who has been for some time assisting at St. Mary's, in the Te Aro parish, is about to leave for Sydney. He has been appointed to take charge of the parish of Villa Maria, in place of the Rev. Father Guisty, who is to succeed the late Father Le Rennetel at St. Patrick's. Before coming to Te Aro Father Huault was for about fourteen years one of the professors at Meance Seminary.

The main topic of conversation during the past fortnight has been football. Tuesday's earthquake, however, for a brief time furnished scope for much discussion and more theory. Several of the large brick buildings here, chiefly the Government Life Insurance and Public Library, were badly shaken. The Sacred Heart Basilica was in no way affected by the shock, a pleasing fact that speaks much for the builder and the architect.

It is my sad duty to record the death of Mr. Ambrose Williams, father of Miss Kate Williams, of the Technical School staff, and of Mr. Robert Williams, accountant of the Defence Department. The deceased was formerly a resident of Charleston on the West Coast. The deepest sympathy is felt for the sorrowing family, the members of which are always to the fore in any matters of Catholic interest—R.I.P.

Mr. Thomas Burke, of the poultry division of the Department of Agriculture, leaves on Monday next for Dunedin to take charge of the export depot there in place of Mr. Leiby, who is to assist in the Wellington office. Mr. Burke, in addition to managing the export depot in this city, has also attended the various poul-

try shows throughout the Wellington, Hawke's Bay, Marlborough, and Nelson districts, for the purpose of encouraging the export trade by demonstrating the departmental methods. The industry in the south should benefit by his presence. On the eve of his departure the members of the various branches of the Department made Mr. Burke a suitable presentation as a token of the esteem in which he is held by all.

The news of the death of Mr. John Curnin caused widespread regret amongst all classes of the community. The funeral took place on Tuesday. Requiem Mass was celebrated at the Sacred Heart Basilica, Hill street, the Very Rev. Father Lewis being celebrant, the Ven. Archdeacon Devoy deacon; Rev. Father Huault sub-deacon, and Rev. Father O'Shea master of ceremonies. The music was sung by the Rev. Fathers Ainsworth, Hills, Holley, Moloney, and Kimbell, assisted by members of the choir. The Very Rev. Father Keogh, Rector of St. Patrick's College, preached an eloquent panegyric on the deceased, making mention of his great charity and his character as a devout Christian. The interment took place at the Karori Cemetery. The Very Rev. Father Lewis, assisted by other priests, officiated at the graveside. Many of the pupils of St. Patrick's College, of which institution the deceased was a prominent benefactor, were present at the funeral.—R.I.P.

Pahiatua

The Rev. Father Duffy experienced a pleasant surprise at the conclusion of Mass on Sunday, August 7 (says the 'Pahiatua Herald'), when Messrs. T. Quirk, Sullivan, and Landon, on behalf of the parishioners, presented the rev. gentleman with a well-filled purse of sovereigns to enable him to take a holiday after his long and severe illness. They also gave him a souvenir of the event in the shape of a gold mounted greenstone shamrock pendant.

In making the presentation Mr. Quirk apologised for the absence of the Rev. Father McKenna, who was to say that the presentation had his entire sympathy, no one being better pleased than himself that Father Duffy had recovered. Mr. Quirk assured Father Duffy that though he was a comparative stranger in the district he was very popular amongst his people, who had thus given tangible expression of their sympathy, the presentation having been subscribed without any effort by the collectors, from Eketahuna to Waipawa. In conclusion he hoped that Father Duffy would have an enjoyable holiday, and be spared many years to minister amongst the people in this parish.

Father Duffy, in replying, said he thanked the parishioners from the bottom of his heart, for their spontaneous and handsome gift. He did not merit it, and on that account he appreciated their generosity all the more. He liked the parish since his first coming into it, due largely to the fact of the harmonious relations existing between the parish priest, 'Father Tom,' and himself. He hoped these relations would long continue, and that, with health restored, he would spend many happy days amongst them. He took the present opportunity of thanking the collectors, and also those who had been kind to him during his illness, particularly Drs. Dawson, of Pahiatua and Woodville, and Cahill, Wellington, but for whose skill and attention he might not have been alive that day.

Wanganui

(By telegraph from our own correspondent.)

August 15.

After a short illness, Sister Mary Bertille passed to her reward early on Thursday morning. The deceased Sister, who had not yet attained the age of 24 years, was a daughter of Mr. Daniel Ball, an old resident of Wanganui and a familiar figure in St. Mary's Church, where he has acted as collector for many years past. Sister Bertille received her education at the local convent, and on the completion of her school course she passed as if by natural transition into the ranks of those who had been her teachers. Never robust, Sister Bertille became seriously ill a short time ago, and the best medical attention, combined with every comfort which the affection of the good Sisters could devise, was of no avail. The funeral took place on Saturday, and a large concourse, including the pupils of the parochial schools and the Children of Mary, followed the remains to their last resting place. The Very Rev. Dean Grogan officiated at the graveside and the Very Rev. Father Power, of Hawera, delivered a touching panegyric before the funeral procession left the church. Great sympathy is felt for the Sisters of St. Joseph and for Mr. D. Ball, who is having more than