

Diocesan News

ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

August 31.

His Grace the Archbishop is to open a new church at Aramoho to-morrow. His Grace will preach in the morning and Rev. Father Ainsworth, S.M., in the evening.

The members of St. Joseph's choir are to hold their annual social on Wednesday evening next in the Alexandra Hall. On the following Wednesday the Hibernians will hold theirs in the Druids' Hall.

The arrangements for Mother Aubert's concert on Monday evening are complete, and a great success is anticipated. Sympathetic reference to the good Mother's work has been made by the local press during the week. It is a great pleasure to have anything to do with an undertaking in aid of Mother Aubert's work. On every hand one is met with great consideration. People of every state and creed seem to vie with one another in their efforts to assist the cause. There could be no greater mark of the appreciation of all classes of the work being done by the Sisters of Compassion than the warmth of the support which the citizens of Wellington accord to the annual concert in aid of the Homes that Mother Aubert and her Sisters have provided. Quite a novel method of supplementing the funds is being used by a number of ladies under the direction of Miss O'Connor. These ladies have made sweets for sale at the Town Hall on the evening of the concert, and they have even catered for private parties.

The results of the examinations in the theory of music conducted last June in this city by the Associated Board of the R.A.M. and the R.C.M., London, are to hand. They again demonstrate that our convent schools afford a high standard of musical culture. The successful candidates in the several grades from our convents are as follow:—Harmony.—Advanced grade.—Pass (full marks 150, honors 130, pass 100)—Doris Haywood, 102. Intermediate grade.—Pass—Muriel Hodgins, 127; Cecilia Dwyer, 120; Mary Gillies, 119; Gertrude Blacklock, 105. Rudiments of Music (full marks 99, pass 66)—Juliet Greig, 96; Girie Gibbs, 90; Teresa McEnroe, 90; Rosette M. Storey, 88; Alice Draper, 88; Myra Hodgins, 86; Muriel Blake, 81; Olive C. Young, 80; Mabel Outtrim, 74. School Examinations (full marks 150, distinction 130, pass 100)—Higher division—Harmony (distinction)—Agnès M. Segrief, 133; Agnes Brennan, 131. Pass—Dorothy L. Tapper, 128; Lorna Bridge, 124; Rosie Segrief, 123; Sylvia Williams, 111. Lower division.—Pass—Hilda Flanagan, 126; Annie Gibbs, 126; Mary Ganley, 124; Iris Ross, 120; Mary Young, 112; Genevieve K. Pope, 111. Primary theory (full marks 99, pass 66)—Priscilla Miller, 99; Sybil K. Thirkwell, 91.

A very successful sacred concert was given at St. Francis' Church, Island Bay, on Wednesday evening, by the members of St. Anne's Church choir, in aid of the church funds. The choir had the assistance of Madame Eveleen Carlton and Mr. Handley Wells, who added greatly to the success of the concert. Madame's rendering of the 'Laudate' (Zingarelli) and 'Inflammatus' (Rossini) was a musical treat, and was thoroughly enjoyed by the audience. Mrs. Ryan was very successful in her rendering of the 'Salve Maria' (Mercadante) and 'O rest in the Lord' (Elijah); Miss Barton sang 'Angels ever bright and fair' (Handel); and Miss McMahon 'Jerusalem, thou that killest' (St. Paul) in their usual good style. Mr. Handley Wells' song, 'Thou'rt passing hence' (Sullivan), was very much appreciated. The 'Pro Peccatis' (Rossini) and 'Thy glorious deeds' (Samson) were sung very effectively by the Rev. Father Ainsworth. Mr. E. B. L. Reade gave a devotional rendering of 'Ecce Deus' (Clifton). The quartette 'God is a Spirit' was sung by Miss Gallagher, Mrs. Ryan, Messrs. Reid and H. Wells; and the 'Gloria' (12th Mass) and 'The heavens are telling' (Creation) were splendidly rendered by the choir, the trio in the latter being taken by Miss Murray, Mr. Reade, and Mr. Handley Wells. Mr. D. J. O'Keefe was the conductor, and Miss Henderson organist. Among those present were the Very Rev. Father O'Shea, S.M., V.G., and the Rev. Fathers Kimbell, Herbert, and Venning.

Wanganui

(From our own correspondent.)

August 29.

As showing the demand for houses in Wanganui at the present time an owner, who advertised a house to let, had no fewer than 25 applications.

The St. Mary's football team have postponed their trip to Auckland for a couple of weeks, and now intend going north on September 7.

A start has been made with the excavations for the car sheds and power house in connection with the tramways.

The Irish Rifles held their last social of this season in the Fire Brigade Hall on Friday, when there was a large attendance of members of the corps and their friends, and was one of the most successful held.

Another very successful euchre party was held in St. Mary's Club rooms on Tuesday evening, there being a very large attendance. Mrs. McMahon and Mr. Murray were the prize winners. The arrangements proved satisfactory, and the success of the function is due to the untiring efforts of Messrs. Gaffaney and M. Loftus (secretaries), F. Loftus, McTavish, Suiter, etc.

A representative meeting of members of the Catholic Church was held at Hunterville, on Monday evening to bid farewell to Mr. Tully, who has been a most zealous worker in the interests of the Church since he came here five years ago to take charge of the railway station. The Rev. Father Molloy, who presided, spoke of the good services the departing guest had rendered the Church during his stay here. Hunterville had been most liberal in its contributions in assisting the Church in all other parts of the district. The erection of the presbytery at Marton was largely due to the efforts of the Hunterville Committee, of which Mr. Tully was the chairman. To Mr. Tully and the other members of the committee was mainly due the credit of the enlargement of the church building, which was now being carried out. In every way within his power, Mr. Tully had helped the Church, and his services had proved most valuable. Mr. Tully would carry with him the best wishes of his fellow Catholics, as well as of members of other denominations. Father Molloy then, on behalf of the donors, presented Mr. Tully with a marble clock, and Mrs. Tully with a hallstand. Mr. Tully feelingly returned thanks on behalf of himself and Mrs. Tully. He spoke of the good feeling which had always existed between himself and other members of the church and the people of the district generally. If his duties permitted, he hoped to be present when the new addition to the church was opened.

The dramatic branch of St. Mary's Catholic Club staged the three-act comedy, 'Confusion,' and the farce, 'My Turn Next,' in aid of the funds being raised to enable the Wanganui Rugby Union to send the representative team to Auckland to compete for the Ranfurly shield, when there was a good audience present, who enjoyed themselves immensely judging by the applause. The play was well staged, and splendidly performed. Miss M. Peyman showed real talent in her conceptions of the characters of 'Maria' and 'Cicely.' Mrs. H. Glubb as 'Lucretia Tickleby' and 'Peggy' was exceedingly good. Miss D. McLean took the parts of 'Violet' and 'Lydia' very creditably and the acting of Miss K. McKinnon as 'Rose' was greatly admired. Mr. H. Glubb gave a consistently good presentation of 'Mortimer Mumbleford,' while his 'Taraxicum Twitters' was a clever piece of comedy. He was most successful in both parts. Mr. T. Mahoney as 'Christopher Blizzard' fully maintained his reputation as a capable and painstaking actor. Mr. L. Follitt's acting as 'Rupert Sunberry' was very well performed. Mr. J. Cook as 'James' and 'Tim Bolus' created much amusement. Mr. A. McLean made a hit in the character, 'Farmer Wheatear.' He also took the part of 'Michael Muzzle.' The other characters were capably filled. Taken altogether, the productions were very praiseworthy, and showed remarkable improvement on their former performances, which reflects credit on the stage manager, Mr. H. Glubb. The music was supplied by Mr. R. O'Hara's orchestra, and was first class.

Napier

(From our own correspondent.)

August 30.

Mr. Moriarty, the travelling representative of the 'Tablet,' is in town for a few days.