

temata for the purpose, conveyed to the land of his birth the pious, venerable, and beloved Bishop Pompallier, who soon after resigned his episcopal charge. On resigning the diocese of Auckland, he was promoted by the Holy See to the titular Archbishopric of Anraria, which he retained until his death. He resided for the most part at Puteaux, near Paris. During the Vatican Council he administered Confirmation and Holy Orders in several dioceses of France at the invitation of the various Bishops who were then in Rome. The illustrious prelate passed to his eternal reward on December 20, 1870.

(To be Continued.)

New Books

Those that go down to sea in steamships should welcome the publication by Whitcombe and Tombs, of 'Below and Above the Waterline.' In this compact little work, 'Seafarer' initiates the landsman into the mechanism and the personnel by which the great power of the modern steam merchant service is controlled, from the boiler to the screw-propeller, from the captain to the cook. Below the water line, he details the duties of the fireman, greaser, trimmer, and all the engineers, above, he neglects none from the steward and his training and duties, to the coo, the sailors, quartermasters and bo'suns bright, the officers and their work, the commander, the skipper, the passenger, the shipowners, and so on. The book is written in an interesting and very readable way, and will add greatly to the interest with which the landsman will view a voyage on the blue. There are 25 illustrations in the book, and the whole is produced in the style which has placed Whitcombe and Tombs among the first rank of publishers. (Whitcombe and Tombs, Ltd., Wellington and Dunedin, pp. 140, cloth lettered).

The reputation of Cardinal Newman is so well established that none of his works stands in need of being recommended to the Catholic public. His 'Meditations and Devotions' are not, however, as well known to Catholics as they ought to be, this being no doubt due to the size and price of the volume. This objection has now been removed, as the book has been printed in three separate parts—'The Month of May,' 'Stations of the Cross,' and 'Meditations on Christian Doctrine.' These handy volumes should help to make many still more familiar with the beautiful and instructive side of the distinguished Cardinal's mind and life. The second part will be found most useful during the Lenten season as an aid to meditation on the Passion of our Lord, while that on the month of May cannot fail to increase our devotion to His Blessed Mother. (Louis Gille and Co., Melbourne and Sydney, cloth, 1s 3d each).

For excellence from every point of view 'Our Alma Mater,' the organ of the students of St. Ignatius' College, Riverview, Sydney, has few equals. The half-yearly volume, just to hand, is most creditable to all concerned in its production. Within its eighty odd pages is a great deal of diversified reading which will interest a larger circle than is comprised in those directly or indirectly connected with the institution. In the current issue the greater part of the space is devoted to records of the in-door and out-door work of the students. The original articles, which are generally of high literary excellence, are in this instance few, but well up to the high standard of the magazine, whilst the illustrations are, as usual, very good. On the whole, the mid-summer issue of 'Our Alma Mater' is in every way worthy of the reputation which the college enjoys.

Diocesan News

ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

March 28.

The contractors are making good progress with the church for the Redemptorist Fathers at Mount St. Gerard. I understand that several kind friends have already made most generous offerings.

The fifth annual general meeting of the St. Patrick's College Old Boys' Association is to be held on Thursday, April 9, in St. Patrick's Hall. The report declares that the number of members at present on the roll is 240. Reference is made to the several social functions held during the last term under the society's auspices. The balance sheet shows that the society's

financial position is a sound one. The credit balance stands at £31 17s 11d. Satisfaction is expressed at the splendid results achieved by present pupils of the college in the public examinations held during the year. Regret is expressed at the departure of Father Hills, and a welcome is extended to his successor, Father Goggan, both gentlemen having ever been warm friends of the association. The report has its sad side in the references to the death of Very Rev. Father Lewis and Messrs. Edgar Watson, Stanley Whitaker, and Bernard Gasquoine. The society's thanks are conveyed to the Rector for his many acts of kindness, and to Rev. Fathers Hills, Holley, O'Reilly, and Venning, and Messrs. M. J. Crombie, H. McSherry, M. F. Bourke, and E. McDonnell for donations.

A special meeting of the Catholic Club was held in the club rooms on Friday evening for the purpose of giving members an opportunity of considering the proposed new Catholic Club. The president, Very Rev. Father O'Shea, S.M., V.G., explained that the intention at present was to form a new club open to all Catholics above a certain age, and that the club now in existence would be merged in the new and larger one. He expressed the opinion that the young men would be consulting their own interests and the interests of the general Catholic body, if they made up their minds to throw their lot in with the new club, and make it a credit to the city. There were about 12,000 Catholics in the city, and nearly 2000 Catholic young men. There was great scope for a club of the kind proposed. The undertaking would, it was true, entail certain sacrifices, but such sacrifices would result in the reaping of greater advantages. He hoped that the young men would see the matter in this light, and as they had worked so hard up to the present, they would now decide to support the proposal heart and soul. Mr. Fitzgibbon said that as young men they must recognise what great favors the elder people had conferred upon them. He was sure from his knowledge of the young men that they appreciated these favors. He was only voicing their sentiments when he said that the young men were glad to know that more experienced and more practical men would be working side by side with the younger ones in managing the new club, and in promoting the erection of new club rooms. There was no fear of the young men losing their identity. They would indeed have a preponderating influence. They would be prepared to make the needful sacrifices for the general good. Mr. A. H. Casey, speaking from considerable experience as far as the young men were concerned, explained that the proposed management committee would have the control of the new club rooms and the new club. They would be a general governing body with power to delegate to sub-committees the work of looking after the several branches of club life. After some discussion as to the proposed constitution of the new club the meeting dissolved with a vote of thanks to the rev. president. The proposed rules and constitution will be considered by the general body of parishioners to-morrow, and a provisional management committee elected.

Blenheim

(From our own correspondent.)

March 24.

The Hibernian Society held a very successful sports gathering to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. The committee worked hard to get the various events off punctually, and were successful in that respect. A social held in St. Patrick's Hall in the evening was a fitting termination to a most successful gathering.

Westport

(From our own correspondent.)

March 23.

A large audience attended the Irish national concert on St. Patrick's night. The audience showed their appreciation of the programme by recalling nearly every performer.

Although rain threatened in the morning, about 2000 people attended the Seddon memorial picnic at Cape Foulwind on St. Patrick's Day. The net proceeds of the picnic, which was promoted by a committee representing the townspeople and the Hibernian Society, amounted to £70.

On Thursday evening last the Rev. D. J. O'Sullivan, of the Society of African Missions, delivered a lecture in the Victoria Theatre on his personal experience and knowledge of Egypt. A number of views of celebrated places in Egypt and Ireland made the lecture highly interesting and instructive. The Rev. Father lectures at Dermiston to-night.

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