

Diocesan News

ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

July 3.

On Tuesday Miss Mary Dempsey, of Mangamaire, was married to Mr. J. Lynch at the Catholic Church, Pahiatua. Rev. Father T. McKenna officiated.

The Rev. Father Herring, S.M., officiated on Wednesday morning at St. Joseph's Church at the marriage of Miss Alice Ward to Mr. A. J. Fernie.

The secondary and Catholic school children in the Hutt district are invited by the Hutt Valley Horticultural Society to take part in the planting of trees in the Hutt Park on Arbor Day.

On Wednesday Miss Mary Bushby, of Tenui, was married to Mr. Charles Ireland, of Melbourne, at St. Joseph's Church, Tenui. The ceremony was performed by Very Rev. Dean McKenna.

The Very Rev. Father Keogh, S.M., B.A., late Rector of St. Patrick's College, has left Wellington for Auckland, where he will be the guest of Bishop Lenihan for a month, after which he leaves for Hastings to take charge of that parish.

The many friends of Colonel R. J. Collins congratulated him on his well-merited decoration of the Imperial Service Order recently conferred upon him by his Majesty. On Thursday he completed 44 years' service, and he expressed the hope that during the remaining years he was spared to serve the King he would merit the approbation of all with whom he was associated.

A very pleasant gathering, held under the auspices of the Wellington Catholic Club, took place on Wednesday evening, June 30, in St. Patrick's Hall. The proceedings took the form of a eucharic tournament, in which about 50 people were engaged. The ladies' prizes were won by Misses O'Sullivan and Anderson, and the gentlemen's by Messrs. Wright and D. Fouhy. After the prize-winners responded, refreshments were partaken of, and the function was brought to a close.

Victoria Hall, Adelaide Road, was crowded on Wednesday evening on the occasion of the social gathering held by the parishioners of St. Anne's, Newtown. A very enjoyable concert programme was provided, the following contributing items: Rev. Father McDonald (violin solo), Misses M. Murray, N. Strickland, and Messrs. G. Foote and E. Reade (songs). The ladies of the parish had control of the supper room. It is expected that a considerable sum for the St. Anne's School fund will be realised as a result of the function. The committee are deserving of commendation for the manner in which the arrangements for the gathering were made.

There was a large and enthusiastic gathering of members and their friends at the French Club at the Hotel Windsor on Tuesday night to bid good-bye to Madame Bontean, who left Wellington for Marseilles on Friday. After a programme of songs and recitations had been gone through, the president (Monsieur Dufou) presented Madame Bontean, on behalf of the members, with a token of their esteem, and wished her a safe journey. After the recipient had replied, supper was handed round, and the very successful function was brought to a close by all present singing 'La Marseillaise.'

On Monday night the Sailors' Rest was crowded with seafaring men and their friends, who thoroughly enjoyed the concert which was given under the auspices of the Wellington Catholic Seamen's Conference. An appreciative programme was gone through, the following contributing items: Misses A. and M. Frith (songs), N. and K. Hickey (dances), McCarthy (piano solo), E. Scanlan (Scotch reel), E. Strickland (song), K. Sullivan (song), Messrs. G. H. Foote (song), Hogg (song), F. Parkes (song), Pollard (flute and piccolo solos), D. Twohill (song), and Master F. Walsh (song). The accompaniments were played by Misses Craig, Frith, and McCarthy. Captain Bonner, on behalf of the Sailors' Rest members, thanked the conference for providing such a splendid entertainment.

On Thursday evening, at Sydney Street Hall, the members of St. Patrick's College Old Boys' Association held their sixth annual social gathering. They were determined that it should be a great success, and spared no pains to make it one. The function was, as usual, most successful, and the committee (Messrs. J. E. Butler, W. E. Butler, A. H. Casey, R. W. Collins, A. Fay, J. Finlay, B. Gallagher, S. J. Moran, and F. Ryan, with B. J. Devine and F. E. Kelly joint hon. secretaries) are once more to be sincerely congratulated. Blue and white are the colors

of St. Patrick's College, so the hall was draped with blue and white muslin, and the supper tables were decorated with pale blue ribbons and ornaments as well as with narcissi. The stage was draped with pale blue and white, and, with its fine array of palms and other plants, presented a most pleasing spectacle.

DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

July 5.

His Lordship the Bishop lectured in the Opera House on last Thursday evening on 'Picturesque Ireland.' As the usual press courtesies were not, however, extended by the management to the representative of the *Tablet* for the event, I regret not being in the position to give particulars.

A generous offer made by Mr. Hemus, at the conclusion of his lecture on Tuesday evening, to the Catholic Club, to coach the members in the mysteries of photography, should they follow out his suggestion of forming a camera section to operate during the summer months, is likely to be acted upon.

Several members of the Christchurch Catholic Club with stage experience have formed a minstrel troupe. These fill the position of leaders, and the company will be formed of about twenty boys, who are to be specially trained in solo, part, and chorus singing. Mr. H. R. Rossiter has undertaken the duties of musical director, and soon the new troupe will make its first public appearance. It is intended that all performances shall be given for exclusively worthy objects, and the members are willing to favorably consider any application for their united services in this direction.

At a meeting on last Tuesday evening of the committee representing the 'old boys' of St. Patrick's School, a substantial credit balance was shown in connection with the recent complimentary gathering and presentation to Mr. E. O'Connor. It was decided to use the amount in the purchase of a suitable souvenir of the occasion for presentation to Mrs. O'Connor. It was also decided to convene a meeting of all those interested, with the object of forming an 'Old Boys' Association,' and to make the event an annual function.

Mr. A. Bell, secretary of the South Canterbury Education Board, interviewed regarding the Hon. G. Fowlds's suggestion that part of the cost of education should be provided by local rating, said that such a system would be very unpopular, and would lead to differences in results between rich and poor districts. It would be unfair as between people with and people without rateable property. It would be especially objectionable to Catholics, who were supporting their own schools, and would bring about 'passive resistance' troubles.

At the usual weekly meeting of the Christchurch Catholic Club, held on last Tuesday evening, Mr. J. R. Hayward (president) occupied the chair. The programme for the evening was a lecture on the 'Art of Photography,' given by Mr. Hemus, of the Sarony studios. Within the space of an hour Mr. Hemus traced the evolution of photography from its interesting discovery 130 years ago, through its various stages of development, down to the present time. With the aid of specimens, the lecturer imparted an amount of instructive information. The progress so far made in the perfection of color photography and the methods applied, together with the exhibition of specimens showing the results, proved of particular interest. Interspersing his remarks with the recital of some humorous incidents, the lecturer kept his audience thoroughly entertained, and at the conclusion a hearty vote of thanks was accorded him on the motion of Mr. F. Adams.

DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

(By Telegraph from our own correspondent.)

July 5.

The late manifesto of the Anglican Laymen's League has apparently missed its mark.

It is reported that a new Order of nuns is about to be established here, and that they are seeking a suitable site upon which to erect a convent.

Great satisfaction is expressed in Auckland at Rev. Father Venning's timely answer to Chief Justice Stout's remarks with regard to denominational schools in the Dominion.

The question of unemployment is felt in Auckland. Much remunerative works await execution, but necessary loans having been anticipated already a halt was called for the time being, which at the present juncture is most unfortunate.

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