

In the private chapel of St. Dominick's Priory on Friday, July 9, Miss Nora Scully, of Invercargill, was clothed in the habit of the Order, receiving the name in religion of Sister Mary Felicitas. His Lordship Dr. Verdon presided, assisted by Very Rev. Father Coffey, Adm.

The St. Joseph's Harriers ran from their club rooms in Rattray street on Saturday. Leaving St. Joseph's Hall, the trail led up Rattray street, through Littlebourne, and down into the Kaikorai, thence by the Wakari road and Maori Hill, and home via the Town Belt. On returning the runners were entertained by the members of the St. Joseph's Young Men's Club.

The members of St. Joseph's Ladies' Club held a very successful euchre party in St. Joseph's Hall on Wednesday evening of last week. There was a large attendance, and a very pleasant evening was spent. The prizes were won by Mr. Ryan and Miss Fitzpatrick. The following, very kindly contributed items to the programme:—Messrs. Carolin and Anthony, Misses Fitzpatrick and Brady. Miss Sykes played the accompaniments. Light refreshments were handed round at the conclusion of the programme.

A four-days' bazaar in aid of the school funds was opened in the Sacred Heart School, North-East Valley, on Wednesday evening by the Rev. Father Coffey, Adm. The schoolroom presented a very attractive appearance, and the stalls were very tastefully decorated and laden with goods that reflected great credit on the industry and artistic taste of the stallholders and their assistants. The following is a list of stallholders:—No. 1 stall—Mesdames Herbert and Flynn and Miss Woods. No. 2—Mesdames Hungerford, Mowat, and Duffy. No. 3—Misses Carroll, Houlaghan, and Children of Mary. Refreshment stall—Mrs. Moloney. Telegraph office—Messrs. J. Gillick and F. Wood.

The usual weekly meeting of St. Patrick's Men's Literary and Social Club was held on Monday evening. There was a large attendance. Mr. C. A. Shiel presided. The programme was divided into two parts, the first consisting of musical items given by the following: Messrs. E. Kehoe, J. Drumm, J. Mooney, W. Atwill, and W. Olsen, and a recitation by Mr. J. Atwill. The accompaniments were played by Mr. P. Beaumont. The second part was devoted to impromptu speaking, the following taking part: 'Was the offer of a Dreadnought by the Government justified?' Mr. McAllen; 'Should the Drainage Board be absorbed by the City Council?' Mr. Carr; 'Your favorite sport,' Mr. Doucherty; 'The best method of making our club a success,' Mr. Fitzgerald; 'Is courting a desirable sport?' Mr. J. Atwill. The subjects were capably dealt with by the speakers, and altogether the meeting was a very interesting and instructive one.

## Diocesan News

### ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

July 10.

The clergy of St. Joseph's Church have removed from Buckle street and taken up their residence at Lauriston street.

The quarterly conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society will be held on Sunday, 25th inst., at St. Joseph's Presbytery, Lauriston street.

The members of the Wellington Catholic Club sincerely congratulate Mr. Thos. Boyce on his passing the first section for B.A. degree at the recent University examinations.

The presentation of prizes won in connection with the school essay competitions of Industries Week was made at the Concert Chamber of the Town Hall on Friday afternoon. The names of the prize-winners and the subjects of their essays appeared in the *Tablet* of June 17.

The members of the St. Anne's Catholic Club, in conjunction with the Children of Mary, held their monthly Wednesday last. There was a large gathering, and a euchre party and social evening at the club rooms on very enjoyable time was spent.

On Tuesday evening at St. Anne's club rooms the members of the literary and debating branch held its usual weekly meeting, when a very interesting debate took place, the subject being 'The present legislation of New Zealand is in the best interest of the worker.' After a vote being taken the result was in the affirmative.

It is with regret that I have to record the death on Wednesday of Mrs. Ellen McGonagle, wife of Mr. Denis

McGonagle, of Northland, at the age of 62 years. The remains were taken to the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Thorndon, and from thence to the Karori Cemetery on Friday.—R.I.P.

Mr. W. J. O'Meara, secretary of the Newtown H.A.C.B. Society, has resigned owing to his taking up the position of traveller for a Newtown firm. He was on the clerical staff of the city tramways revenue office for the past four years, and on leaving the service was presented with a travelling bag by his fellow officers.

On August 3, in the Town Hall, the annual concert in aid of the Home of Compassion, Island Bay, and of the Home for Incurables, Buckle street, will be given under the direction of Mr. Robert Parker. The tickets are selling very freely, and it is hoped that Mother Mary Joseph Aubert may receive a substantial sum for her charities.

Notwithstanding the inclement weather on Thursday there was a large attendance of ladies and gentlemen at an invitation progressive euchre party held at the Hotel Windsor, and a very enjoyable evening was spent. At the conclusion of the games light refreshments were handed round. The committee—Misses Q. Doherty, C. Fama, F. Guise, and Mr. A. Amodeo (hon. secretary)—worked hard to make the function a success. The net proceeds will be given to the funds of St. Gerard's Monastery.

The Wellington Catholic Seamen's Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul report that their membership has doubled during the past year. There is ample work for every member and as many more. Each coastal boat, in addition to the boats from outside the Dominion, is visited by the members weekly. The members not only entertain the seafaring men while in port, but also escort many of them to the various Catholic churches. Many sailors have approached the Holy Table after being years away.

A boys' club has been formed in connection with St. Anne's Catholic Club, Wellington South, and at next meeting the members will debate the question, 'Is our present system of volunteer training sufficient for the defence of New Zealand?' It may be a sign of the times, but it is none the less interesting to note that practically every boy is opposed to the present system, and it was only after a lot of argument that the managers induced two boys to consent to speak in its favor. All the rest are in favor of compulsory training.

At the usual weekly concert given by the Wellington Professional Orchestra last Wednesday in the Concert Chamber of the Town Hall, the chief feature of interest was the announcement of results and the distribution of medals to the winners of the school children's singing competition. The first prize went to Master Rupert Christie, of the Island Bay School, who was awarded a £5 gold medal. This boy, who is a Catholic, has sung at many of the Catholic entertainments given throughout the city. Master Jno. Cuming, of the Marist Brothers' School, took the second prize, a £2 medal. Mr. F. J. Oakes, conductor of the choir at the Mt. St. Gerard Monastery, assisted by Mr. G. R. Rowe, were the judges.

A very pretty wedding took place at St. Mary of the Angels', Boucott street, on Wednesday, when Miss E. F. P. Maitland, eldest daughter of Mr. Maitland, solicitor, Elizabeth street, Wellington, was married to Mr. T. D. Moss, youngest son of Mr. J. H. Moss, Patea. The bride was given away by her father. The bridesmaids were Misses A. S. Weaver, E. Maitland, and H. Maitland; while Mr. Jas. McCusker acted as best man. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father Venning, S.M. After the marriage the breakfast was partaken of at Mrs. D. A. Smith's (sister of the bridegroom), Willis street, when the usual toasts were duly honored. Mr. and Mrs. Moss left by the Main Trunk train, en route for Auckland, where they will spend their honeymoon, and a large concourse of friends assembled at the railway station to bid them goodbye. Many valuable and useful presents were received. Their future residence will be at Patea.

The half-yearly meeting of the Hibernian Society was held at St. Patrick's Hall on July 5. There was a fair attendance of members, over which Bro. E. F. Reichel presided. The election of officers for the ensuing half-year resulted as follows:—President, Bro. E. F. Reichel (re-elected); vice-president, Bro. W. J. Feeney; secretary, Bro. P. D. Hoskins (re-elected); minute secretary and treasurer, Bro. J. J. Ward; warden, Bro. E. J. Donoghue; guardian, Bro. W. Barrett; sick visitors, Bros. Condon and O'Callaghan; auditors, Bros. J. W. Callaghan and P. M. Moroney; delegate to the Wellington United Friendly Societies Council, Bro. J. W. Callaghan. The installation ceremony was performed by Bro. J. W. Callaghan. The secretary's report and balance sheet for June quarter was read and adopted. Eleven new members were initiated