

ing the press. Listen, for instance, to the words of Winifred... foolish people. Men close their schools, and they are content to build others. Men demolish their works and they create new ones without dreaming of arresting the arm which is more ready to destroy than they can be to build it again. Why do not they employ their money rather in proving themselves with a powerful press which would capture public opinion for them, and by means of its power and all that they have lost...

NEW BOOKS

The Glories of Lourdes by Canon Justin Rousseil, has been translated into English by Rev. Joseph Murphy, and published by R. and T. Washburne, Ltd., 1, 2, and 4 Paternoster Row, London. It is one of the most important works on that famous shrine and has been, we are told, blessed by the Pope, praised by two Cardinals, approved by three Bishops, honored by a letter from the Abbe Bertrin and a preface by Dr. Boissarie, and is universally admitted by the Catholic press in France to be the best work, whether historical, poetical, or mystical, on the famous grotto of Massabielle. The original work was first published in France on the occasion of the golden jubilee of the apparitions of Lourdes. It has been translated into the four principal European languages, and it has the advantage, over earlier works of its kind, of dealing in an interesting and graphic way with the later phases of the great sanctuary which is, year by year, prolific of marvels. The book is well printed and handsomely bound, and is well suited for domestic reading and for prize distributions. (Pp. xxiv. 326. Illustrated. cloth gilt, 3s 6d.)

The St. Nicholas Series (edited by Rev. Dom Bede Camm, O.S.B.) has been enriched by two more of the neat and 'taking' volumes which are issued by Macdonald and Evans, 4 Adam Street, Adelphi, London, W.C.2. One of these is 'Blessed Edmund Campion, the story of the Jesuit protomartyr of England.' It is written by the noted Catholic authoress, Louise Imogen Guiney, and is based largely like all modern books on the subject, on Simpson's monograph, but enriched by the results of the researches of Father Pollen, S.J. The other volume of the series is entitled 'The Angelic Cardinal: Reginald Pole.' The author is C. M. Antony, and a striking six-page preface has been contributed by Father Hugh Benson. These two books deal in an eminently readable way with two of the figures that, in different ways, were among the most remarkable in the stormy history of the religious revolution in sixteenth-century England. The books are handsomely brought out and well illustrated, and are important contributions to the themes with which they deal.

The brilliant young prelate who is Rector of the Irish College in Rome, the Right Rev. Monsignor O'Riordan has brought out in pamphlet form, and in the 'bel javeller gentil toscano' or Italian tongue, a lengthy paper contributed by him to the 'Rivista Internazionale di scienze sociali e discipline ausiliarie.' The paper is entitled: 'La Lotta per la Libertà in Irlanda e in Inghilterra' (The Struggle for Liberty in Ireland and England). Taking as his text the insulting Royal Declaration against the Catholic faith, the author lays before his Italian readers a telling history of the struggle of the faith in Ireland and England, the Irish exodus and all that it has done for religion in other lands, and, among other things, the fortunes of the recent Bill in which an effort was made to eliminate the offensive portions of what has been well termed 'the relic of barbarism' and 'the Titus Oates test.'

Diocesan News

ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent) Wellington, December 6. On Wednesday the members of St. Anne's Catholic Club held a cheerful party at the club rooms. Last Sunday a number of students from St. Patrick's College made their first Communion at St. Joseph's Church, Buckle Street.

His Grace Archbishop Redwood administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to 108 candidates at St. Patrick's Church, Masterton, last Sunday.

Mr. J. J. Devine, who represents the Wellington City Council on the Hospital Board, has been elected treasurer of the Board for the ensuing year. The cost of the Catholic school chapel at Northland and of the land on which the building is to be erected will amount to about £1500. The raising of the money has been arranged for by the residents. A return of Customs dues collected at Wellington during the month of November shows a total revenue of

£48,044 15s 2d. Of this amount, £11,024 14s 6d represents beer duty, £25,014 18s 6d, Primage, and £17,755 14s 4d, surtax.

The following Christmas and New Year holidays will be observed in the Public offices of the Government: Saturday, 20th inst., Monday, 27th inst., Tuesday, 28th inst., and Saturday and Monday, 1st and 3rd January.

The quarterly general meeting of the various Conferences under the jurisdiction of the Parochial Council of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, Wellington, will be held on Sunday, December 12, in St. Patrick's Hall, Boulcott Street.

The Wellington Ambulance Saturday and the members of the Wellington Ambulance Society are making a collection in the city for the funds of this charitable association. The money raised is to be partly devoted to the nursing of the sick poor.

For the annual matriculation examination of the New Zealand University now taking place at various centres throughout New Zealand there are some 1400 candidates representing an increase of 60 on last year. The numbers at the four centres are as follows: Auckland, 203; Wellington, 174; Christchurch, 169; Dunedin, 201.

Under the auspices of the Wellington Catholic Seaman's Conference a concert to the seafaring men was held in the Sailors' Rest last Monday evening. The following ladies and gentlemen contributed items to the programme: Mrs. Mitchell, Miss Frith, and Messrs. Bolger, Carroll, Houchen, and McNamara. Mrs. Mitchell and Miss Frith played the accompaniments.

At the half-yearly meeting of the shareholders of the Bank of New Zealand, held on Friday, December 8, Mr. Martin Kennedy, B.K.S.G., returned thanks for his unopposed re-election as a director. Mr. Kennedy has been a member of the Board as representative of the shareholders for the past fifteen years.

In opening a Catholic bazaar the other day, Mr. Fred Pirani stated that there was no body of women more self-sacrificing, industrious, talented, public-spirited, and charitable than the Sisters of Mercy, who belonged to the Catholic Church. They had also won the esteem and goodwill of a large section of the community who did not belong to their Church.

A special meeting of the St. Patrick's branch of the H.A.C.B. Society was held on Wednesday evening for the purpose of installing some of the candidates who gave in their names during the recent mission conducted by the Marist Fathers. Sixty-five have been proposed this quarter, twenty-six of whom have been admitted. It is anticipated that the remainder will be initiated at the next fortnightly meeting of the branch.

The Wanganui Roman Catholic Lands Bill has finally passed the Legislative Council. It gives the authorities power to lease the valuable site in Victoria Avenue, Wanganui, on which is located the Catholic church, convent, schools, and presbytery. The site has a frontage of 400 feet, and will now be let for business purposes. The church and other structures will be rebuilt on the land secured at the corner of Campbell and Cityton streets. Mr. Thomas Lloyd, solicitor, drew up the Bill.

Messrs. Board, Collins, Cotter, Harris, and Wareham are the Newtown parish representatives on the general committee who have the management of the Catholic picnic, which will take place at Khandallah on Boxing Day in Mr. Izard's grounds. The Rev. Father Hickson, S.M., Adm., has been appointed chairman. The committee are very enthusiastic and are working very hard to make the gathering a success. Return tickets for adults will be 1s 6d, and children will be admitted free. There will be sports and attractive side shows for the children.

The energetic committee and officials who managed the Catholic Bazaar held last month in the Drill Hall, Petone, in aid of the local Catholic church and school funds, have every reason to be satisfied with the result of their efforts. Though the accounts have not yet been settled it is expected that there will be a net balance of about £360. The bazaar ran for five nights, and for a district of the size of Petone the financial result is splendid. Special mention must be made of the work done by Messrs. S. Brice, J. A. Coles, G. Cronin, and E. J. Cornell (secretary), and the lady stall-holders and their assistants.

DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

His Lordship the Bishop celebrated Mass at the Church of Our Lady Star of the Sea at Sumner on the last two Sundays in the presence of good congregations. The Rev. Father Hills, S.M., is engaged conducting a retreat for First Communion and Confirmation candidates in connection with the Cathedral parish. There was Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Cathedral from the 11 o'clock Mass on Sunday. The Rev. Father Hills, S.M., preached at Vespers, after which there was the usual procession.