

# Diocesan News

## ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON.

(From our own correspondent.)

May 10.

The sum of £900 was cleared from the late bazaar. This amount is to be devoted towards the Newtown Convent.

A meeting of the cathedral trustees is to be held on the 1st of June.

Rev. Father Galerne passed through Wellington on Thursday on his way to the Islands.

Rev. Father Holley leaves on Monday next for Leeston to officiate at his sister's wedding.

As a wedding present the members of St. Joseph's Choir gave Mrs Beckinsale, nee Miss Halpin, a silver-mounted oak tray suitably inscribed. The conductor made the presentation.

An old and respected resident of the parish of Te Aro, Mr Sheehy, died at his residence on Monday last after a long illness. The deceased gentleman suffered from paralysis and bore his sufferings with great patience and resignation. Rev. Father O'Shea attended him in his last illness and also officiated at the graveside. His remains were interred at Karori.—R.I.P.

Rev. Father O'Shea has been notified by the City Council that in three months from April 11 the water which is used to work the organ at St. Joseph's Church, Buckle street, will no longer be available. The rev. gentleman wrote at once asking for a continuance of the supply. This, however, was refused. As all other churches are similarly affected, a deputation of organists has been arranged who intend waiting on the City Council regarding the matter.

A wedding which created considerable interest was celebrated at St. Mary's Church, Nelson, on April 29. The contracting parties were Mr Sydney Trask, youngest son of Mr Trask, ex-mayor of Nelson, and Miss Dolly Driscoll, second daughter of the late Mr T. Driscoll, of this city. The Very Rev. Dean Mahoney performed the ceremony. The bride, who was given away by Mr E. Trask, was attired in a dress of Oriental satin, with transparent yoke of lace, and trimmed with lace chiffon and orange blossom, and she wore the customary wreath and veil. The bridesmaids were the Misses May and Nelly Driscoll, sisters of the bride, who were neatly attired in grey dresses and black picture hats. Mr H. Lane acted as best man. The bridegroom's gift to the bride was a handsome sapphire and diamond ring, and to each of the bridesmaids a gold chain and locket attached. As the bridal party left the church the 'Wedding March' was played by the organist. After the ceremony a reception was held at 'Gunnersbury,' the residence of the bridegroom's parents. The honeymoon is being spent in Christchurch.

## DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH.

(From our own correspondent.)

May 19.

At Vespers in the Pro-Cathedral on Sunday Mr R. Beveridge gave a fine rendering of the solo 'Thou art passing hence,' Miss Funston presiding at the organ.

Referring to subjects worthy of the prayers of the congregation the Very Rev. Dean Foley, speaking in the Pro-Cathedral on Sunday, mentioned the dreadful disaster at Martinique, and the late Archbishops Corrigan and Eyre, of New York and Glasgow respectively both of whom during life ruled their dioceses wisely and well.

Mr Pender came to Christchurch at the end of the week, and to-day (Monday) he is to be presented with a silver casket containing, it is expected, about 250 sovereigns by his friends of Canterbury in recognition of his 40 years of unblemished service in the Colony, many of which were spent in this province. The Hon. C. C. Bowen, M.L.C., is to make the presentation, and the Mayor presides at the gathering of subscribers which is to take place at the City Council Chambers.

At the half-past nine o'clock Mass in the Pro-Cathedral on Sunday about 50 girls and 40 boys made their First Communion. The Very Rev. Dean Foley was celebrant of the Mass. The girls were appropriately attired in white, with veils and wreaths, and were in charge of their teachers, the Sisters of the Mission. The boys wore white sashes, and were under the direction of the Marist Brothers. After Mass the children were entertained at breakfast, laid in the boys' schoolroom, and were visited during their repast by the Bishop and clergy. Members of the congregation provided the necessaries, and the duties of preparing and arranging the breakfast and waiting on the young people were, with their usual kindness in church matters, undertaken by Mrs Stratz, Miss Rose White, and Misses Kearney (2).

On Sunday last, the Feast of Pentecost, Pontifical High Mass was celebrated in the Pro-Cathedral at 11 o'clock by his Lordship the Bishop. The Very Rev. Dean Foley was deacon, Rev. Father McDonnell sub-deacon, and Very Rev. Father Le Menant des Chenaies, V.G., assistant priest. The music was Beethoven's Mass in C, the 'Veni Creator' being sung at the Offertory. There were Pontifical Vespers in the evening, at which the Bishop officiated, the assistant clergy being the same as in the morning. The Very Rev. Dean Foley preached on the 'Holy Spirit,' and just prior to the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament the children, who in the morning made their First Communion, renewed their baptismal vows and were consecrated to our Blessed Lady and St. Joseph, a ceremony which was strikingly impressive, the demeanor of the children being most edifying. The Acts of Consecration were recited by two little girls in a clear and intelligent manner.

The Catholic community heard with feelings of great regret that the Rev. Father Galerne had left on a short notice for distant Fiji, a diocese for which, I understand, he was educated and ordained to the priesthood. Father Galerne was one of the first students ordained at Meaneo Seminary, and almost immediately after his ordination was appointed to Keetton, and subsequently to the Pro-Cathedral, Christchurch. From here he went to Fiji to enter upon a missionary career, one always dear to his heart, but unfortunately his somewhat delicate constitution could not stand the climate and he was obliged to return to New Zealand, taking up the duties of assistant priest at Temuka. Later on he was again appointed to the Pro-Cathedral parish, where, as in all other places he has been stationed, he has labored diligently and well. As chaplain at the hospital and other institutions, work in which he took an especial delight, his genial presence and kindly ministrations will be sadly missed. Whilst keenly feeling his severance from us we sincerely hope health and strength will be vouchsafed him so that for many years he may be enabled to exercise his sacred ministry among the natives of the isles of the southern seas.

## HOKITIKA.

(From an occasional correspondent.)

May 14.

The pioneers of the West Coast are fast passing away. On Thursday, May 8, Mrs Gilbert, of Kumara, relict of the late Mr Jeremiah Gilbert, died after a long and painful illness. Mrs Gilbert, who had been in failing health ever since the death of her husband four years ago, bore patiently and resignedly the crosses sent her in her declining years, and her death was a worthy ending of a noble life. Mrs Gilbert had resided in Kumara with her husband and family since the first rush to the district, and she had always been looked up to and respected by young and old for her honesty and cheerfulness, and her death cast quite a gloom over the district. She leaves a grown-up family of six sons (one of whom is a member of the Marist Brothers' Order and two are studying for the priesthood) and two daughters to mourn their loss. Her funeral, which took place on Sunday, was attended by people from all parts of the Coast, who, in spite of the inclement weather, attended to show their great respect to one so well deserving of respect.—R.I.P.

On Sunday, 11th inst, Mr Jeremiah O'Brien, of Hokitika, who had been in failing health for some years, passed away fortified by all the rites of the Church and surrounded by his grown-up family. Mr O'Brien, who arrived in Hokitika in the days of its prosperity, followed mining for a livelihood for many years, but failing health warning him that the vicissitudes of such an avocation were too much for him, he turned his attention to dairying some years ago, and he followed that calling till the time of his death. His funeral took place on Tuesday, and mourners from all parts of the Coast paid their last tribute of respect to the deceased.—R.I.P.

## DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND.

(From our own correspondent.)

May 15.

The Guard of Honor Confraternity in connection with the cathedral parish held a social recently in aid of the parochial funds and it was highly successful.

The last monthly social given by the Young Men's Club at St. Benedict's in aid of the parish funds netted the handsome sum of £20, for which Father Gillan is deeply grateful. It is to be hoped that the remaining socials of the season will prove equally successful.

At the Amy Castle's Concert on the first night two ladies were conversing, and one of them said 'I don't care much for her (Miss Castle), she and all the company are Catholics. Look at the priests present.' She then turned round, counted the number and exclaimed in surprise, 'fancy, there are seven priests here!'

The Mater Misericordiae Hospital, in charge of the Sisters of Mercy at Mount Eden, is progressing beyond expectations. The Sisters prove to be excellent nurses. Patients of all denominations may be seen there, one of whom is an Anglican clergyman. Last week Dr. Cowie, Anglican Bishop, visited the place and expressed himself as highly pleased with the management and the institution generally.

The Auckland Catholic Literary and Debating Society, at its meeting last Tuesday in St. Patrick's Hall, after debate decided by a majority 'that the manner of conducting the struggle for Home Rule by the Irish Parliamentary Party is wrong and detrimental to its (Home Rule) achievement.' A closer study of contemporary Irish politics by the majority would, I feel certain, cause the members to alter their views considerably.

His Lordship Dr Lenihan made a visitation last Sunday to Onehunga parish, of which the Very Rev. Mgr. Paul, V.G., is rector. The Bishop at the 11 o'clock Mass addressed the congregation and highly eulogised their venerable parish priest, who had so assiduously labored for the past half century in Onehunga. His name would be for all time associated with the parish, and in order to relieve him of some of those duties to which he is so devotedly attached in the evening of a long priestly life he (the Bishop) had appointed a curate to assist in the parish, viz, Rev. Father Lane. The parish would now take in the Ellerslie district, and Father Lane would attend it.

Miss Amy Castle's arrived here last Saturday from Wellington. At Onehunga she was met by the Rev. Father Patterson, and thence with her mother and sister drove to the Bishop's house, where his Lordship heartily welcomed and congratulated the talented young lady. During her stay she again paid her respects