

etc. The officers, it may be mentioned, are not salaried. The profits from the publications, which, as a rule, are very small, together with such donations as may from time to time be received, form the capital by which the committee is enabled to bring out fresh publications—for which there is constant demand, and of which, fortunately, there is a constant supply.

Now if I were to suggest that the Society is not on a sound financial footing I should not only be unnecessarily discouraging, but I should be stating what is far from the truth. The society is perfectly sound, and, to all appearances, will be so at least for a very long time. But it is, nevertheless, true that its working capital is exceedingly small, and the field for operations is very vast, and thus for want of sufficient funds it is greatly crippled in its work. It is also true that the Society will be and must be after the manner of the horse-leech, ever crying 'more, more'—why? Because the more work it does, the more there will be to do; the greater its success, the more it will be invited to help in the great work of spreading Catholic truth. The moral is plain. A society like this has a distinct and legitimate claim upon the support of the Catholic body. If it is to extend, to widen its sphere of action, to do more good than it has already done, it must receive support, and more support than it has already received. And indeed the aim of the whole Catholic body should be to place the Catholic Truth Society on a position of equality, comparatively, with such societies as the Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge and the Religious Tract Society; and this position it would attain were it supported as it should be—by members' subscriptions, by donations, and by the wide circulation of the Society's publications.

## Diocesan News

### ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON.

(From our own correspondent.)

November 15.

At the recent home nursing examination, conducted by Dr. Chapple, the following members of the Sisters of Compassion were successful in passing, and were recommended to receive medallions and certificates: Rev. Mother Mary Joseph Aubert, Sisters Mary Vincent, Magdalene, Dolores, and Veronica.

The Forty Hours' Adoration begins at the Church of the Sacred Heart to-morrow, when Solemn High Mass will be celebrated. Rev. Father O'Shea will preach on Sunday evening and Rev. Father Ainsworth on Monday evening.

Mr H. Henderson, a well-known Wellington resident, died at his residence, Mowbray street, on Thursday morning. Only a few days ago the deceased gentleman was received into the Church by Rev. Father Holley. The funeral took place at Karori this afternoon—R.I.P.

The choir of St. Mary of the Angels' Church rendered Haydn's 'Imperial Mass' last Sunday morning. The solos were sung in an excellent manner by the members of Williamson's Opera Company.

At the request of Lady Rawson, wife of the Governor of New South Wales, Miss Norah Long, a promising young singer and pupil of St. Mary's Convent here, was tried a few days ago by Madame Melba in Sydney. Madame Melba's opinion of her style and voice is highly favorable, and, acting on the celebrated singer's advice, Miss Long is to leave for Home for further study. Madame Melba has given Miss Long a letter of introduction to Madame Marchesi, the famous teacher.

### WANGANUI.

(From our own correspondent.)

November 14.

His Grace the Archbishop came to Wanganui at the end of last week on his episcopal visitation of the parish, and on Sunday, November 9, administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to about 130 candidates, amongst whom were some 15 converts. Prior to the Mass on Sunday morning his Grace performed the usual ceremonies connected with an episcopal visitation. Rev. Father Laoroix, of Mangaweka, sang the Mass, the musical portion of which (Haydn's No. 1 was chosen for the occasion) was rendered by the choir in a finished and devotional manner. His Grace, prefatory to addressing the candidates for Confirmation, spoke feelingly about the health of the Very Rev. Dean Kirk, referring to the many good works he had accomplished during his long administration of the parish, and expressed the earnest hope that the Catholics of Wanganui would have the benefit of his ministrations for many years to come. Solemn Vespers were sung by the Rev. Father Laoroix on Sunday evening, when special music was rendered by the choir, notably Zogarelli's 'Laudate pueri,' in which Mr D. Gallately took the solo parts. His Grace again preached an eloquent sermon to a very large congregation, from the text, 'Come ye blessed of My Father, possess ye the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world' (Matth. xxv., 34).

His Grace the Archbishop left for Palmerston North on Tuesday.

If you are suffering from bronchitis, a single dose of TUSSICURA will be sufficient to cure you.—\*\*\*

### KERRYTOWN.

On Thursday evening a very successful entertainment was given in Kerrytown by the pupils of St. Joseph's School, who were assisted by several ladies and gentlemen. Taken altogether (says the Temuka 'Leader') the Rev. Father Kearley, the Sisters, and those connected with the entertainment are to be congratulated on the result. The programme presented was of liberal proportions, and it was gone through steadily and without any unnecessary waits, thanks to the efforts of the stage manager, Mr. W. O'Driscoll. It occupied about three hours before the curtain was finally rung down. Professor Kearsley opened each part of the programme with a brilliantly played pianoforte solo, his second item in particular, 'Back to Erin,' being rewarded with loud applause. The dumb bell exercise by six budding athletes, neatly dressed in blue jerseys and white trousers, was a first-class exhibition. The performers were Masters J. Brosnahan, N. and W. Fitzgerald, P. and E. Sullivan, and W. Lynch. Miss Orton's song was heard to much advantage. Miss Hoare made a sympathetic accompanist. In all three pianoforte duets were contributed by Misses E. and N. Dore, N. and L. O'Driscoll, and M. Scannell and K. Fitzgerald respectively, and the three items were played in a manner that reflected great credit on the performers and their teachers. Mr. Hintz was in great demand with his comic songs, for one of which he received an emphatic recall. In 'The song of long ago,' Miss Grealish, of Waimate (accompanied on the piano by her sister), sang sweetly, and Mr. W. Jeffries' rendition of 'The motherland,' which suited his fine baritone voice, was rewarded with hearty applause. The dialogue, in character, 'Taking the census,' by Master Jas. Brosnahan and Miss M. O'Connell was exceptionally well given. Both were letter perfect, and had an intelligent grasp of the different points of the piece, which was excruciatingly funny, and kept the audience brimming over with laughter. Later on it was followed by a more ambitious dramatic effort in 'Bobbs, Dobbs, and Nobbs,' the parts being taken by Misses H. Stack, L. O'Driscoll, M. O'Connell, and Masters C. Brosnahan, W. Lynch, J. Fitzgerald, and Frank O'Connell. Two little dots, Miss M. Lynch and K. Brosnahan, gave a delightful jig, and were loudly applauded. Two Timaru friends, Messrs. Healey and Adams gave a step dance and sang in character a comic song. They were emphatically encored and had to repeat the dance. The dance 'Killarney,' by 10 prettily-dressed maidens in white and wearing crowns, was a favorite item. The steps and movements were gone through with grace and precision, and the dance ended with a tableau vivant, during which a verse of 'Killarney' was sung. Miss J. Coughlan's contribution 'For old time's sake,' was praiseworthy. The comic turn by Messrs. Healey and Adams was greatly enjoyed. Mr. McDonald, of Timaru, sang, 'Asleep on the deep,' and Miss N. O'Driscoll scored a decided success with her song, and little Frank O'Connell was encored for 'I'll place it in the hands of my solicitor.' Mr. Lynch gave an exhibition of a sailor's hornpipe worthy of a son of the sea, and the Misses and Master Lynch in the four hand reel were a sight worth seeing. Before the conclusion of the entertainment Father Kearley thanked all who had contributed to the success of the evening, particularly those friends who had come a distance. Mr. W. Jeffries also spoke a few words and returned thanks to those who had assisted the Sisters.

### DIocese of AUCKLAND.

(From our own correspondent.)

November 13.

His Lordship, the Right Rev. Dr. Lenihan left on yesterday for the German Settlement of Putoi, in which nearly the whole Tei-ton population is Catholic, to close the mission carried on there by the Rev. Father Benedict, O.P.

Many changes in the diocesan priors are imminent, particulars of which will be given in my next letter.

Saturday next, November 15, will be the sixth anniversary of the consecration of the Right Rev. Dr. Lenihan as Bishop of Auckland.

Rev. Fathers Furlong, Toomey, and Holbrook, all of whom were recently ordained for this diocese, are expected to arrive here next Saturday from Sydney. It is indeed very fortunate that the young priests did not come by the ill-fated Elingamite, otherwise they might have met with a sad and untimely end, or obliged to go through a bitter experience ere reaching Auckland.

The Very Rev. Dean Lightheart commenced a collecting tour on behalf of the Maori mission, conducted by the Fathers of St. Joseph, of which he is the Superior, in St. Patrick's Cathedral last Sunday. The Dean addressed the congregation at all the Masses and at Vespers, and as a result collected £40. Dean Lightheart contemplates going further afield on behalf of the Maori mission, when I hope his labor will be amply rewarded.

Nothing is talked of locally but the awful wreck of the Elingamite. It was a pitying sight to see the passengers and crew land from the Zedandia yesterday afternoon. Their appearance betokened the terrible experience they had endured.

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