

Diocesan News

ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

From our own correspondent.

March 27.

A social in aid of Rev. Mother Aubert's Homes will be held in the New Century Hall on April 28.

The special devotions, ordered by his Holiness the Pope, for peace took place at all the churches last Sunday.

The Rev. Father Gondringer, S.M., M.A., preached another of his series of Lenten sermons to a crowded congregation at St. Joseph's Church, Buckle street, last Sunday evening.

Miss Eileen Corby, by passing the theoretical examination in the art of teaching, has completed her course for the Associate (A.T.C.T.) Trinity College of Music, London, having passed in practical pianoforte in 1913.

The Rev. Father Hurley, S.M., Dominion treasurer of the Catholic Federation, has received during the week the following contributions towards the Trunham building fund: Mr. H. Sullivan, Goodrich street, Wellington, £2 2s; Mr. Charles C. Phelan, Auckland, £1 1s.

It is expected that the building to be erected by the Catholic Federation for the residence of the Catholic members of the Expeditionary Force at Trunham, will be ready in about three weeks' time. Donations towards the cost will be gratefully received and acknowledged by the Dominion treasurer, the Rev. Father Hurley, S.M., Patterson street, Wellington.

The St. Patrick's branch of the H.A.C.B. Society held its quarterly meeting at St. Patrick's Hall last Monday evening, Dec. 1, P. M. A large number of members were present. There was a good attendance, and a very great deal of business was disposed of. The death of the late Bishop Grimes, and the death of the late Rev. Father Price, were discussed, and resolutions were directed to be sent to the Very Rev. Dean Hills, S.M.

The many friends of Mr. Joseph Price, who died with regret of the demise of his wife, Mrs. Price, at their residence, Harper street, last Sunday. The late Mrs. Fitzgerald, who had been in the same time, leaves a husband and three young children to mourn her death. The funeral service will take place on Thursday at 10 a.m. at St. Patrick's R.I.P., officiated at the church and at the graveside, R.I.P.

The following telegram was received from the Irish soldiers now in camp at Trentham, by the secretary to the Irish National concert on St. Patrick's Night: "Irishmen at Trentham camp ready to be with you to-day fervently join in every sentiment in honour of our Patron Saint, and 'The day we celebrate.' May God still prosper and bless Ireland, and may the effort of her fearless sons, following the example of their illustrious predecessors, give perpetual peace to humanity.—Justin McCarthy, F. McEneaney, W. H. Mulcahy."

The Very Rev. Father Taylor, S.M., is at present conducting a mission at St. Francis' Church, Island Bay. He is being assisted by the Rev. Father Peoples, S.M. The services are well attended. On Thursday evening Father Taylor preached an eloquent discourse on the 'Blessed Eucharist.' At the conclusion of the sermon, and for the first time in the history of the church, a procession of the Blessed Sacrament took place, the children and the members of the Hibernian Society participating. The Rev. Father McCarthy, S.M., is similarly engaged in conducting a mission at St. Patrick's Church, Kilbirnie. He is assisted by the Rev. Father O'Connor, S.M.

The St. Aloysius' branch of the Hibernian Society met at St. Anne's Hall on March 8, under the presidency of Bro. the Ven. Archdeacon Devoy, S.M., B.P.

Very Rev. Father Taylor, S.M., Superior of the Marist Missioners, was also present, and he was thanked by the president and Bro. Giles for the work he had done during the recent mission to increase the membership of the society. Father Taylor, in replying, congratulated the branch on its flourishing condition, and trusted that it would still further prosper. The annual returns were presented by the secretary, and an interesting report of the annual district meeting was received from Bro. Stead, the branch's proxy in Auckland.

Feeling reference was made in all the churches on Sunday to the great loss the Church had sustained by the death of Bishop Grimes. At St. Mary's, the Very Rev. Father O'Connell, S.M., detailed the great work which the late Bishop Grimes had accomplished during his lifetime, and earnestly exhorted the faithful to pray for the repose of his soul. Rev. Father Schaefer, S.M., at St. Mary's, Seatoun, also gave a descriptive sketch of the work of the deceased prelate. At St. Joseph's, Mr. Bernard Page played the 'Dead March' from 'Saul,' as also did Mr. Isidor Mount at St. Mary's, as a mark of respect to the memory of the first Bishop of Christchurch.

In connection with the first public appearance of the Young Ireland Hurling Club at the St. Patrick's Day sports, teams were selected from among the members to represent Auckland and Wellington. The following were the selections: Wellington F. Sheahan (captain), P. O'Sullivan, J. O'Sullivan, M. McCarthy, P. O'Driscoll, T. Kelly, D. Cotton, J. Cleary, P. Nihill, T. Devoy, P. Cassidy, P. Hogan, M. O'Shea, J. O'Connor, J. Carmody, Auckland—Standish O'Sullivan (captain), D. Sheahan, P. McArdle, J. Flynn, P. Higgins, J. Troy, M. McCarthy, T. McCarthy, J. O'Brien, H. Fahy, P. Coyle, J. Shields, E. Fitzgerald, K. Cleary, and T. Casey. In the first half hour, Wellington scored one goal, as also did Auckland. In the second half, Wellington scored 2 goals, 1 point, to Auckland's 1 point, thereby beating Auckland by 2 goals.

DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

March 29.

Prior to the 11 o'clock Mass in the Cathedral on Sunday last, the palms were blessed and distributed by the Very Rev. Father Price, Adm.

The Very Rev. Dean Hills, S.M., has been appointed Administrator of the diocese, until the consecration of a successor of the late Bishop Grimes.

In the primary schools cricket competition on Saturday, playing against Woolston School, Marist Brothers scored 125 in the first innings, against 42 by Woolston.

Mr. P. Clarke attended the funeral of the late Bishop Grimes, as the representative of the musical branch of the Marist Brothers' Old Boys' Association, Auckland. During his short stay he met many of the local 'old boys,' all of whom expressed the hope of seeing Mr. Clarke and his fine company down south again.

The Hibernian fair and art union, which is being promoted by the St. Patrick's branch of the H.A.C.B. Society, will be opened in the Hibernian Hall, Barbadoes street, on Saturday night next, by Dr. H. T. J. Thacker, M.P. The committee, assisted by their lady friends, are leaving nothing undone to ensure the bazaar being a great success. Two well furnished stalls, 'Ireland' and 'Belgium,' are under the capable management of Mrs. Green and Miss Wally respectively, and the tea stall is being well catered for by Mrs. Maher. Various side shows are being arranged for, and on each evening a short concert will be given.

Writing from Paris, Mrs. Arthur Mead, the talented Dominion soprano, says: 'I have been three months in this most beautiful of cities, and have seen a great deal of Paris. The churches are marvels of beauty. I have just been to Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, of Mont