

ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

November 11.

The annual concert of the Marist Brothers' School, Newtown, takes place on Friday, November 17, at the Grand Opera House.

The Rev. Father Moloney, S.M., of Wanganui, who returned recently from active service by the hospital ship Marama, has been appointed to the charge of the Upper Hutt parish during the absence of Father Daly, who leaves for the front with the 19th Reinforcements. Father Moloney will also act as chaplain at Trentham Camp.

The Boxing Day Picnic Committee held a meeting last Tuesday evening, Mr. J. J. L. Burko presiding. Various matters of detail were discussed, and the following gentlemen were appointed conveners: Sports Adult, Mr. J. D. McPhee; children's, Mr. Jas. Stratford; Sideshows, Mr. W. F. Johnson. Assistant secretary, Mr. J. A. Humphrey.

The mission now being conducted by the Rev. Fathers Taylor, S.M., and A. T. Herring, S.M., Marist Missioners, at St. Mary's, Bouleott street, has proved most successful. The first week was set apart for the women, and this week for the men, whilst special arrangements were made for the children. Every evening the church has been taxed to its utmost capacity, and the Masses are very well attended.

Miss Dorise Guise gave an entertainment as a break-up to her dancing classes in the form of a display on Saturday afternoon. It was held in the New Century Hall, Kent Terrace, and was watched by an interested audience, numbering chiefly the parents of the children. The performers were in some cases very small, none being older than ten or eleven years, the majority not more than five or six, and they all acquitted themselves well, and did credit to their clever young teacher.

The Rev. Father Daly, of Upper Hutt, who is leaving with the Reinforcements as chaplain, was farewelled at Upper Hutt on Tuesday evening by a large number of residents. Mr. Rodgers was in the chair, and during the evening presented Father Daly with an illuminated address, beautifully engrossed by Mr. Bock, of Wellington. Mr. P. Robertson (chairman of the Upper Hutt Town Board) spoke eulogistically of the work done by Father Daly during the six years he has been in charge of the Upper Hutt parish, during two of which he has been a chaplain to the Trentham Camp. Musical items were rendered during the evening, the arrangements being carried out by a committee of which Mr. D. Quinn was chairman.

The effort of the Wellington Catholic Knitting Guild in undertaking a stall on 'Our Day' to assist in augmenting the Red Cross funds, proved most successful, the total results being about £277. The committee tender their very grateful thanks to all who assisted in any way, either by donations of money, contributions of goods for sale, or personal service, to achieve this splendid result. To the members of the Harbour Board, who obtained such a large number of coins with their flags, to Messrs. Oakes and Macdonald, who generously provided the committee and their numerous helpers with luncheon and refreshments, special thanks are due. During the day several of the clergy visited the stalls, including Chaplain-Captains Dore and Segrief. The following donations were received: Rev. Fathers Hurley, O'Connor, Smyth, O'Connell, Mrs. McArdle, Mrs. Fair, Mr. Macdonald, £1s 1s each; Miss Kennedy, £5; Miss A. A. Kennedy, £10; Mrs. Macarthy Reid, £2; Messrs. Staples, £2 2s; Dr. Mackin, £2 2s; Mr. Walter Martin, £2 2s; Mrs. McEnroe, £2 2s; Mr. M. O'Connor, £2; Mr. Ernest Somerville, £2; Mrs. J. Straug, £1; Mrs. Macarthy, £1; Mr. Oakes, £1 1s; and smaller sums amounting to about £5.

As briefly announced in last issue, arrangements have been made for a lecture by the Rev. Father Lockington, S.J., of Melbourne, at the Town Hall, Wellington, on Monday, December 18, upon the subject of 'The Church and Nation-Building.' By the last mail from Melbourne, Father Lockington furnished a

short synopsis of the lecture. He proposes to show that the Catholic Church is the greatest democracy on earth, and that the working-man has always received justice from the Church, as illustrated by examples from other countries. Religion in education will be dealt with, and it will be shown that in order to bring out all that is best in the child, it must be trained in a religious school, and that godless schools are a menace to the national welfare. Religious schools are also necessary in the interests of true patriotism, and Catholic schools develop national ideals. The necessity for the Catholic Federation will be made clear, and Father Lockington will show how the Federation may influence public opinion on the social questions of the day. The lecture will be under the auspices of the Wellington Diocesan Council, and the reputation of the lecturer throughout Australia is a sufficient guarantee of an interesting and instructive evening. Great interest is being taken in the matter by Federationists in Wellington, and the Council confidently anticipates a crowded attendance.

After the third Mass at St. Anne's Church, Newtown, on Sunday morning, the ceremonies in connection with the Forty Hours' Adoration were commenced. There was a very large congregation at the Solemn High Mass, of which the Rev. Father Ryan was the celebrant, the Rev. Fathers Segrief and Mark Devoy being deacon and subdeacon respectively, and Rev. Father Kimbell, S.M., master of ceremonies. In the sanctuary were also his Grace Archbishop O'Shea, and the Ven. Archdeacon Devoy. The preacher was the Rev. Father Kimbell. The high altar was beautifully decorated. A strong choir under the conductorship of Mr. E. B. L. Read, Miss Henderson being organist, sang the music of the Mass, at the close of which a tuneful choir from the Marist Brothers' School, Newtown, under the conductorship of the Rev. Brother Emilian, rendered a hymn. A procession through the church and grounds then took place. The Blessed Sacrament was borne by Archbishop O'Shea, the canopy bearers being members of the Hibernian Society. The sodalities (with banners) were represented by the Children of Mary, the Sacred Heart Society, and the Hibernian Society. Children and the general congregation made up a gathering that was most impressive. During the procession, the Children of Mary, the choir, and boys' choir sang hymns. During the day many people attended the church, and in the evening there was another large congregation, when the Rev. Father Gondringer, of St. Patrick's College, occupied the pulpit, and preached a most eloquent and impressive sermon on 'The Blessed Eucharist.' The Masses on Monday and Tuesday mornings were well attended, and it was most edifying to see the large number of communicants. The Rev. Father O'Connor, S.M., preached on Monday evening to a large congregation. The devotions concluded on Tuesday morning with Solemn High Mass and procession of the Blessed Sacrament. During the devotions all night watches were maintained by the men of the parish under the direction of the members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

CATHOLIC FIELD SERVICE FUND.

Amount previously acknowledged	£319	7	9
Dunedin Diocesan Council Ranfurly parish committee		5	0
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	£324	7	9
Disbursements.			
Remitted to Chaplain-Captain McMenamin, London, senior Catholic Chaplain N.Z. Forces, for use of all N.Z. Catholic Chaplains	£150	0	0
Remitted to Chaplain-Captain McDonald, Egypt	25	0	0
Handed to Chaplain-Captain Segrief, hospital ship Marama	50	0	0
Trentham Camp Entertainment Committee	10	0	0
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Balance	£89	7	9