

Diocesan News

ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

June 8.

Arrangements are well advanced for the annual Schools' Social, to be held at the Town Hall on Wednesday, June 19.

News has been received to the effect that Father De Lach, who arrived in England from France on April 14, is still in indifferent health. For many years he had been stationed at Otaki.

The religious services in connection with St. Mary of the Angels' Parish will, until the new building is ready, be conducted in the Schoolroom, Boulcott Street, at present used as Parish Girls' School, and commonly known as the old Marist Brothers' School.

Numerous entries are being received from the schools for the Thomas Moore competitions, which take place at the Concert Chamber of the Town Hall on Saturday, June 29. The finals, with a first-class concert, will be held at the large Town Hall on Monday, July 1.

The Dominion treasurer of the N.Z. Catholic Federation acknowledges the receipt of the following donations to the Catholic Field Service Fund:—Amount previously acknowledged, £3343 19s 1d; Southland War Funds Association (through the Invercargill Parish Committee), £100; Mr. Alfred Coles, Petone (through Father Cullen), £5 5s; E. Magner, Ngaere, £5 5s; discount George Winders a/c, 5s; total, £3454 14s 1d. Less amount expended as previously detailed, £2837 7s 4d; cartage of billiard table for Featherston camp, £2 7s 6d; stationery, £1 5s; Father Moloney, chaplain Hospital Ship, £25; repairs to Featherston hall, £75 9s 2d; total, £2941 9s; balance to credit, £513 5s 1d.

An informal review of the St. Patrick's College cadets was made by Lt.-Col. J. L. Sleeman, I.G.S., Director of Military Training, last week. Colonel Sleeman was accompanied by Lieut. E. J. Reeves, M.C., in command of the cadets, but now seconded for service with the Expeditionary Force. Lieut. Chapman now has charge of the boys. There were some 125 on parade and they made a good showing. St. Patrick's College this year has had a great influx of new pupils, but already these boys have made good progress. After the parade, Colonel Sleeman addressed the boys, complimenting them upon their neatness and appearance. Every cadet, he said, should have before him the ideal of commissioned rank—there was no reason why he should not attain it.

A wedding was solemnised at St. Mary's Church, Wanganui, on Monday last by Father O'Connell, the contracting parties being Mr. James Alexander Humphrey, of the accountants' branch of the Postal Dept., and for several years past secretary of the Thorndon branch of the Hibernian Society, and Miss "Chryse" McFadzen. The bridesmaids were Miss Kitty McFadzen (sister of the bride), and Miss Zita Mahoney (step-sister of the bridegroom). The bridegroom was attended by Mr. Kevin Patrick as best man, the groomsmen being Mr. Thomas McFadzen (brother of the bride). After the ceremony a number of guests were entertained to breakfast at the residence of the bride's parents, 19 Wilson Street, after which the happy couple left by motor car for Wellington, where they will make their home.

A numerously attended meeting of sympathisers was held at the schoolroom, Boulcott Street, on Sunday afternoon to discuss the question of replacing St. Mary of the Angels' Church, destroyed by fire on the previous Monday. Among those present were his Grace Archbishop O'Shea, the Ven. Archdeacon Devoy, and Father Mahony, S.M. The meeting was most enthusiastic, and it was unanimously decided to rebuild the

church and to make the new building one well worthy of the historic spot upon which it is to be erected. His Grace Archbishop O'Shea, Ven. Archdeacon Devoy, and Father Mahony addressed the meeting, and an executive committee, of which Mr. D. R. Lawlor was elected secretary, was appointed to carry out the rebuilding scheme and to raise the necessary funds. The magnificent sum of £4500 was subscribed at the meeting. This, with the insurance money, provides £6500 for the New Building Fund. The larger donations are as follow:—Mrs. Martin Kennedy, £1000; Miss A. C. Kennedy, £500; Miss Agnes Kennedy, £500; Mr. Maurice O'Connor, £500; his Grace Archbishop O'Shea, £100; Mr. R. Dwyer, £100; Mr. F. J. Oakes, £100; Dwan Bros., £100; Ven. Archdeacon Devoy, £50.

Wanganui

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For some months past Father O'Connell, assisted by the ladies of the parish, had been busy preparing for a bazaar in aid of the Catholic educational institutions of Wanganui; and towards the end of last month their labors came to a most successful conclusion. It was decided to have a coronation competition in connection with the function, and from this circumstance the name "Coronation Carnival" was derived. There were five stalls, and each stall chose a queen candidate, the candidate nominated by the stall which realised the largest sum of money being entitled to be crowned Queen of the Carnival. The function commenced on May 18 in Everybody's Theatre. The theatre had been fitted up for the occasion, and with the aid of artistic decorations and numerous colored lights its interior presented a scene of dazzling brilliance. The ladies responsible saw to it that the various stalls were loaded with articles of all descriptions—useful, ornamental, and artistic,—the refreshment stall, in its own department, being no exception. Where everybody excelled it would be invidious to institute any comparison. The five stalls were allocated as follows:—St. Vincent de Paul, Aramoho (yellow and white): Mrs. Richardson (in charge), Mesdames Keegan, Hogan, and Coxon; assistants—Misses Kenny (2), Cox, O'Leary, Benefield, Murphy, O'Shannessey, Narby, Marshall, and Roache. Hibernian (green and white): Mrs. McGonigle (in charge), Mrs. Stratford; assistants—Misses L. Gordon, Dowdall (2), Mahoney, Siddell, Stitt (2), Molan, Richardson, Callaghan, Kirwan, Hughes, and M. Boyle (secretary). St. Vincent de Paul, Wanganui (red and white): Mrs. Meehan (in charge), Mesdames Koorey, Cullinane, and Watson; assistants—Misses McTubbs, O'Neill, Curran, Meehan, J. O'Neill, F. McCulloch, Condon, O'Connor (2), Casey (2), Wood, Trainor, and McCormack. Convent (pink and black): Miss Burke and Mrs. Lloyd (in charge); assistants—Misses E. Moore, K. Delahunty, Kearns, Siddle, McCarten, and Foster. Children of Mary, refreshment stall (blue and white): Miss Kennedy (in charge), Misses Aramburn, Roche, Quirke, and Clarke (2); assistants—Misses Sullivan, Brown, Kennedy, Callaghan, Mills, Howell, and Wilson. The committee comprised the following:—Father O'Connell (chairman), Mesdames Richardson, Keegan, Luxford, Cullinane, and Meehan; Misses Doyle, Clark, Kennedy, and Curran; Messrs. McGonigle, Redwood, O'Brien, Foley, McAfee, Jones, F. J. Shanly, Allones, Brown, Russell, Cronin, Donovan, Carmody, Koorey, Grogan, Toomath. Tellers—Messrs. McDonald and Brinkman. Treasurer, Father O'Connell. The onerous duties of honorary secretary were well and ably discharged by Mr. W. H. Redwood. There was a large attendance of the public on each of the ten nights on which the carnival remained open. On succeeding evenings the proceedings were formally opened by Councillors McCaul, Slipper, Veitch, M.P., Burnett, T. B. Williams, and Luxford. Brisk business was done every evening at the stalls, as evidenced by the large sum of money realised. The queen competition excited great rivalry, and towards the close the board showing

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