

Diocesan News

ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

October 25.

The Very Rev. Father O'Connell, S.M., president of the Dominion Council of the Catholic Federation, left by the Riverina on Thursday, as the official delegate of the Federation to the Irish Race Convention at Melbourne.

Mr. P. D. Hoskins, district deputy of the Hibernian Society, has been selected by the Wellington branches to represent them at the Irish Race Convention. Mr. Hoskins left by the Maheno.

The attendance at the new school in Buckle Street has now reached 346. Of this number there are over 100 boys who are transferable to the Marist Brothers' School when they reach the standards.

Arrangements are being made for the annual Boxing Day picnic and art union in the interests of the Catholic Education Fund. The location has not yet been definitely decided upon.

An artistic entertainment was given at the Concert Chamber last week, arranged by Miss Mary Butler, assisted in the grouping and designing of the statuary, etc., by her sister, Miss Margaret Butler. The programme was excellently compiled with a variety of charming items of song, dance, and picture. Great admiration was expressed of the backgrounds of the various friezes, which were the work of Mr. Fancourt. In the second part of the programme a "Satirical Extravaganza," written and produced by Mr. Theo. Trezise, was presented. Mrs. Frank Johnstone's trio provided the instrumental music for the evening. As a conclusion to the programme the original masque, produced by Miss Mary Butler some time ago in Wellington, was repeated, again with great success. Mr. Syme was stage manager for Miss Butler for the whole of the entertainment, and Mr. Fancourt arranged the stage decorations, which were very effectively carried out. The proceeds are intended to augment the Basilica Hall fund.

A great number of people assembled at the large Town Hall last Wednesday night, when the Countess of Liverpool opened the bazaar organised by the Thorndon and Buckle Street Catholic parishes. Her Excellency was received by Mrs. Gleeson on behalf of the Buckle Street committee, and by Mrs. E. W. Gibbs on behalf of Thorndon, and was presented with a bouquet of pink azaleas, lilies, and asparagus fern. Fathers Smyth and Hurley also received her, and in introducing her to the audience, Father Smyth congratulated all present on the excellent display of goods made at the stalls, and thanked Lady Liverpool for coming and for her interest in the occasion. In declaring the bazaar open, Lady Liverpool emphasised the importance of education in these days when competition is so keen, and so much is needed to set forth the young efficiently on the journey of life. She then expressed her pleasure at being present, and declared the sale open. The Mayoress, Mrs. J. P. Luke, was among those present on the platform, and accompanied her Excellency in making a round of the stalls. Some graceful dancing by pupils of Miss Barbara Putnam and a grand march directed by the same lady followed the opening speeches, and the "Flowers of the Empire," in which the poppy group represented India, wattle Australia, maple leaf Canada, rata New Zealand, daisy South Africa, rose England, thistle Scotland, and shamrock Ireland, were all much admired. Music was provided by an orchestra in which Miss Corby was at the piano, Miss O'Neal and Mr. Dyer played the violin, Mr. McLean the flute, and Mr. Campbell the cornet. The hall was effectively decorated with pale blue and white, and on each stall was an excellent selection of saleable goods, the needlework being particularly artistic and fine. Good business was done, and the art union cards were much in evidence, many being tempted to try their luck in chances for the handsome and useful goods offered. Those in charge of the stalls are as follow:—Hibernian Fancy Stall: Mesdames M. Gleeson and J. J. L. Burke; Tutanekei Produce Stall: Miss K. Keating; Kia Ora Stall (Thorndon): Misses M. McKeown and E. Breen (bran tub, Miss L. O'Malley); Kapai Stall (Thorndon): Mrs. Wright; Children of Mary's Lollie Stall: Miss E. Phelan; Haeremai Stall (Thorndon): Mrs. E. W. Gibbs.

The champion tug-of-war contest, which is being held in connection with the bazaar, is proving a centre of attraction. The stage and fittings are very complete, and reflect great credit on the management. The large dial visible from every part of the hall records accurately the

least movement of the rope in either direction. The dial, an intricate and delicate piece of work, is of local manufacture. The first pull of the evening was between the Petone team (captained by Mr. Stanley Brice), which tipped the scale at 71st 6lb, and Dealey's team (led by Mr. J. Barry), which weighed in at 71st 7lb. Petone took the advantage at the word "go," and, answering every call of the captain, had six inches to their credit when time was called. Their win was a very popular one. The heavy-weight contest was between Gleeson's men (who weighed 81st 13lb) and Sergeant Wade's team (which scaled 82st 5lb). Gleeson's team got the advantage at the start, and began to increase it gradually. Occasionally Wade's team would raise the enthusiasm of its supporters by a fine effort, and reduce the lead by an inch or two, but Gleeson's team, responding to the captain, would slowly win back. The team had seven inches to spare when the whistle went. On Friday night the first round of the heavy-weights was completed by a pull between Cleary's team (weighing 74st 10lb) and Herlihy's team (which scaled 76st). A splendid start was effected, and Herlihy's took the advantage of one inch, and then both teams settled down to the best pull so far witnessed in the contest. Cleary's got the mark back to neutral, and then the recording hand on the dial oscillated first a half-inch one way, and then a half-inch the other, as the big men exerted their strength. At three and a-half minutes, Cleary's had an advantage of about one inch, and this they managed to keep until time was called. Their win was enthusiastically received, though the losers were also loudly applauded for their fine effort. In the light-weight division Quirke's (71st 2lb) team had a good win over Duffy's (70st 7lb) team by the good margin of 13 inches.

Napier

(From our own correspondent.)

October 23.

Mr. E. J. O'Brien, of the Public Trust Office, Napier, formerly Town Clerk of Waipawa, has been promoted to the position of district manager of the Public Trust Office, Ashburton.

Miss Catherine M. Falvey, of Napier, was, on the occasion of her approaching marriage, met on Sunday afternoon last subsequent to the meeting of the Children of Mary at the Napier Convent, by members of that sodality, and made the recipient of a handsome presentation comprising a pair of holy pictures and an ivory-covered prayer-book. The presentation was made by the secretary, Miss E. Robinson, who in a neat little speech, congratulated the recipient on the step she was about to take, and extended the hearty wishes of all present for her future prosperity and happiness. Miss Falvey made suitable response, expressing regret at severing her connection with the society, wherein she had spent several years of great happiness, and thanking them for the beautiful gifts and their felicitous expressions.

Mr. B. J. Dolan, Past Chief Orphan of the Napier Orphans' Club, was at the closing kerero of the season on Saturday last, presented with a gold badge as a mark of appreciation of the valuable services rendered by him to the club. The presentation was made by Chief Orphan Sprott.

On Saturday afternoon last a large number of friends were the guests of the Sisters at the Napier Convent at a very enjoyable silver coin gift afternoon in aid of the convent candidate in the Queen Carnival. The grounds were looking beautiful, the tennis court enclosure being decorated with floral and Oriental effects. An open-air concert was contributed, the performers including Mrs. M. Treston, Misses Eales, Murray, Diucon, Latapie, and a number of the pupils. A dainty afternoon tea was dispensed by the pupils, and all present spent a very enjoyable time. The funds were considerably augmented by this successful effort.

Owing to the illness of her mother, the convent queen candidate, Miss Eileen Sattler, has been obliged to return to her home at Inglewood, and her place in the Queen Carnival is being taken by Miss Winnie Windle. The latest figures in the Queen Carnival voting are as follow: Miss Takarangi (Maori), 11,010; Convent (Miss Windle), 11,000; Miss Kenny (Hibernian), 6200; Miss Morecroft (soldiers), 5975.

The committees working in support of the various queen candidates are leaving no stone unturned to secure as many votes as possible. A jumble stall was held for the Maori queen to-day, and to-morrow one will be held for the soldiers' queen. The Port stall committee held a very successful shop on Friday last. The latter committee also held a dance in Coronation Hall on Wednesday last,

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