

pensations as may be deemed necessary according to the circumstances of each case.

9. Persons not twenty-one years old, as well as those advanced in old age, and all persons who are unable to fast on account of sickness or hard labor, etc., are exempted from the general obligation of fasting.

All who have arrived at the years of discretion are bound to go to Holy Communion within Easter time, which in this diocese commences on Ash Wednesday and ends on the Octave of the Feast of SS. Peter and Paul.

A collection for the Seminary Fund will be made on the second Sunday in Lent in every church where a priest officiates, and in all other churches on some Sunday during Lent. The faithful are earnestly solicited to contribute generously to this fund.

The collection for the Pope will be made in each church on some Sunday before the end of September next, and for the Aborigines and Holy Places on some convenient day.

✠ MICHAEL VERDON,
Bishop of Dunedin.

Dunedin, 2nd February, 1910.

DIocese OF CHRISTCHURCH

The following are the Lenten and other regulations to be observed in the diocese of Christchurch:—

In virtue of Special Faculties received from the Holy See, we hereby grant the following dispensations:

1st.—Permission for the use of flesh meat, at dinner only, on all Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays, and also on all Saturdays, except one, that is the second Saturday during Lent, and Munday in Holy Week.

2nd.—Lard and dripping may be used at dinner, on days of fast and abstinence during Lent, and also throughout the year, with the exception of the first and last Wednesdays of Lent and Good Friday.

3rd.—White meats—such as butter, milk, cheese, and eggs—are allowed on all days at dinner and collation, with the exception of Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

4th.—Fish and flesh are not allowed at the same meal during Lent.

There is neither fast nor abstinence on Sundays in Lent nor on the feast of St. Patrick, March the 17th.

All who have completed their twenty-first year are bound to fast and abstain, unless excused by the state of their health or the nature of their employment, according to the regulations stated above; and all who have arrived at the use of reason, though not bound to fast before the completion of their twenty-first year, are, nevertheless, bound to abstain from the use of flesh meat on the days appointed, unless exempted for a legitimate cause, of which the respective pastors are the judges.

All who have arrived at the years of discretion are bound to go to Communion within Easter time, which, in this diocese, commences on Ash Wednesday, and ends on the Octave of Saints Peter and Paul.

The collection for the Holy Places will take place on Good Friday.

The collection of the Seminary Fund will be held on Whit Sunday, or on the Sunday or Sundays following, when there are two or more churches in the district.

The collection for the diocesan charities will take place on the first Sunday in October, or on the Sunday or Sundays following, when there are two or more churches in the district.

The collection for Peter's Pence on the Sunday within the Octave of the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul.

N.B.—According to instructions recently received from Rome, the special collection for the Holy Places should be made on Good Friday, or the first available occasion afterwards, in every church or chapel where the Holy Sacrifice is offered in presence of the faithful, and the whole proceeds be immediately forwarded to us.

Given at Christchurch, the Feast of the Purification of our Blessed Lady, and appointed to be read, and afterwards to be placed conspicuously inside all the churches, chapels, and convents of the diocese.

✠ JOHN JOSEPH GRIMES, S.M.,
Bishop of Christchurch.

Diocesan News

ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

February 5.

The appointment of Mr. Morgan D. Flaherty as manager of St. Mary's Industrial School, Nelson, is gazetted.

The many friends of Mr. F. H. Chamberlain, late of Christchurch, will be pleased to hear that he has been appointed managing engineer for the Westport-Stockton Coal Company.

At the opening of the new school at Kilbirnie on Monday, January 31, forty children attended, which is very gratifying to the Sisters of Mercy, who have charge of it.

There was Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Joseph's Church, Buckle street, on Sunday from the last Mass until Vespers, after which the usual procession took place.

The quarterly conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society will be held on Sunday afternoon, February 13, in St. Patrick's Hall, Boulcott street.

The Catholic residents of Brooklyn are determined in their efforts to build a church in their district very soon. A committee has been formed, and has made arrangements regarding the house-to-house collection, which has now been undertaken. The parishioners are responding very liberally.

The members of the St. Vincent Parish Guild held their usual meeting at St. Patrick's Hall, Boulcott street, on Friday evening, when there were about thirty boys present, besides several members of the St. Mary's Conference of St. Vincent de Paul Society.

The marriage of Miss Johnston, daughter of Mr. Sydney Johnston, of Orua Wharo, and Mr. Daniel Henry Riddiford, son of Mr. Henry Joshua Riddiford, took place on Tuesday, February 1, at St. Mary's Church, Takapau. The Rev. Father Johnston officiated.

The monthly meeting of the women's branch of the Sacred Heart Association (Te Aro parish) was held in St. Joseph's Church, Buckle street, on Friday evening, February 4, when there were about 350 present. Fourteen new members were admitted. The Rev. Father Venning, S.M. (spiritual director) gave an instructive discourse. He exhorted the members to encourage Catholic readings in their homes.

An enjoyable progressive euchre party was held at St. Anne's Club rooms, Newtown, on Wednesday evening, February 7, about sixty people taking part. The prizes were won by Miss Kate O'Sullivan and Mr. McInerney. The proceeds will be devoted towards the fund for the entertainment of the H.A.C.B. Society delegates to the triennial movable meeting.

The committee for the celebration of St. Patrick's Day this year is to be composed of six representatives from each of the following bodies:—St. Patrick's, St. Aloysius', and St. Peter and Paul's branches of the Hibernian Society, and the Wellington Catholic Club. The intention of the committee is to hold a picnic at the Lower Hutt and a grand Irish national concert on March 17, and a sports meeting on Saturday afternoon, March 19.

The report of the proceedings of the fifth triennial meeting of the inter-state representatives of the Hibernian Society, held at Hobart, is just to hand. Bro. P. J. Nerheny, J.P., D.P., Auckland, represented the New Zealand district. The report shows that 43 branches have been opened during the past two years in the Commonwealth and the Dominion. The total number of branches is now 462, of which New Zealand has 37; whilst the membership now stands at 29,341, and the total funds at £218,000. Owing to expense these meetings will in future take place triennially instead of biennially. The New Zealand District Board of the H.A.C.B. Society has decided to postpone the triennial movable meeting, which had been arranged for the end of February, until the first Wednesday after Easter.

St. Patrick's College examination results for 1909.—Matriculation, solicitor's general knowledge, medical preliminary, engineering preliminary—J. Hogan, J. M. Box. Matriculation, engineering preliminary—B. Doherty. Matriculation, medical preliminary, solicitor's general knowledge—W. B. Buckley, J. Casey. Matriculation, solicitor's general knowledge—R. Collins, B. Malone. The following, in order of merit, passed the Civil Service examination (Junior):—Passed with credit—W. B. Buckley, W. R. Mulgan, J. M. Box, B. Doherty, B. Malone, J. Hogan, J. Casey, R. Collins, W. Hennessy, J. McGinley, C. O'Rourke, T. Stack, A. Beswick, P. Hawkins; passed—G. Mahoney, P. Kane, F. Yourelle, P. Lawlor, P. Blake, J. Engel, C. Mackay, J. Punch, W. Neylon, P. Mahoney, J. Sullivan.

The following changes among the clergy of the archdiocese of Wellington have been announced:—Rev. Father McManus, of New Plymouth, will take charge of the new parish of Inglewood, and Rev. Father Bergin, of Westport, will be in charge of the Manaia parish. These two parishes have just been formed in the Taranaki district. Rev. Father O'Dwyer, of Hawera, will take the place of Rev. Father Tracey, of Stratford, who has been granted twelve months' leave of absence to enable him to visit the Old Country. Rev. Father O'Bierne has been transferred to New Plymouth. His place will be filled by the Rev. Father Connolly. Rev. Father McMenamin succeeds Rev. Father Bergin at Westport. Rev. Father L. Daly goes to Feilding as assistant priest. Rev. Father Quealy goes to Palmerston North. Rev. Father Tymons, S.M., and Rev. Father Eccleton join the staff of St. Patrick's College. A new departure has been decided on in regard to the Marist Order in New Zealand. A new institution has been established at Island Bay, at which members of the Order will, after ten years' parish work, spend a period of six months for the purpose of revising their studies—a period known as the second novitiate. The institution will be in charge