

was infinitely superior—a strong, living faith, radiating from every act, word, and work of her life.

In the autumn of 1801 Ewen, his wife, and young family left for Nova Scotia, where after arriving they settled down at Antigonish. With unremitting effort, and the noble assistance and cheering encouragement of Margaret, Ewen prospered, and in a few years was in comfortable circumstances, such as that meant at that period. After a time the little log cabin gave place to a larger and more pretentious habitation, the family increased in number, and the virgin soil yielded generously to every stroke of the hoe. Now his material comfort was assured. For many years his home was the station of the itinerant priest, when on his mission administering to his yet small and scattered flocks. The late Bishop Fraser, Father William McLeod, and others knew Ewen's home as their own, for now churches were few and far between.

Shortly after Ewen, his brother John became a convert and came to the South River. A little later their brother Lochlan came, who also embraced the faith. A number of years after these the last of them, Allan, came, who in due time was received into the Church. He had been in the army, and was with his regiment stationed somewhere in Ireland, when his brothers came. Three of these settled within a few miles of each other, and another at Antigonish Harbor. Their descendants live at South River, Springfield, and other parts of the county. All these conversions were directly due to that of Ewen, and therefore to the glorious influence exercised so unobtrusively at the outset by Margaret of Kin-Loch.

Through John's conversion the church in this diocese had for many fruitful years the administration of a Bishop; four grandsons priests, namely, Dr. Angus Cameron, Father Donald Cameron, and Father Dougal Cameron (brothers), all now deceased, and Father C. F. McKinnon, now of Sydney Mines; also two great-grandsons, Father McMaster of Mabou and Father D. C. Gillies of the College. Besides these there were and still are a respectable number of John's descendants devout Sisters of religious communities.

None of the direct descendants of Ewen ministered in the Church, but the late Judge McDonald, of Antigonish, our first Catholic judge, was his grandson; so is Dr. Hugh Cameron, ex-M.P., of Mabou, C.B.

I do not know whether Margaret's progenitors had always been Catholics, but it is very evident the faith was firmly implanted in that family. Some years after, her brother named Angus immigrated and settled at Upper South River. A daughter of his married Lachlan McDonald, of Frasers Mills, and was the mother of three sons, who are now doing active services at the altar, in this diocese, namely, Father Alex. L. of Inverness, C.B., Father Ronald L. of St. Peters, C.B., and Father Donald L. of Arisaig, Antigonish. These reverend gentlemen rejoice to call Margaret of Kin-Loch their grand-aunt.

Diocesan News

ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

August 6.

Last Sunday the annual collection for the Deaf and Dumb (Catholic) Institute took place at all the churches at Wellington.

Mr. M. Dennehy passed away at the residence of his son-in-law, Mr. D. R. Lawlor, Cuba street, on August 1, at the advanced age of 81 years.—R.I.P.

It is announced in this week's *Gazette* that the Rev. Father C. J. Venning, S.M., has been elected honorary chaplain of the St. Vincent Rifle Cadets.

The committee of the St. Patrick's College Old Boys' Association presented Mr. Norman Crombie with a handsome silver epergne on the occasion of his recent marriage.

In the sixth class football (Association) competition on last Saturday the Marist Brothers A team defeated Porirua by 2 goals to nil. Becker and Casey scored for the winners.

In the hockey competition on last Saturday the St. Patrick's College Old Boys, after a willing game with Wellington, defeated them by 3 goals to 1. W. Ryan (2), F. Ryan (1), and J. Mahony scored for the winners, and Bay for the losers.

Only 1595 ratepayers recorded their votes for or against the proposal of the Wellington Corporation to raise a £100,000 loan for the duplication of the Wainui water main. The total number of ratepayers on the roll is 10,872, which means that about 14 per cent. only took an interest in the voting. The result was a majority for the loan of 97.

It is with sincere regret that I record the sudden death of Miss Mary Anne Banks on August 4 at St. Mary of the Angels' Church, Boulcott street. She went to church in her usual state of health about 3.45 p.m., and shortly after 4 o'clock fell forward in her seat. Dr. Herbert was summoned, and on arrival found life to be extinct. The deceased lady, who was 69 years of age, was a native of Ireland, and on arriving in New Zealand resided on the

West Coast, afterwards living with a relative, Mrs. John Devlin, Ghuznee street. Miss Banks was an esteemed member of St. Mary's congregation, being a most exemplary Catholic, attending to her duties at the church daily. She was of a kindly disposition, and had endeared herself to a large number of friends, who heartily sympathise with the bereaved relatives.—R.I.P.

The list of passes at the June theory examinations conducted by the Associated Board of the Royal Academy of Music and Royal College of Music, London, has been prepared by the resident secretary from papers received from the board's examiners in Sydney. Fifty-one candidates were entered, and only twenty-six passed. The particulars as far as they concern our convent pupils are as follow:—Local centre.—Harmony—Advanced grade (full marks 150, honors 130, pass 100)—Kate E. Graham (St. Mary's Convent), 106. Counterpoint—Cecilia Dwyer (St. Mary's Convent), 100. Local centre.—Rudiments (full marks 99, pass 66)—Olive Isackson (St. Bride's Convent, Masterton), 99; Mary Ingerton (St. Mary's Convent), 89. School examinations.—Harmony (full marks 150, distinction 130, pass 100)—Lower division—Dorothy Norton (St. Mary's Convent), 127; Dorothy W. Bowie (St. Mary's Convent), 113. Primary theory (full marks 99, pass 66)—Jessie Ward (St. Mary's Convent), 99; Agnes Ward (St. Mary's Convent), 88; Ida Waddel (St. Mary's Convent), 87; Effie Wright (St. Mary's Convent), 85; Hilda Martin (St. Mary's Convent), 80; Bessie Martin (St. Mary's Convent), 75; Rae Levy (St. Mary's Convent), 72.

The meeting of the St. Patrick's branch of the Hibernian Society was held on August 1, Bro. W. J. Feeney, B.P., presiding. The Rev. Father Venning was also present. Bros. M. O'Kane and J. P. McGowan were nominated for the position of delegate to the United Friendly Societies' Council. The election for the position is to take place on 15th inst. Final arrangements were made for the euvre party, which promises to be a success. Bro. F. S. Byrne, of Invercargill, has been transferred to Wellington, and has thrown in his lot with the Wellington branch. As soon as the rules are received from the district it is proposed to establish a boys' branch of the society in Wellington. The result of Father O'Connell's appeal to the men of Petone during the recent mission was the formation of a branch of the society at Petone. There was a large attendance of men at the special meeting called for the purpose at the schoolroom, when the officers from the Wellington and Hutt branches were present. The Rev. Father Maples explained the object of the meeting, introduced the visiting members, and announced that he would do all in his power to further the interests of the society in Petone. Bro. J. W. Callaghan, district deputy, was voted to the chair, and explained the benefits of the society, and answered questions generally. It was moved that a branch be established, and on the motion being put it was unanimously carried. Mr. J. Linehan was elected provisional secretary, and Dr. Ross medical attendant. Judging from the enthusiasm displayed at this meeting, the Petone branch will be a live one.

If there is an object which makes a distinct appeal to the people of Wellington it is the good work that is being done for the sick, the maimed, and the suffering little ones by the Rev. Mother Mary Joseph Aubert. This was testified to in the large audience present at the Town Hall last Wednesday evening, August 3, when the annual concert in aid of the homes was given. Among those present was his Excellency Lord Islington (who was accompanied by Captain Makgill Maitland, A.D.C.). The concert was an excellent one, thanks to the efforts of Mr. Robert Parker and others who have the cause at heart. It opened with the singing of two verses of the National Anthem on the entrance of his Excellency. The Wellington Liedertafel sang the part songs, 'O Sanctissima,' 'Come, let us join the roundelay,' and 'Lovely spring.' Their contributions also included the part song 'Ave Maria' (Abt), with the tenor solo by Mr. B. Hoar, and Villiers Stanford's Cavalier song, 'Marching along,' the solo of which was sung with fine gusto by Mr. F. V. Waters. Mr. C. Clarkson exhibited his full-bodied baritone in Carey's setting of 'Nearer my God to Thee.' His singing was marked with good expression and nice phrasing. Miss Beatrice Harte played Chopin's 'Berceuse,' bracketed with Rubinstein's 'Study in C major,' acceptably. Miss Phoebe Parsons, who has a penchant for florid songs, sang that bright bolero of Verdi's, 'The Sicilian Vespers,' with plenty of vocal abandon, and had to accede to a demand for another item. Associated with her sister, Mrs. B. N. Wilson, she also sang that old-time favorite duet, 'Sainted Mother,' from 'Maritana,' very nicely. Miss Agnes Segrief sang the 'Pater Noster' of Niedmeyer charmingly, and, encored, gave Leoni's pretty song 'The birth of morn.' Miss Eileen Ward sang 'Kathleen Mavourneen' artistically, and had to supplement that item with 'The way home' (Liddle). Mr. James Searle sang Schubert's 'Serenade,' and, associated with Mr. Clarkson, the duet 'Watchman, what of the night,' a popular number with Wellington audiences. Mr. J. Smith played as an organ solo Guilmant's graceful 'Pastorale,' and Miss Segrief reappeared to sing Gounod's 'Quand te Chantes.' The accompaniments were played by Mr. Robert Parker (organ) and Mrs. Cachemaille (piano).

At the second annual meeting of the Society for the Promotion of the Health of Women and Children, held on Tuesday evening, the report stated that the total number