

cession. In the military portion St. Patrick's College, St. Anne's (Wellington South), and St. Vincent's (Te Aro) Cadets, together with Marist Brothers' boys (Tasman street and Bolcott street), mustered in full force, their smart appearance and movements being favorably commented upon, whilst in the civic portion the Wellington, Newtown, Thorndon, Hutt, and Petone branches of the H.A.C.B. Society mustered 200 members, the largest number of any friendly society on parade.

### AUCKLAND.

(From our own correspondent.)

At St. Patrick's Cathedral last Thursday morning an immense congregation assembled to assist at High Mass at 9.30 o'clock. The wing on the northern side was filled with Territorials. His Lordship the Bishop presided, Very Rev. Dean Hackett (Paeroa) and Rev. Father Tormey (Ellerslie) being deacons at the throne. Rev. Father Wright was celebrant of the Mass, Rev. Fathers Brennan and Finn being deacon and subdeacon respectively, and Rev. Father Holbrook, Adm., master of ceremonies. Rev. Father Wientjes was also present in the sanctuary. The choir, under Mr. P. P. Hiscocks, mustered in good force, and gave an excellent rendering of Mercadante's Mass, while at the Offertory 'Domine Salvum Fac Regem,' composed by Mr. Harry Hiscocks (organist), was sung.

At the conclusion of Mass Dean Hackett preached the occasional sermon. He said that there were two mighty Empires to which the Catholics in New Zealand belonged and owed allegiance. By birth or adoption they were subjects of the British Empire, and by the grace of God the children of a yet mightier Empire—the spiritual Empire of the Catholic Church. They were there that day at the invitation of their spiritual leaders in New Zealand to perform two things—(1) to offer sacrifice and prayer to God that the new King's reign might be marked by peace and goodwill within his gates and abroad among the nations; and that international disputes would soon be settled with pen, ink, and paper, and not by the sword and the Dreadnoughts; and (2) to pay to his Majesty the homage of their new-born Catholic loyalty. In dealing with the second duty the preacher said that it remained for them to express their new-born Catholic loyalty. He used the term 'new-born' advisedly. Therefore, for centuries, their Catholic loyalty to the Kings of Great Britain and Ireland was such as the law required, and their Church commanded, but it ever lacked one element which no human law could enforce. It did not bear the hall-mark of the heart with which they could fortunately stamp it that day. An infamous Act of Parliament had denounced their Holy faith, and had then tested their loyalty to straining point, when it compelled every new British sovereign, on his accession to the Throne, to make a declaration under oath, whereby his Majesty's Catholic subjects were branded as idolaters, perjurers, and equivocators. Now, after centuries of calumny, they could offer sincerely, willingly, and lovingly to the new King their new-born loyalty. George V. was the first monarch since the Act of Settlement, of 1701, who had not to pollute his lips with the anti-Catholic phraseology of the late Coronation Oath. Another reason for their new-born loyalty was that their new King ascended the Throne when, after centuries of intrigue and political catastrophe, the beacon of a new hope appeared in Ireland's sky. In the British Empire there were fifteen millions of Catholics, a large proportion of whom were Irish Catholics. Let their final prayer that day be that the same Parliament that enabled King George to set aside the abominable anti-Catholic clauses of the Accession Oath might also bring about the realisation of Ireland's hopes and ideals now in sight, and which forecasted the outburst of brighter and happier days, and that Ireland would soon welcome his Majesty to her hospitable shores to preside over the opening ceremonies of her Home Rule Parliament.

The service closed with the solemn 'Te Deum' and with 'God save the King' as a recessional.

## Diocesan News

### ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

June 24.

A social in aid of St. Brigid's Church, Wadestown, was held in the Sydney street schoolroom on last Wednesday.

Owing to an outbreak of measles among the students, St. Patrick's College broke up yesterday, and will remain closed for a month.

Very Rev. Father O'Shea, S.M., V.G., proceeded to New Plymouth during the week to take part in the ceremonies in connection with the silver jubilee of the Very Rev. Dean James McKenna, the popular and respected pastor of New Plymouth.

At the State banquet given by his Excellency the Governor on Coronation Day, his Grace Archbishop Redwood and Very Rev. Dr. Kennedy, S.M., Rector of St. Patrick's College, received invitations to attend.

Mr. Martin Kennedy, K.S.G., has been appointed deputy-chairman of the Bank of New Zealand during the time that Mr. Harold Beauchamp will be absent from New Zealand.

All those who wish to take part in the short retreat for men, which commences at St. Patrick's College on June 30, are requested to hand in their names to the Vice-rector of the College (Rev. Father O'Reilly) as soon as possible.

The sanctuary of St. Anne's Church, Wellington South, has just been renovated, and some necessary alterations effected for the purpose of complying with the conditions necessary for the erection of the Arch-confraternity of the Rosary, which is to be started in the church next Sunday.

Mr. W. J. White, of Foxton, and formerly of Wellington, where he was for several years secretary of the H.A.C.B. Society, has the sincere sympathy of a large circle of friends in his bereavement in the death of Mrs. White.—R.I.P.

Mr. J. E. Fitzgerald, a prominent member of the H.A.C.B. Society and Catholic Club, and one of our most active City Councillors, has announced his candidature for Parliamentary honors at the next general election. Mr. Fitzgerald will stand for the new Wellington Suburbs seat.

It is with regret that I have to record the death of Mr. John Ryan, of the Railway Department, Woodville, which occurred at the Pahiataua Hospital on June 22. The late Mr. Ryan was the second son of Mrs. Thomas Ryan, of Petone, and a prominent member of the H.A.C.B. Society. The funeral took place to-day, the Rev. Father Maples officiating at the church and at the graveside.—R.I.P.

The reorganised men's confraternity of the Sacred Heart Society at St. Anne's, held their first monthly meeting on the second Friday of the month. There was a large attendance of members present, and they were addressed by the Rev. Father George Mahony, S.M. (spiritual director). On the second Sunday the members of the confraternity with the St. Anne's cadets, in uniform, approached the Holy Table in large numbers.

The fifteenth annual social of the St. Mary's branch (ladies) of the H.A.C.B. Society was held in St. Peter's schoolroom on last Wednesday evening. Over two hundred persons were present, including the Rev. Father Venning, S.M., chaplain of the branch. The social was one of the most successful yet held, and reflected great credit on the energetic committee, consisting entirely of ladies, with Miss K. Robinson as president, and Miss G. O'Flaherty as secretary.

Special services, in connection with the Triduum in honor of the Blessed Sacrament were held at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart (Thorndon), St. Joseph's Church (Buckle street), and St. Anne's (Wellington South) on last Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, and it was most edifying to see the large number of communicants at all the churches. The Rev. Father Bartley, S.M., M.A., of St. Patrick's College, preached a course of sermons at the Basilica. The Rev. Father Eccleton, of St. Patrick's College, Very Rev. Father O'Shea, and Rev. Father Gilbert preached at St. Joseph's, and the sermons at Wellington South were preached by the Rev. Father Barra, S.M., of St. Joseph's, and Rev. Father Eccleton.

The quarterly meeting of the Hibernian Society, St. Patrick's branch, was held last Monday evening, Bro. W. J. Feeney, B.P., presiding. There was a large attendance of members, including the Rev. Father Venning, S.M., chaplain, and Bro. O'Shaughnessy, Past President of Christchurch branch. After the routine business had been disposed of, nominations of officers for the ensuing half-year were received, and evinced keenness on the part of members to hold office, so that the election, which takes place on July 3, will be very interesting. Six new members were proposed for admission. The receipts of the evening totalled £100, whilst sick pay totalling £12 was passed for payment.

The many friends of Colonel R. J. Collins, I.S.O., C.M.G., congratulate him on the recent honor conferred on him. As seen by the cables, the latest honor conferred on the Colonel is the Order of 'Companion of St. Michael and St. George.' He will complete forty-six years' service on the 1st July next in the public service of the Dominion. Yesterday afternoon he was waited on by the staff of the Audit Department, and presented with a letter congratulating him on the honor conferred on him by his Majesty the King. The letter was handed to Colonel Collins by Mr. P. P. Webb, the Auditor-General's Deputy, who spoke of the high regard and respect in which Colonel Collins is held by the staff. In replying, Colonel Collins expressed his appreciation of the spontaneity of the congratulations, and referred to the value he placed on the honor bestowed on him, and on the Public Services of which he was a member.

### Westport

(From our own correspondent.)

June 17.

At the convent on Thursday morning last the reception took place of Miss Mary Felan, of Murrurundi, N.S.W. (in religion Sister M. Evangelist), and Miss Mary Garaty, of Morpeth, N.S.W. (in religion Sister M. Alphonsus). The Ven. Archpriest Walshe officiated, and was assisted by Rev. Fathers McMenamin and Cronin.