

Diocesan News

ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

August 26.

The Very Rev. Dean Regnault, S.M. (Provincial), arrived from the south last week.

The St. Anne's Altar Society will hold a progressive euchre party at St. Anne's Hall on the first Tuesday in September.

Bro. J. W. Callaghan, P.P., District Deputy of the H.A.C.B. Society, has returned from Wanganui, where he addressed a large meeting of Catholics desirous of forming a branch of the H.A.C.B. Society in that town.

A vote of sympathy was passed by the Acclimatisation Societies' Conference in connection with the death of the late Mr. J. J. Devine, a former delegate. A letter of condolence is to be sent to the widow.

Mr. James Shaldrick, of Onchunga, was in Wellington during the week on business. Bro. Shaldrick is one of the delegates of the St. Patrick's branch of the Hibernian Society to the district half-yearly meeting, which takes place at Auckland on August 31.

The Marist Brothers' Association football teams were again successful last Saturday, having won two games out of the three played. The A team defeated Brooklyn by 4 goals to nil, and also defeated Johnsonville by 4 goals to nil. The B team were defeated by the Institute by 2 goals to 1.

Mrs. M. Hickey, who has been collecting on behalf of Mother Aubert's Home of Compassion, Buckle street, desires to thank those who have given donations. She reports that through the courtesy of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Fuller, she has been enabled to buy a very fine gramophone, which no doubt will be much appreciated by the inmates of the home.

The Petone branch of the H.A.C.B. Society held a most successful social last Thursday evening. There was a large attendance, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. The branch has only been a little over a year in existence, and the energy of the members in organising these socials to augment their funds is to be commended, and augurs well for the future.

I regret to record the death of Mrs. Kate Hefferan, which took place at Roxburgh street on Wednesday, August 23. The deceased, who was 69 years of age, was attended by the Rev. Father Venning, S.M., who also conducted the funeral services at the church and at the graveside last Thursday. Mrs. C. T. Emeny, Mrs. Charles Parsons (Levin), and Mrs. E. J. King are daughters of deceased, and to them is extended the deepest sympathy in their bereavement.—R.I.P.

Constable Michael Fleming, who has been clerk in the district office at the Wellington Police Station for some time, was presented with a case of razors and an umbrella last evening, on the occasion of his leaving to take up the position of chief clerk in the district office at Invercargill. Constable Fleming had been seven years in the Wellington station, and is well known in Hibernian circles. He was a prefect of the Fraternity of the Holy Family in connection with St. Gerard's Redemptorist Church. The good wishes of a large circle of friends in Wellington follow Constable Fleming to his new sphere of duty.

I regret to have to chronicle the death of Mrs. J. B. Scott, daughter of Mr. Maurice Coady, of Kaiwarra, and formerly of the West Coast, which occurred at Oparau, near Kawhia, on Sunday, August 13. The funeral took place on Wednesday, August 16, when a large number of mourners followed the remains to the cemetery. The *Kawhia Settler* of August 18 had a feeling reference to the many good qualities of the deceased, especially her kindness to those who were ill, and her charity to those in need. The deceased was a sister of Mr. E. Coady, of the Defence Department, and of Miss C. A. Coady, of the General Post Office, Wellington.—R.I.P.

Dr. P. Mackin, of Vivian street, left by the *Warri-moo* for Sydney on Friday last, in order to catch the s.s. *Mataram*, which leaves that port for Java on September 1. After spending a few weeks in Java, Dr. Mackin purposes travelling through Burmah, via Singapore, with Calcutta as an objective. Thence he will begin a tour embracing the greater part of India in circuit, travelling north, west, and south to Ceylon. Dr. Mackin expects to spend a couple of months on this part of his trip, which will include a visit to the Durbar. His itinerary includes Egypt and Soudan in January, to be followed by a run through Western Asia, thence through Turkey in Europe to Austria, via the Danube. He hopes to return via Siberia and through the Orient. While in Europe Dr. Mackin intends doing general post-graduate work in Vienna, Paris, and Berlin. The tour will occupy the best part of twelve months.

The final meeting of the St. Patrick's Day celebration committee was held in St. Patrick's Hall on last Friday evening, Rev. Father Hickson, S.M., president of the committee, being in the chair. The balance sheets in connection with the sports and concert were read and disclosed a most successful result. A profit of £4 was made on the sports, whilst the concert netted a handsome surplus of £69; these two amounts added to the balance forward from last year totalled £93. It was decided to devote the amount to the following:—For next year's celebration, £50; St. Anne's Cadets' Drum and Fife Band, £5 5s; Hibernian Pipe Band, £10 10s; Marist Brothers' School (Thorndon), £13 10s; Marist Brothers' School (Te Aro), £13 10s. A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. Father Hickson, S.M., for his work as president. It was decided to make an early start for the preparation of next year's celebrations, and the secretary was instructed to call the first meeting in October for that purpose.

Blenheim

(From an occasional correspondent.)

August 21.

The following is a list of candidates presented by St. Joseph's Convent, Blenheim, who successfully passed the theoretical examination, held in May last, in connection with the Associated Board of the Royal College of Music:—Local Centre.—Rudiments of Music—Teresa O'Connor, 94. Higher School—Kate O'Dwyer, 102. Primary Division—Eileen Taylor, 87; Tope Haywood, 86; Cecily Priddle, 78; Enid Wolfershan, 69.

Wanganui

(From our own correspondent.)

August 25.

The news of the death of his Eminence Cardinal Moran came as a shock to the community. The prayers of the congregations at the different Masses on Sunday, August 20, were asked for the repose of the soul of the deceased prelate.

The Feast of the Assumption was celebrated at St. Mary's, Wanganui, by Masses at 6.30 a.m., 7 a.m., and 9 a.m., and at St. Joseph's, Aramoho, at 9 a.m. Large numbers received Holy Communion at all the Masses.

The social committee, which has been holding a series of progressive euchre parties during the winter, in aid of charitable objects in the parish, held another of its functions on Thursday, August 17. The weather being inclement, the attendance was not as large as usual, but an enjoyable evening was spent.

An enthusiastic meeting of about 100 parishioners was held on Sunday, August 20, after Vespers in St. Mary's Hall to discuss the formation in Wanganui of a branch of the H.A.C.B. Society. Rev. Father Holley occupied the chair, and Bro. J. W. Callaghan, the district deputy of the Wellington Provincial District, addressed the meeting on the aims and objects of the society. Mr. Power made an eloquent speech, and concluded by moving that a branch of the society be