fidence amidst considerable enthusiasm, in which there were counter cheers.

MR. F. M. B. FISHER'S VIEWS.

'Are you in favor of State aid to Catholic schools? A straight answer, yes or no,' asked an elector of Mr. Fisher last night. An emphatically uttered 'No' was Mr. Fisher's answer. Later on the question was put again, and again Mr. Fisher answered 'No.' 'Very well,' exclaimed the questioner.

PROHIBITION AND WINE FOR MASS

The Rev. P. Aubry, S.M., writes to us regarding what would seem—to judge by certain recent utterances reported in another column—to be by no means an imaginary danger.

'There is,' he says, speaking of the question of Prohibition, 'more than the right of using wine with moderation, there is the obligation of using it for religious purposes, and that obligation has been laid upon all Christians by Christ Himself in these words said at the Last Supper: "This do as a commemoration of Me." This usage of wine is observed by the Catholic clergy during the Mass, and the Mass is an essential part of Divine worship for Catholics. Whatever may be the theories of certain divines pretending to erudition and stating that the wine used in Judea in the time of Christ was unfermented, the fact remains that, from time immemorial down to the present, fermented wine is used for Mass. An ounce of experience may dispense with tons of doubtful erudition on this point. Unfermented wine soon becomes sour and unfit for use. As Mass is celebrated frequently and everywhere, wine must be procured. Placing obstacles to the possession of wine is equivalent to interdicting the Mass or making its celebration very difficult. The law at present provides that wine can be obtained for religious purposes. How long will this guarantee last? The authors of this promise may withdraw it, if an excuse is found. Behold the consciences of the Catholic people at the mercy of a vote of Parliament or at the mercy of a majority who object to the Mass and regard it as an act of idolatry. Catholics who vote for Prohibition or regard it with favor, beware. Prohibition with regard to wine may lead to prohibition of the Mass at a future date. Religious persecution may come in through the Prohibition door.'

Diocesan News

ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

November 25.

His Grace Archbishop Redwood administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to fifteen candidates at Shannon on last Sunday (19th inst.).

Latest advices from Mr. L. T. Reichel, who is touring the world on business in connection with his patent automatic fire alarm, state that he is at present in Germany, where he will remain for a few weeks.

Owing to the boisterous weather experienced during the past week, which interfered with the shipping considerably, the contemplated conference of the Wellington and Wairarapa clergy which was to take place at Nelson on Wednesday last had to be abandoned.

Bro. J. W. Callaghan, District Deputy of the H.A.C.B. Society, addressed a meeting of men at Levin last Monday evening, and as a result it was unanimously resolved to form a branch of the society in that progressive town of the Manawatu.

The splendid work of Mr. H. J. Meyers towards the improvements of St. Mary's Star of the Sea Cottage School Chapel at Seatoun was recognised by the Catholic residents of that district when the Ven. Archdeacon Devoy, S.M., on their behalf, presented Mr. Meyers with a souvenir suitably inscribed.

The ten Marist Fathers who recently arrived in Sydney from France have left for their appointed missions in the South Sea Islands. Three go to the Solomon Group, one to Tonga, two to Fiji, two to Wallis Island, and two to New Caledonia.

Good progress is being made by the contractors for the erection of the new Marist Brothers' School at Thorndon, which is to be ready for the New Year. An energetic committee of ladies is at present actively engaged in canvassing for the necessary funds to furnish the school, and the architect (Mr. J. S. Swan) is calling for tenders for the supply of the desks and fittings.

The death of Mrs. Patrick Mahoney, of Hawkestone street (late of Greymouth), occurred on Sunday (19th inst.), after an illness extending over several weeks. She had resided in Wellington with her husband for the last five years. The interment took place at Karori on Tuesday last, prior to which a Requiem Mass was celebrated at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.—R.I.P.

Mrs. Emily Loomes, wife of Mr. Charles Loomes, and daughter of the late Mr. August Sievers, died at her residence, 76 Majoribanks street, on Wednesday, 22nd inst. The interment took place on Friday morning, Requiem Mass being celebrated by Rev. Father Venning, S.M., who also officiated at the graveside. Mrs. Norman Crombie is a daughter of the deceased.—R.I.P.

The Rev. Father Daniel O'Shea, who left for Home in May last, died in Kilmallock, County Limerick, Ireland, on October 7, at the residence of his brother, the parish priest at that place. The deceased who had spent about fourteen years in New Zealand, and who was well known in Wellington, had been stationed at Waipawa, Dannevirke, Takapau, Hawera, and Kaponga. He was born in Ireland and was about forty-five years of age.—R.I.P.

The St. Mary of the Angels choir, under their conductor (Mr. E. J. Healy) sang at the Town Hall last night (24th inst.) for the Orphans Club, who organised the concert for the hospital funds. The items rendered were the three test-pieces for the recent competitions, and it was with evident pleasure that they were heard by the large audience. At the conclusion of the 'Soldiers' Chorus' an encore was demanded, but owing to the length of the programme it could not be given. Mr. E. J. Healy deserves credit for the admirable control he exerts over the choir as evidenced in the numbers sung on the occasion.

The bazaar organised by the Catholics of Otaki, which has had a most successful run for upwards of a week, terminated last Monday evening, when the attendance was much larger than on any previous occasion, probably owing to the fact that a social interspersed with the announcement of several important raffles, was to take place. Much interest was evinced in the proceedings, as many of the articles raffled were valued at several pounds. The two principal articles—a valuable hall-stand and a handsome, large hand-painted mirror—were won by Messrs. Kane and P. Bevan respectively. Besides the raffles several guessing competitions were held. It is estimated that nearly £200 will be the profits from the bazaar.

On last Sunday (19th inst.) at St. Anne's, Wellington South, a most beautiful statue of the Sacred Heart was unveiled by the pastor (the Ven. Archdeacon Devoy, S.M.), who explained that the statue was a gift to the parish by a gentleman who did not wish to have his name disclosed just then. Prior to the unveiling of the statue the Rev. Father Gondringer, S.M., of St. Patrick's College, preached an eloquent sermon on 'Education,' in which he explained the great work done by the Church in the cause of education from the earliest days, and enumerated the many great universities at present in Great Britain, Ireland, and Europe, and which were founded in the early ages, and which now stand as a monument of the activity of our Holy Mother the Church, ever with the words of the Divine Master echoing in her ears, 'Suffer the little children to come unto me and forbid them not for such is the Kingdom of Heaven.' He exhorted

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