

Diocesan News

ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

June 8.

Dr. P. Mackin, at present in London, expects to return to Wellington in August.

His Grace the Archbishop arrived this morning from Kaikoura, where he opened a new convent.

Amongst those invited to the Government House function on the King's Birthday were his Grace the Archbishop and Very Rev. Dr. Kennedy, S.M., Rector of St. Patrick's College.

Rev. Father Bowden, S.M., of St. Patrick's College, has been appointed parish priest of Leeston vice Rev. Father Taylor, S.M., transferred to the Marist missionary staff at Temuka.

The Triduum in honor of the Blessed Sacrament commenced at the Sacred Heart Basilica, St. Joseph's Church, and St. Anne's last night. There were good congregations at all the churches mentioned. The ceremonies conclude to-morrow evening.

A quiet wedding was celebrated at the Sacred Heart Basilica, when Miss Dolly Buist, daughter of Mr. J. William Buist, of Petersham, Sydney, was married to Mr. Arthur Esam, only son of the late Mr. C. G. Esam, of Marton, solicitor, the Rev. C. J. Venning, S.M., officiating.

Mr. F. E. Kelly, LL.B., has resigned his position in the Supreme Court office to take up a position in the solicitors' department of the Public Trust Office. On Friday he was presented by his fellow officers with a gold-mounted fountain pen. The presentation was made by the Registrar, Mr. D. G. A. Cooper.

Rev. Father T. McCarthy, S.M., of the Marist Missionary Fathers, left for Sydney yesterday, where he will join the Very Rev. Father O'Connell, S.M. The Rev. Father Kimbell, S.M., leaves next Friday for Sydney, and the three will commence a series of missions in New South Wales commencing at Sydney.

A wedding was celebrated at St. Patrick's Church, Masterton, on Wednesday, the contracting parties being Mr. Daniel Joseph Lynch, of Linton (Manawatu) and Miss Norah Karey, of Galway, Ireland. The bride, who was attired in a pretty blue crepe de chine dress, was given away by her brother, Mr. N. Karey. Miss Mary Karey was bridesmaid. Mr. Thomas D. Lynch acted as best man.

Addressing the congregation at St. Anne's, Wellington South, last Friday, the Very Rev. Father Murray, C.S.S.R., in the course of his remarks, spoke of the necessity of having good literature available in the homes of Catholics such as the Catholic Truth Society publication and Catholic newspapers. He eulogised the *N.Z. Tablet* as a splendidly written paper, and a most interesting publication, and he commended it to his hearers and trusted they would give it every support.

On last Tuesday evening a very enjoyable time was spent by the members of the Thorndon branch of the H.A.C.B. Society at the Guildford Terrace School-room. The evening was devoted to progressive euchre and a social, and there was a good attendance of members of the other city branches, including the ladies. The prizes for the euchre tournament were won by Mrs. Swan and Miss Campbell and Messrs. C. J. Houston and Levin. During the evening items were contributed by Messrs. Sievers, Spillane, and Hill, and Mr. Scrimgeour presided at the piano.

A wedding of considerable local interest took place at St. Joseph's Church, Buckle street, on Wednesday, when Mr. J. McParland, youngest son of the late Mr. F. McParland, was married to Miss D. Slattery, daughter of the late Sergeant Slattery. The ceremony was performed by Very Rev. Dean O'Shea, V.G., Mr. McParland was attended by Mr. C. Bush, as best man. Miss Bessie Flynn, of Hawera, was bridesmaid.

A large number of presents were received by the young couple. At a reception held subsequently at the Hotel Cecil good wishes were expressed for Mr. and Mrs. McParland's future welfare. On Tuesday evening, at the Hotel Cecil, the bridegroom was presented with a cabinet as a mark of the esteem in which he is held by the employees.

The annual meeting of the Wellington Literary and Debating Societies' Union was held last Friday evening, when it was decided to carry on the tournament for the Parliamentary shield under the rules in vogue in 1908. The subject for the first round of the competition is, 'That the granting of Asquith's Home Rule Bill is in the best interests of the British Empire.' The clubs have been drawn as follow:—Trinity v. Passive Resisters, Catholic Club v. St. John's, Vivian Street Baptists v. Brooklyn. Mr. J. J. O'Sullivan is chairman, and Mr. M. O'Kane hon. secretary. The Catholic Club will debate this interesting subject at St. Patrick's Hall on June 25, and should draw a good audience. Messrs. J. J. O'Sullivan, M. O'Kane, and J. Sullivan have been selected to represent the club.

Rev. Father Joseph Herring, S.M., of St. Mary of the Angels', Boulcott street, has induced the various Catholic societies of Te Aro parish to take a prominent part as adorers on Exposition Sunday (the first Sunday of each month). The following societies participated—Catholic Club, Altar Society, school children and Christian Doctrine Society, Marist Brothers, H.A.C.B. Society (male branch), H.A.C.B. Society (female branch), St. Vincent de Paul Society, Children of Mary, and Sacred Heart Society. Each of the above-mentioned societies had a stipulated time allotted to it thereby securing an attendance at the church for adoration from the last Mass up to the evening devotions. The experiment was made last Sunday and was most successful.

The retreat for the women of St. Anne's parish, conducted by the Very Rev. Father Murray, C.S.S.R., concluded on last Sunday morning with very satisfactory results. At the 7.30 o'clock Mass, at which there was a general Communion of the women, there being a splendid attendance. It was a most edifying sight to see the number of communicants at the 6.30, 7.30, and 9 o'clock Masses. The retreat for the men commenced at the 10.30 o'clock Mass, and concluded on Thursday evening. The Masses and evening devotions were well attended by the men. A great number approaching the Holy Table each morning. During the retreat the Confraternity of the Sacred Heart was reorganised, over 200 women handing in their names for enrolment, whilst over 100 men signified their intention of becoming members.

The annual meeting of the Newman Society was held at St. Patrick's College on Sunday, June 2. Rev. Father Bartley, S.M., M.A., presided over a good attendance of members. The reports for the past year showed that good work is being done by the society, and the balance sheet revealed a satisfactory state of affairs. The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:—Patron, his Grace Archbishop Redwood, S.M.; president, Mr. P. J. O'Regan; vice-presidents—Very Rev. Dr. Kennedy, S.M., B.A., Mr. S. J. Moran, LL.B.; treasurer, Miss E. Casey, M.A.; secretary, Mr. P. Verschaffelt, F.I.A.N.Z.; committee—Rev. Father Bartley, S.M., M.A., Mr. Girling Butcher, Miss O'Sullivan. The next meeting of the society will be held at St. Patrick's College on Sunday, 23rd inst.

A very successful sacred concert was held at the Sacred Heart Basilica on last Sunday evening in aid of the funds of the choir. There was a good attendance. The following excellent programme was gone through: Organ solo, 'March Solennelle' (Alphonse Maily), Miss May Putnam; quartette, 'Laudamus te' (Giorza), Mrs. Connor, Mrs. Costelloe, Messrs. Rowe and Reade; solo, 'Averte faciem tuam' (Gladstones) Hon. R. A. Loughnan, M.L.C.; trio, 'Ave Maria' (Mercadante), Mrs. Connor, Mrs. Costelloe, and Mr. R. Sievers; solo, 'Domine Deus' (Giorza), Mr. E. B. L. Reade;

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