

lay' association, in order to counteract the wide-spreading influence of the persevering and humble workers of Reims. So far, the idea has not been carried out, but the mere fact that it has been mooted in official circles speaks volumes for the power and activity of 'L'Action Populaire.'

Diocesan News

ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

September 7.

His Grace Archbishop Redwood was a passenger from Sydney by the Ulimaroa on Wednesday.

The parishioners of Kilbirnie will hold a social in aid of the church funds on Wednesday, September 25.

Mr. H. D. Cockerill, a prominent member of the Catholic Club and H.A.C.B. Society, has just returned from an extended trip to America and England.

The Rev. Father Smyth, of Timaru, will preach retreats to the men of St. Joseph's parish, and the Sisters of the Home of Compassion, commencing on Tuesday next.

Miss Gallagher, who has been in charge of the Kaiwarra Post and Telephone Office for about twelve months, has been appointed postmistress at the Government Buildings Office.

Mr. Dwyer, whose head was injured by a winch in Messrs. Sanders Bros.' yard, is still in a critical state in the hospital. Mr. Dwyer is a member of the Dunedin branch of the H.A.C.B. Society.

Mr. J. J. Sullivan, well known in New Zealand in connection with his enthusiasm in Catholic Club matters, spent a few days in Wellington on his way to Auckland, where he takes up a position in one of Auckland's legal firms.

The usual fortnightly meeting of St. Mary's Literary and Debating Society was held last week, there being a good attendance of members. A debate was arranged for the next meeting, the subject being 'Should capital punishment be abolished?'

Mr. C. J. Lennon, of the Post and Telegraph Department, and a prominent member of the H.A.C.B. Society, has returned from a six months' sojourn in Australia. Whilst in Australia he put in four months' study of the Telefunken wireless system, and in the final examination he topped the list for the Commonwealth with a percentage of 86.

The pupils of Miss Francis' school on Friday held a very successful sale of home-made sweets and cakes and flowers in the schoolroom, which had been prettily decorated by the children with flowers and greenery. The results—and no less than £9 were realised—are to be given to the fund for the Rev. Mother Mary Joseph Aubert's Homes.

The Marist Brothers' Old Boys' Football Club concluded its first season with a very enjoyable concert, which was held at St. Peter's schoolroom on last Wednesday evening. There was a large attendance to enjoy the excellent musical programme presented under the direction of Mr. E. J. Healy, conductor of St. Mary of the Angels' Choir.

The ladies' branch of the H.A.C.B. Society held their usual fortnightly meeting on Monday. There was a very large attendance of members over which Sister D. McGrath, B.P., presided. The membership is steadily increasing, two members being initiated, and two candidates proposed at the meeting. Final arrangements were made for the euchre party to be held on Monday, September 16.

The Wellington Catholic Education Board met in St. Mary's presbytery on last Wednesday evening under the presidency of the Very Rev. Dean O'Shea, S.M., V.G. Reports from the parish committees proved that the new scheme was working well. A sub-committee,

consisting of Messrs. J. W. Callaghan, B. Doherty, and R. Sievers, was set up to bring down a report as to the best means of organising the Boxing Day picnic, the proceeds of which are to be devoted to the education fund.

The Catholic Club members entertained two of their departing members on Thursday, August 28, in the persons of Messrs. C. D. O'Connor and L. Carroll. Mr. P. J. McGovern occupied the chair, and in a brief speech referred to the many good qualities of Messrs. O'Connor and Carroll, and assured them of the members' keenest regret at their departure. He wished them every success in their future undertakings. Mr. Carroll was the recipient of a travelling bag from the cricket branch of the club. Both gentlemen left for Sydney last Friday, a number of friends seeing them off.

The annual supper of the Wellington Catholic Club took place at the club rooms, St. Patrick's Hall, last Thursday evening, under the presidency of Mr. G. Dee (chairman of the executive). Amongst those present were the Rev. Father Joseph Herring (spiritual director) and Mr. J. P. McGowan (vice-president), whilst Mr. H. McKeown represented the Federated Catholic Clubs. Among the toasts honored were 'The Catholic Club,' proposed by Mr. J. E. Gamble and responded to by Mr. Carmine (secretary); 'The Catholic Federated Clubs,' proposed by Mr. J. J. Sullivan and responded to by Mr. H. McKeown; 'Ireland a Nation,' proposed by Mr. R. G. Butcher and responded to by Mr. J. J. Sullivan; 'Kindred Societies,' responded to by Mr. W. J. Feeney (H.A.C.B.S.), Mr. Guise (St. Anne's Catholic Club), Messrs. G. McNamara and J. E. Gamble (St. Vincent de Paul Society). A most enjoyable evening was spent, and some excellent musical items were given during the evening.

The opening night of the Celtic Club, held at the Burlington on Thursday proved a great success. There were about fifty persons present, mostly members. Dr. Cahill, president of the club, was supported by the Mayor (in the chair), Dr. Martin, and Mr. George Winder, vice-presidents. A concise, lucid, and brilliant lecture on 'O'Connell' was delivered by Mr. Fitzgibbon. In proposing a vote of thanks to the lecturer, Mr. McLaren spoke enthusiastically of Celtic song and story, inspiring men to do great deeds for their country. He promised at a future date to give an address on some Scottish Celtic subject. Then followed song and story in quick succession, and a most enjoyable evening wound up with hearty votes of thanks to the president and secretary (Mr. O'Kane). It was again emphasised during the evening that the Celtic Club was intended to embrace Celts of all nationalities, whether from Ireland, Scotland, Wales, Cornwall, or Brittany. One member pointed to the fact that, although he had known Mr. George Winder off and on for upwards of thirty years, he was not aware till that evening that they were both Clare men, and he considered that fact a sufficient argument for the initiation of such a club. Regular meetings will be convened from time to time, and it is intended shortly to have a ladies' night. The membership of the club is now well on towards three figures.

Wanganui

(From our own correspondent.)

September 2.

Sunday, being the first Sunday of the month, there was Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

The death occurred at the Sacred Heart Convent this morning of Sister Mary Bernardine (Georgetti).—R.I.P.

Rev. Brother Alphonsus, Provincial of the Marist Brothers, arrived here on Friday on a visit of inspection. He left on Monday for Napier.

The inaugural meeting of the St. Aloysius' junior conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, was held in St. Joseph's Hall on Sunday, August 25. There was a large attendance of youths, and twenty members were enrolled. It is hoped a larger number will join on