

Mother cannot fail to give him a share of her endless happiness. He was obedient; his last act on leaving his home to which he never returned alive was an act of obedience. He observed the vow of poverty to the letter; although his relations sent him regularly the revenue of his patrimony, he died poor, without anything to his credit in cash or bank, nothing but his good works. He relied on the charity and generosity of his brother priests to offer up the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for his soul; on the charity and generosity of the religious and people of the parish to offer up prayers and Holy Communion; on the maternal solicitude of his Order to defray his funeral expenses.

The Virtues of Simplicity, Humility, and Modesty shone conspicuously in his person, and endeared him to all, clergy and laity alike. But we may say that the virtue of charity was above all the characteristic virtue of Father Cognet; his charity was simply inexhaustible; he loved God, he loved his confreres, he loved all men; hence the love and esteem in which he was held. Naturally gifted with delicate and refined feelings, he proved himself a gentleman at all times and under all circumstances; always considerate of the feelings of others, he has not been known to say an unkind word of any one. Hence once more he was rightly 'beloved of God and men; whose memory is in benediction' (Ecclesiasticus xlv., 1). We trust that his charity has already secured for him the eternal joy of heaven. At least, let it be our prayer. During his sickness he edified us all by his wonderful patience; he died as he would have liked to die. God in His great mercy allowed him the reprieve of a few days to trim his lamp, to light it and carry it burning brightly to meet the coming of the Bridegroom. Not only was he fortified in his last agony by the Sacraments of the Church, but he died in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament; he went to heaven on Christmas Eve to sing with the angels—'Glory to God on high,'—and what he practised during life, 'Peace to men of good will.' To-day, although his lips have been sealed by the cold hand of death, he reminds us forcibly of the message contained in my text—'To-day for me, for you to-morrow: be you then also ready, for at what hour you think not, the Son of Man will come.'

Now, dear Brother, I wish to say that I am grateful to you for spending the last days of your earthly career in the Provincial House. Your presence has been a source of untold blessings to us. Our thanks are due to Drs. Cahill and Martin for their devotedness and untiring attention to you and to the nurses for the loving care with which they have attended to your wants and watched over you. We thank also our brother priests for their attendance here to-day. Whilst praying for you we feel that we ought to ask you to pray for us. When you shall have entered your and our destined home, remember us priests who tarry in this land of exile; remember this archdiocese and all its priests; remember the Society of Mary and the Maori Mission, and your faithful people before the throne of our Lord Jesus Christ, our King, and the patron saints of this archdiocese, of our Blessed Lady, our Ven. Founder and ask them to send laborers into the Master's vineyard. We shall continue to repeat the prayer, 'Grant, O Lord, eternal rest to Thy servant Claudius; may perpetual light shine upon him; may he rest in peace. Amen.'

Mr. L. T. Reichel, A.M.I.E.E. (late Government electrician), has commenced business at 67 Vivian street, Wellington, as consulting and contracting electrical engineer. He makes a specialty of scientific and physical apparatus of all kinds suitable for schools, convents, and colleges, and may be consulted by inventors and others as to the commercial and technical value of their inventions. Mr. Reichel has just returned from a trip extending over two years in America and Europe, during which time he made himself conversant with the latest and most improved electrical methods, and is therefore in a position to give practical and reliable advice on matters relating thereto....

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Diocesan News

ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

January 4:

The Rev. Father Hassett, S.J., arrived in Wellington last night from Sydney.

Mr. P. J. Duggan, secretary of the Oamaru branch of the H.A.C.B. Society, is on a visit to Wellington.

A splendid crib has been erected in St. Joseph's Church, Buckle street, and has been visited by a large number of the faithful.

The residence for the Marist Brothers at Te Aro is now nearing completion. It is expected that the opening ceremony will take place early in February.

The retreat of the clergy of the archdiocese will take place this year at St. Patrick's College, commencing on January 27. It will be conducted by Rev. Father Barry, C.S.S.R.

The supplement with the last issue of the *Tablet* has been favorably commented upon by many as filling a long-felt want in Catholic homes, serving as it does as a calendar combined with a record of Catholic feasts. The management is to be complimented on the successful result of its enterprise.

On Sunday, December 15, the annual prize distribution in connection with the Christian Doctrine Society of St. Mary of the Angels' Church, took place. The prizes were many and valuable, and at the conclusion the children thanked their teachers and spiritual director, for their zeal during the past twelve months.

A pleasant Christmas surprise was sprung on Mr. Isidor Mount, organist of St. Mary of the Angels' Church, Boulcott street, on Christmas morning, when the choir presented him with four bound volumes of organ music and a fountain pen, as a token of their appreciation of the good work he is doing as church organist.

The following changes in the Marist Brothers are reported:—Brother Justin, who has been Superior in Wellington for some years, takes Brother Basil's place as Superior at Wanganui. Brother Basil replaces Brother Justin at Tasman street. Brother Virgilius, who has also been some time in Wellington, has been transferred to Auckland.

On Friday, December 13, eighteen small children had the privilege of receiving their First Communion at the 8 o'clock Mass at St. Mary of the Angels' Church, Boulcott street. Rev. Father Joseph Herring, S.M., who had instructed the children, was celebrant, and addressed the children in terms suitable to the occasion. After Mass, the children adjourned to St. Patrick's Hall, where breakfast was partaken of, and which was kindly provided by Mrs. T. G. McCarthy.

Another old identity in the person of Mr. James Doyle passed away at the age of 74 at Mother Aubert's Home, Auckland, on Tuesday, December 31. Mr. Doyle was one of the original members of St. Patrick's branch of the H.A.C.B. Society, having joined the branch on the day of its establishment in Wellington, on October 6, 1874, and continued as a member right up to the time of his death. The late Mr. Doyle will be better remembered by the old parishioners of Thorndon, he having for many years been in the service of his Grace Archbishop Redwood, when the late Rev. Father McNamara was Vicar-General and Administrator. The deceased, who had never married, was well liked by all who knew him. He was a native of Kilkenny, and came to New Zealand as a member of the 65th Regiment.—R.I.P.

St. Anne's Senior Cadets returned home by the Maori on Thursday from Christchurch, where they successfully competed at the military tournament. The corps entered for three events, and were placed in each of them. In the rifle exercise championship, which they won, there were no less than fifty-two entries. St. Anne's were awarded 98½ points out of a possible 100. In the squad drill championship, for which thirty-