

So entirely is the certainty of Home Rule now recognised in Nationalist circles that prominent members of the Party are speculating as to the exact date on which the Irish Parliament will be called into being. Mr. T. P. O'Connor, M.P., in a special article to *Reynolds's* newspaper, declares that the Irish Parliament will come into existence in December of 1914, and that by January, 1915, it will already be making new laws for the Irish nation. Professor J. G. Swift Macneill, writing in the *Westminster Gazette*, places the date a little later—somewhere between February, 1915, and June, 1915. Splitting the difference between the two estimates, it may safely be assumed that Home Rule will be formally and definitely inaugurated not later than April, 1915.

## Diocesan News

### ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

October 3.

The Children of Mary, Te Aro, will go into retreat on Monday, October 20.

His Grace Archbishop O'Shea returned to Wellington on Wednesday after a visit to Taranaki and Wanganui.

The ladies' branch of the Hibernian Society will hold a euchre party in St. Patrick's Hall, Boulcott street, on Monday, October 13.

The euchre party held in St. Joseph's Hall on Thursday evening was a huge success. The attendance was particularly good and a most enjoyable time was spent. The first prizes were won by Mrs. Breniff and Mr. Richardson.

News received from Rev. Mother Mary Joseph Aubert, who left for Rome in August on business connected with her Order, states that she is keeping in excellent health, and expects to return to New Zealand about the end of the year.

The many friends of the Very Rev. Father Keogh, S.M., B.A., of Hastings, and formerly Rector of St. Patrick's College, will learn with regret of the death of his mother, which occurred at the presbytery, Hastings, on October 3.—R.I.P.

In a competition organised by the French Society for proficiency in the French language, Basil H. Howard, of St. Patrick's College, won the gold medal, whilst Celestin Duflou, of the same college, was awarded a certificate of honorable mention.

The funeral of the late Mr. Richard Davis took place on Monday morning. The members of the Hibernian Society in regalia acted as pall-bearers. A Requiem Mass was celebrated, and the Rev. Father Hurley officiated at the graveside.—R.I.P.

I regret to record the death of Miss Marie Josephine Kelly, daughter of Mr. J. G. Kelly, of Austin street. The deceased was a prominent member of the Children of Mary. The interment took place on Wednesday at Karori, prior to which a Requiem Mass was celebrated at St. Joseph's Church.—R.I.P.

Miss G. O'Flaherty, well known in Hibernian and Catholic circles, who recently severed her connection with the Wairarapa Farmers' Co-operative Association after six and a half years' service, was presented with a solid silver manicure set and Liberty glove and handkerchief box by her fellow employees.

Mr. A. H. Casey, who has done yeoman service for Catholic clubs in New Zealand, and more recently in connection with the inauguration of the N.Z. Catholic Federation, leaves by the Tahiti for San Francisco on Friday en route to Canada to take up a lucrative position. His many friends throughout New Zealand will join in wishing him every success in his future career.

An interesting ceremony took place at the Home of Compassion this morning, when two novices—Miss M. O'Meara (Greymouth) and Miss E. Webber (Nelson)—were professed, and Miss Clare Peters, of Wellington, a postulant, received the habit. The ceremony was performed by his Grace Archbishop O'Shea, assisted by the Ven. Archdeacon Devoy, S.M., and the Rev. Father Venning, S.M. The Rev. Fathers Lynch and Mulcahy, C.S.S.R., represented the Redemptorist Fathers. A noticeable feature of the large congregation was the large number of West Coasters. The altar was beautifully decorated with the choicest of spring flowers, and after the ceremony the guests were tendered a reception breakfast. The Rev. Dr. Kennedy, S.M., Rector of St. Patrick's College, was the preacher.

The wish of the Sisters of the Institute de Notre Dame des Missions to have their property at Petone exempted from rating has resulted in the Valuer-General sending the following letter to the Petone Borough Council:—"In consideration of recent decisions of the Supreme Court I am of opinion that the claim should be allowed, and have noted the valuation roll entries accordingly. I desire to point out, however, that my decision in the matter is not final. It is quite possible a local authority might dissent from my ruling as to rateability or non-rateability of property. The duty of interpreting the Rating Act devolves on council authorities." After the letter was read it was remarked that it meant that the Valuation Department would place the property on the non-rateable list next year.

The members of St. Patrick's and St. Mary's (ladies) branches of the H.A.C.B. Society approached the Holy Table in a body and in regalia at the 7.30 o'clock Mass at St. Joseph's Church on last Sunday. The Rev. Father Hurley, S.M., was celebrant, and, in addressing the congregation, congratulated the members on their demonstration of faith, and commended the society to the congregation. He said he would like to see every Catholic man and woman enrolled in the its ranks. The society, he said, offered temporal benefits equal, if not superior, to those of any other friendly society, whilst, in addition, it offered spiritual advantages which should appeal to every Catholic worthy of the name. A few, and he was glad to say that there were only a few, objected to the name Hibernian. Why should that name be objected to? Was not that name associated with a country with a glorious past; a country which earned the name of 'Island of saints and scholars'; a country that kept the precious gift of faith despite terrible persecutions. We should all revere the name that has done so much for the preservation of our holy faith. In conclusion, he appealed to the members to live up to the ideals of the society, to frequent the Sacraments, and to show by their lives that Hibernians were men of faith, men to be looked up to.

### DIocese OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

October 6.

There was Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Cathedral from the eleven o'clock Mass on last Sunday. There was the usual procession and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament after the Vespers.

The annual collection for diocesan charities was made on Sunday last (Rosary Sunday). In parishes or districts where it was not convenient to make the collection on last Sunday, it will be taken up on the next or following Sundays according to local arrangements.

The quarterly meeting of St. Patrick's branch of the H.A.C.B. Society was held in the Hibernian Hall on last Monday evening, Bro. H. A. Swan, B.P., presiding over a good attendance of members. Bros. R. P. O'Shaughnessy, P. P., L. Haughey, P.P., and E. L. McKeon, P.P., were nominated for the office of district deputy for North Canterbury. The branch will have an election for this office at the quarterly

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