

and McCleary's Irish jig was much appreciated, and the performers were recalled, a similar compliment being paid Miss J. Hill for a Highland fling, both being very graceful items. The accompaniments were capably played by Miss C. Hughes. At the conclusion of the programme, the chairman thanked the audience for their attendance, and the contributors to the programme for their kindness in assisting.

Diocesan News

ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

November 17.

The anniversary of the death of Rev. Father Charles Venning, S.M., occurs on November 24, when a Solemn Requiem Mass will be celebrated at St. Mary of the Angels', Boulcott street, at 9 o'clock.

The Marist Brothers entered three boys' choirs for the junior choral competition at the Competitions. The 'A' Choir, from the Tasman Street School, came first, the Hawkestone Street Choir second, and the Tasman Street 'B' Choir fourth.

Last Sunday there was Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Thorndon. In the evening there was a good congregation, when the Rev. Father Jas. Goggan, S.M., preached, after which there was a procession and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

The devotion of the Forty Hours' Adoration commences at St. Mary of the Angels' on the first Sunday in December. It is some years since this devotion was held in St. Mary's, but now that the parish is in charge of the Very Rev. Dean Regnault, the ceremony will in future be held there as well as in the other city churches.

A very pleasant euchre party was held at St. Patrick's Hall last Monday evening under the auspices of St. Patrick's branch of the H.A.C.B. Society. The Rev. Father J. Tymons, S.M., chaplain of St. Mary's branch was present. The prizes were won by Mrs. O'Flaherty, Misses Donoghue and Smith, and Mr. Mulvaney.

The Boxing Day Picnic Committee held a meeting last Friday evening under the presidency of Mr. B. Doherty, the Ven. Archdeacon Devoy being present. The sports sub-committee were recommended to prepare an attractive programme both for the adults and the children, including an inter-parish tug-of-war competition, for which a cup has been donated.

The monthly meeting of the Children of Mary, Te Aro, took place yesterday at St. Joseph's. The director, Rev. Father Hurley, announced that a division was about to take place owing to the fact that St. Joseph's and St. Mary's were now two distinct parishes. He expressed regret that St. Joseph's sodality, which was now very strong and flourishing, should lose perhaps half its members, but he hoped the transplanting as it were would mean two strong sodalities instead of one.

On Wednesday evening last the Children of Mary, Te Aro, assembled at St. Patrick's Hall, Boulcott street, for the purpose of making two presentations—one to his Grace Archbishop O'Shea, who at one time occupied the position of director of that sodality, and the other to Rev. Father Hurley, S.M., director at the present time. The presentation to his Grace consisted of two statues for his oratory, while Father Hurley received an umbrella and a razor. The recipients thanked the members for their kindly thought. Altogether a most enjoyable evening was spent. Items were contributed by Mrs. E. J. Healy, Misses Strickland, Clisby, Curtis, and Doherty. A competition was held, the winner being Miss Doris Schmidt, who was awarded a rose bowl. Supper was handed round and the evening came to a close with the singing of 'Auld lang syne.'

In St. Joseph's Church, Buckle street, on last Sunday, his Grace Archbishop O'Shea made brief refer-

ence to the industrial trouble. It was not for him to say which of the parties was responsible, but there could be no doubt that the country was confronted with very real dangers, and it was the duty of Catholics to do all in their power, by prayers, words, and example, to help a settlement. In all these industrial disputes there could be no settlement—at least no satisfactory settlement—unless charity entered into the issue. He exhorted Catholics, therefore, to pray that the parties might approach towards a settlement in the true Christian spirit, that justice and authority might be upheld, and a great danger removed from thousands of innocent homes. In the same church in the evening the Rev. Father Ecleton, of St. Patrick's College, also touched on the strike. True charity, he said, was essential in any Christian community. Hate in a community was a fearful thing. It was only in a spirit of true charity that men's differences could be properly settled.

The devotion of the Forty Hours' Adoration commenced in St. Anne's Church last Sunday, when Solemn High Mass was celebrated by the Rev. Father Peoples, S.M., Rev. Father Segrief, S.M., being deacon, Rev. Father J. Herring, S.M., subdeacon, and Ven. Archdeacon Devoy, S.M., master of ceremonies. His Grace Archbishop O'Shea was present in the sanctuary. The choir, under the conductorship of Mr. W. Gamble, with Miss Henderson as organist, sang Mozart's 'Seventh Mass' with fine effect. The St. Anne's Senior Defence Cadets acted as a guard of honor during the Mass. After Mass there was a procession of the Blessed Sacrament through the convent, presbytery, and church grounds. Between five and six hundred people participated, including the school children, the Children of Mary, men's and women's branches of the Sacred Heart sodalities, and the Hibernian Society in strong force, who acted as the guard of honor and canopy-bearers, the choir, and Cadets. The church was crowded in the evening when his Grace Archbishop O'Shea preached an instructive sermon. A *Missa Cantata* was celebrated on Monday morning. The church was again crowded in the evening, when the Rev. Father Ecleton, of St. Patrick's College, preached. The ceremonies concluded on Tuesday morning, when High Mass was celebrated, after which there was a procession of the Blessed Sacrament. The ceremonies were made edifying by the great number who approached the Holy Table. The altar was most tastefully decorated by the Sisters of Mercy and the members of the Altar Society.

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(From our own correspondent.)

November 14.

The devotion of the Forty Hours' Adoration commenced at St. Patrick's Church on Sunday last at the 9.30 o'clock Mass, which was celebrated by the Rev. Father S. Mahoney, S.M., of Wanganui, who came over specially to assist at the ceremonies. At the evening devotions a procession of the Blessed Sacrament took place. Father Mahoney preached an eloquent and instructive sermon. The ceremonies were brought to a close on Tuesday morning with Solemn High Mass, Rev. Father S. Mahoney being celebrant, and Rev. Father G. Mahoney, S.M., of Hastings, and Rev. Father O'Sullivan, S.M., being deacon and subdeacon respectively. At the conclusion of the Mass, a procession of the Blessed Sacrament took place. During the devotion the choir rendered appropriate music under the conductorship of Mr. O'Shaunessy.

The annual entertainment by the Marist Brothers' pupils has for a number of years attained a high standard of excellence, and this year it is expected that previous records will be eclipsed. The Brothers and their pupils are working hard preparing for this year's entertainment, which takes place early next month. A drama, entitled 'Sebastian, the Roman Martyr,' is to be staged. The Brothers have engaged the new Municipal Theatre for the entertainment, the hire of which is a big item of expense, so that it will be necessary for all well-wishers of the school to assist to the utmost by the sale of tickets.