

Diocesan News

ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

April 17.

On Sunday there will be a special service in the Basilica in the afternoon for the students after the street procession. Benediction will be given and the Rev. Father Gilbert, M.A., will preach a short sermon. A great many Catholic ex-students will be marching and the academic dress parade will be an echo of the mediaeval days when such processions were common.

Rumor of a bazaar in Newtown. Newtown never refuses a helping hand and it is to be hoped that it will get good support. Its functions are always homely and much enjoyed.

Mr. Mick Walsh has been chosen to represent his branch at the Triennial Hibernian Conference to be held at Westport. He is becoming well known abroad through these delegations.

Another feather in the cap of Tasman Street. In the recent amateur athletic competitions the Blundell Cup, donated the winners of the four chief events, was carried off by the boys of the Tasman Street School. Suas Marists! Is there any department in which the Brothers do not excel as teachers? In music, in sport, and in learning they show their heels to the rest. And it is a labor of love only. That is the secret of their success. Brother Justin, it is rumored, is to leave for his second novitiate. He was a true guide and an excellent Head, and Wellington hopes for his return.

Holy Thursday was celebrated by a Solemn Mass at the Basilica this morning. His Grace Archbishop Redwood was the celebrant and was attended by Dean Regnault, Fathers Connolly, O'Reilly, Fallon, and Spillane. The beautiful procession closed the ceremony.

Father Kane's speech to the Marist Old Boys' was full of sense and moderation. He made a fine appeal to them to continue followers of the fine old Rugby game in spite of everything and trusted the country would soon return to the fine old Rugby tradition of fair play. There is of course feeling here concerning the Christchurch dispute. Father Kane's statement dealt only with facts and rules of procedure and was a fine and restrained example for the team here. Marists have begun the season well by their defeat of Berhampore.

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MASTERTON

(From our own correspondent.)

April 12.

At the present time the parishioners are uniting in a great effort for an up-to-date method of heating St. Patrick's School. The church committee met some time ago and it was decided to hold a grand entertainment at the Opera House on May 7. A ladies' committee was formed on Sunday, and the enthusiasm manifested should encourage the organisers in this good work.

On Saturday, the 5th inst., the Friendly Societies' football tourney was held at Carterton. The Hibernian team put up a great fight and were only defeated in the final by a force-down after a very fine exposition of seven-a-side Rugby.

At the meeting of the Hibernian Society on Monday evening, the proceedings were enlivened by Bro. H. O'Leary, whose extensive knowledge of the rules made the meeting most interesting. His presence will be looked forward to in the future, and he will certainly be an asset to the newly-formed literary and debating club.

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DIocese OF AUCKLAND

(From our own correspondent.)

April 17.

The Right Rev. Dr. Cleary, Bishop of Auckland, is making his visitation at Opotiki and the Maori Missions of the East Coast. He will be about three weeks' absent from the city.

On Tuesday, April 15, the Sacred Heart College was visited by Mr. Kidson, Assistant-Inspector of Secondary Schools. After seeing all the classes at work the Inspector expressed his appreciation of the splendid organisation in the school and the high efficiency of the teaching. He was somewhat surprised when he read the brilliant record of successes in the examinations of last year, especially when he noted that the college students had won two University Entrance Scholarships, four Senior National Scholarships, and one Junior National Scholarship—all in 1923.

Archdeacon Smyth, parish priest of Bunbury, West Australia, and Father Reidy, parish priest of Katanning in the same State, passed through Auckland during the week. They were on their way to Ireland.

As Bishop Liston had to preside at the opening of the new Convent in the Good Shepherd parish on Sunday, April 13, the meeting of the Catholic Students' Guild had to be postponed until the first Sunday after Easter. A big muster of members and friends is expected to hear Bishop Liston's address, as his Lordship's lecture last year on Evolution was a masterpiece of clear exposition. The meeting will take place in St. Benedict's Hall, and new members will be enrolled.

The Rev. Father Goudringer, S.M., arrived in Auckland recently, with the object of opening the new Marist foundation in the suburb of Mt. Albert. The Marist Fathers are also taking charge of Whangarei parish. It will be a great spiritual boon for the Catholics of Auckland to have priests belonging to a religious Order residing in their midst.

The Very Rev. Dean Van Dyk and the Rev. Father Janssen left by the S.S. Makura last Tuesday *en route* for Europe. They will represent the Mill Hill Fathers of New Zealand, at the conference of the society, to be held in London shortly. During the absence of Dean Van Dyk the Rev. Father Spierings will replace him as parish priest of Dargaville.

[Our report of the opening of the new Convent in the Good Shepherd parish, and farewell to Mgr. Cahill, are unavoidably held over till next week.—Ed.N.Z. T.]

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Timaru

(From our own correspondent.)

April 21.

An illustrated lecture on the Holy Land was given on the 13th inst. in St. Patrick's Hall, to an overflowing audience, when Mr. M. J. Doyle presided. The rev. lecturer was followed with great interest, and a cordial vote of thanks was carried by acclamation on the motion of Rev. Brother Virgilius and Mr. J. B. Crowley. The lecturer heartily thanked the operator of the lantern (Mr. Cuthbert Knight) for his valued services, and promised to give another lecture at an early date on old English Cathedrals. The lecture provided a fitting introduction to the ceremonies of Holy Week.

At 6.30 on Holy Thursday there was Solemn High Mass, celebrated by Rev. Father Barra, S.M., and after the Mass a procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the Altar of Repose. During the day a large number visited the church for adoration. In the evening the Rev. Father W. Buckley, S.M. (of St. Patrick's College, Wellington), preached on the Blessed Eucharist to a large congregation. The members of the Hibernian Society kept watch throughout Thursday night. On Good Friday Mass of the Pre-sanctified commenced at nine o'clock, followed by Veneration of the Cross. Stations of the Cross were held at 3 p.m. and a fac-simile of a nail used in the Crucifixion was exposed during the day for the veneration of the faithful. A sermon on the Passion was preached at the Devotions in the evening by Rev. Father Barra. The ceremonies commenced on Holy Saturday at 6.30, when the Mass was celebrated by Rev. Father Hurley. On Easter Sunday the Church of the Sacred Heart was thronged at the early Masses when a record number approached the Holy Table.

Rev. Father Buckley celebrated High Mass at 10.30 and preached on the Resurrection. The altar and sanctuary were chastely decorated for the occasion, and the music during the day was devotionally rendered.

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