

Diocesan News

ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

June 27.

Rev. Father McManus, C.S.S.R., is to conduct a Retreat at Akaroa before his departure from New Zealand. Rev. Father Whelan, C.S.S.R., leaves by the express to-day for Palmerston North, where he will conduct a Retreat before leaving for Galong, and Rev. Father Duffy, C.S.S.R., is to conduct a Retreat for the Sisters of the Missions, Napier.

Mr. Reg. Dwyer's concert party continues its entertainments. The last was at Porirua, where a good programme was given for the inmates. The attendants thanked the performers warmly at the close.

Rumors of great activity in Lower Hutt—but too soon to publish anything yet.

The pupils of St. Mary's College held a fancy dress dance to celebrate their breaking up for the holidays. The dresses were very pretty and St. Francis's Hall looked gay and bright. The Sisters thank all who helped to make the entertainment a success.

Rev. Father McCormick, who was here on a health trip leaves to-day for Sydney by the Ulmaroa. Father McCormick has enjoyed his holiday and his friends think he is looking much better. Father McCormick is Irish born, so hearing there was an Irish Club in Wellington, he went down to see Irish dancers in the Carlton Hall and later addressed the members. "You seem all like one family—the finest family I've seen here," said he afterwards. *Bon voyage* to him, and may he return some day!

An excellent gramophone concert was held recently in aid of the Newtown bazaar. The songs carried well through the hall and were much appreciated. Another concert in aid of the stall of Mrs. Giles will be held on Sunday night next. An excellent programme is promised, including songs by Rev. Father Ryan, S.M. The full programme will be published next week. The general preparations are going well and some fine pieces of work have been received as donations to the various stalls.

The combined schools of Thorndon held their concert last night. Children and parents and non-parents had been looking forward to it eagerly and not without reason. The result more than justified expectations. So many concerts are the order of the day that to have one singled out for enthusiastic praise is a rare thing. However, "Good wine needs no bush," and the Brothers' pupils and the Guilford Terrace girls need no advertisement. The programme left the audience, like Oliver Twist, longing for more. For days one could hear down Hawkestone Street the boys practising "The Old Brigade," and they rendered it wonderfully on this night. The Tannhauser, Mendelssohn, and Chaminade choruses are not to be attempted lightly, but the prize choir of Guilford Terrace girls came through them in triumph. The chorus, "I Would That My Love," and the solo, "The Birds Go North," were very beautiful. The boys' solos were hailed with delight. A special mention must be made of the color scheme in the tableau at the end and in the Japanese scene. Only teachers with the true color sense could have constructed that scene. The programme is appended in full for too much praise cannot be given to the producers—the Sisters of Mercy, Guilford Terrace School, and the Marist Brothers, Thorndon. They were responsible for the best concert presented here for years:—Chorus, "Lullaby Land," Junior Girls; recitation, "Shaving," Rex. Walsh; action song, "Dolls," the Infants; chorus, "Angelus" (Chaminade), Girls; solo, "Hills of Donegal," Frank Hamilton; duet and chorus, "Honey Boy," Lena Higgins and W. Plimmer; action song, "Butterfly," Merl Daniels and Junior Girls; recitation, "Not Understood," C. de Vere; chorus, "Maybells" (Mendelssohn), Girls; semi chorus, "O Silver Moon," the Boys; song, "The Dunces," Junior Girls; song, "I Would That My Love" (Mendelssohn), Girls; "The Birds Go North," Lena Higgins;

chorus, "Old Brigade," the Boys; recitation, "The Aspiring Dish-Washer," Joan Maunder; "Umbrellas," Girls; solo, "Believe Me," John O'Connell; drill and chorus, "Flowers," Junior Girls; "Pilgrims Chorus" (Tannhauser), Girls.

The subject for the lecture on Sunday at the Students' Guild is "Has the Church the Power to Teach?" The lecturer will be Rev. Father Kingan, S.M., whose lecture on the "Spooks" and their ways last year is not forgotten.

IRISH REPUBLICAN ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND.

A meeting of the above association was held on Sunday evening, the 22nd ult., in the rooms, 98 Manners Street. In the absence of the president, Mr. D. Griffin occupied the chair. In opening the meeting the chairman explained the origin of the association and outlined the objects. The following motion was introduced for debate, "That the Article of Agreement of 1921, between the representatives of Ireland and England can not be used as a stepping stone to an Independent Irish Republic."

Several members spoke for and against the motion. The historical development of the Irish struggle was traced and the incidents preceding the negotiations were dealt with. It was maintained that the delegates to London had no right or authority to sign any agreement and the articles were declared to be unconstitutional and it was asserted that the Republic was still in existence.

Those in the negative maintained that the Treaty gave the Irish people control of the administration and suggested that this power could be used to obtain a Republic.

There was a lengthy discussion, keen interest was shown and both sides displayed an intimate knowledge of details. The meeting showed itself to be whole heartedly in favor of the motion.

At the conclusion of the debate a very successful collection was taken up in aid of St. Enda's College, which was founded to propagate a Gaelic culture by Patrick Pearse.

The chairman, after further general business had been dealt with, announced that the next meeting would be held a fortnight hence and declared a very successful meeting closed.

DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

(From our own correspondent.)

June 26.

The many friends of Rev. Mother Josephine, superior of St. Mary's Convent, who has been resting at the Mater Hospital, will be pleased to learn that she is progressing nicely under the care of the Sisters, but it may be some time before Rev. Mother is able to leave the Institution.

The Feast of Corpus Christi was celebrated last Sunday at the Sacred Heart Convent instead of the feast day proper in order to give all Catholics the opportunity of being present. The weather was glorious for the occasion, and in consequence the largest gathering of the faithful that has yet assembled at one of these functions was present in the afternoon and taxed the accommodation of the beautifully spacious grounds. There was an attendance of something like 1500, including many of the clergy, and the scene was an impressive one. The Right Rev. Dr. Cleary, assisted by his Lordship Bishop Liston officiated, and the Rev. Father Doyle was master of ceremonies. A procession of the Blessed Sacrament took place in which this big gathering participated. The singing by the members of the Guard of Honor Sodality, combined with the pupils of the Convent and the boys of the Sacred Heart College, was one of the most impressive features of the celebration. Two altars were erected: one in the grounds and the other at the entrance of the convent. Solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at both altars concluded a most inspiring example of Catholic loyalty and devotion.

Fortified by the rites of Holy Church the demise of Mr. Daniel Twohill, a well-known and highly respected resident of Auckland, occurred last week at a private hospital, at the age of 78 years. Mr. Twohill, who was born at Kilworth, Co. Cork, Ireland, came to New Zealand as



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