

But a more authoritative statement of the nature of the Maynooth Mission, and of the spirit from which it has sprung, can be quoted from one of the young priests who has already volunteered for service in its ranks. At the annual national pilgrimage to Croagh Patrick on July 29 of last year two sermons were preached, one in Irish and one in English. The English sermon was delivered by Rev. E. J. McCarthy, A.M., B.D., of the Maynooth Mission to China.

"Ireland has always been a religious nation, a Christ like nation," said he; "she has had a religious and intellectual culture to impart. Europe is her debtor at one period; America, Africa, Australia at another; and let us pray that before another century one other great nation in the East will owe its religion, its culture, and its civilisation to Ireland."

Dealing with Ireland's peculiar mission in the world as a special nation, Father McCarthy had this to say:—

"The highest expression of nationhood is the nation's ability to do a nation's work. That work is both spiritual and material. The spiritual and intellectual life of Ireland is fresh and strong and growing in strength. Ireland to-day is as capable of doing the spiritual and religious work of a nation as ever she was, and every nation should aim at doing at least what it can do. More than that, the spiritual work of Ireland seems to be pre-eminently her national work. We look back with pride to one period of our country's history—to the period when she stood peerless—a nation with a forceful culture that impressed itself on the surrounding nations with which she came into contact. Ireland was known to the world as the Island of Saints and Scholars; and that name, mind you, was not given her by her own people, but by the strangers who flocked to her shores to bring away with them from her monasteries and schools the religious and intellectual culture she had to impart. For centuries the last remnants of the civilisation of Christian Europe was preserved only in the monasteries of Ireland."

Speaking in particular of the Mission to China, as it will be a new manifestation of Ireland's mission and special place among the nations of the earth, Father McCarthy said:—

"That Ireland's mission is not ended is, I think, clearly proved by the unexpected revival of the old missionary spirit in our day. Asia has been the only continent to which so far the influence of Ireland has not penetrated. But this century will, let us hope, see that, too, accomplished. The Irish Church is, as you know, at the present time preparing to send a national Mission to the Far East. It will be the first time in history that an organised national mission is sent from Ireland to convert the heathen. In former times missionaries went as individual preachers, and we know what success attended their efforts. Surely there are bright hopes for the movement that is at present being organised, a movement that has the unanimous support of the Bishops of Ireland, and which the priests and people through the country have already helped with magnificent generosity. On October 29, just nine months ago to-day, the first appeal was made on behalf of the new movement; you yourselves are the judges of the extraordinary success with which God has blessed it since. The Irish people never took the view that the world's work must come before that of Christ, and please God never will. They are not the people to tell Almighty God to wait while Mammon rules the world. How characteristic of the spiritually-minded people that, while other nations are struggling for commerce, conquest, and world-power, Ireland thinks of God and conquests for Him, and for His kingdom that is not of this world."

They who recognise by the light of faith the sovereignty of God in all things will recognise the sovereignty of God in the daily and hourly details of their own personal life and in the change of their lot.—Cardinal Manning.

It is not, after all, a smattering of chemistry or an acquaintance with the habits of bees which will carry our children through life; but the capacity for doing what they do not want to do, if it be a thing which needs to be done.—Agnes Repplier.

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## Diocesan News

### ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

February 28.

Rev. Brother Dionysius, of the Marist Brothers', Thorndou, has been transferred to Napier.

The members of the Hibernian Society will hold their annual general Communion at St. Mary's, Boulcott St., on Sunday, March 14. The annual breakfast will take place at the Marble Bar, Manners Street.

The Marist Brothers' Old Boys' Association will hold a meeting on Thursday, March 11, for the purpose of making the necessary arrangements for entering teams for the Association Football Championships. Arrangements have already been made for the Rugby competitions, and it is hoped to be able to enter a senior team for the latter.

There was a good attendance at the meeting convened by the Marist Brothers' Old Boys' Association for the purpose of discussing ways and means for acquiring a hall for the purposes of the various Catholic societies of Wellington. Mr. L. Sievers was voted to the chair, and after the object of the meeting had been explained a deputation of four was selected to confer with the Hibernian Hall committee, which is also considering the matter.

St. Patrick's Day Celebration Committee met last Wednesday, when the arrangements reached another stage. Mr. J. McGowan presided, and there were also present Very Rev. Dean McKenna, Rev. Fathers Smyth and Bowe. An endeavor is being made to secure entries for the tug-of-war, and wood-chopping and wood-sawing competitions, which it is hoped will be successful. A first-class athletic programme has been arranged, and the committee is confident that it will be the means of attracting the best competitors. A good programme of national dancing has also been arranged. The procession promises to equal if not excel those of previous years. The concert will also be up to the usual high standard which St. Patrick's Night concerts have attained in this city. Besides local talent, the committee has secured the services of Messrs. Fred G. Bourke, the Auckland baritone, and Mr. Watters, Oamaru.

### DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

(From our own correspondent.)

February 27.

Rev. Father Brady, of Gisborne, is on a visit to Auckland. Very Rev. Dean McGuinness, of Te Aroha, and Rev. Father O'Hara are visiting Gisborne.

The anniversary Mass for the late lamented Bishop Lenihan, who died February 22, 1910, was celebrated at the Cathedral on Tuesday last. Rev. Father Forde, Adm., was celebrant, Father Bradley deacon, Father Hunt subdeacon, and Father O'Malley master of ceremonies. There were also present in the sanctuary Very Rev. Chancellor Holbrook, Rev. Fathers Colgan, Brady, J. Murphy, and O'Doherty. Representatives of the various religious Orders and numbers of the laity from the different parishes attended. The St. Cecilia Choir and children from St. Patrick's Convent School, assisted by Rev. Father Byrne, beautifully rendered the music of the Mass.

The Rev. Brother Denis, Provincial of the Order of Marist Brothers in New Zealand, left by the Moana on the 25th inst., to attend the conference of the Order in Turin.

We are sorry to learn that the Rev. Brother Benignus, Director of the Sacred Heart College, Richmond Rd, Ponsonby, is ill in the Mater Hospital, but hope that he will soon be able to resume duties.

Great preparations are being made for the massed display in the Domain on Wednesday, March 17. A Celtic cross is to be formed of thousands of children, and "Erin" will be designed across it.

The number of entries for the basket ball competition for the Father Carran banner and ex-pupils (girls) competitions predict very keen, interesting games.

Master Desmond O'Brien, of the Marist Brothers' School, Vermont Street, has been awarded the Sacred Heart College Day Scholarship. This is the fifth scholarship won at Vermont Street School in 1919.

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