

nation lives before its fellows as a nation), and a *Science and Industrial Journal*, that were earnestly studied through all the Cumann of Ireland.

He would not have been so complacent if he had known that we were not political persons, but Sinn Feiners.

National Assemblies but beat the air without disciplined peoples to control and complete them; and when we examine the splendid doctrine we will do well to examine ourselves to see how many of us truly are worthy of its title. It is time that we do so, for our salvation will not come from the ends of the earth, but will be wrought by us here at home in Ireland.

Diocesan News

ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

March 27.

Some 250 babies were entered for the baby show at the St. Patrick's Day sports, and this event evoked much interest, especially amongst the competing parents.

The gross receipts from the St. Patrick's Day celebrations here totalled £800, and it is estimated that £500 will be available for the Catholic Education Fund.

Donations to the St. Patrick's Day Celebration Fund included the sum of £50 generously subscribed by Mrs. Martin Kennedy and her daughters, Misses A. and A. C. Kennedy.

The Very Rev. Father O'Connell, S.M., of Wanganui, was in Wellington during the week, in connection with the duties of his office as Dominion president of the N.Z. Catholic Federation.

Mr. W. F. Johnson has been appointed hon. secretary and treasurer of the Catholic Women's Hostel. He has also been elected to the position of president of the St. Vincent de Paul Society's Particular Council.

Mr. J. Carmine, brother of the Rev. Father Carmine, and late of the War Expenses branch of the Defence Department, has been appointed general secretary of the Catholic Federation, and will take up his duties on April 1.

Much sympathy is felt for the Rev. Father Connolly, parish priest of Kilbirnie, in the loss he has sustained through the sudden death of his brother, Mr. E. Connolly. The interment took place last Sunday at the Lower Hutt.—R.I.P.

The Thomas Moore Musical Committee met last Wednesday evening, and it was decided to hold the competitions on Friday, May 28, and the concert on Saturday, May 29. The syllabus for the competitions will be circulated amongst the schools next week. This year's celebrations will be the fourth held here, and was inaugurated by the Hibernian Society for the purpose of inculcating a love for the study of Irish music and literature amongst the young, so that when they reach maturity they in turn will instil into the minds of the young that love for Fatherland which certain people would dearly love to extinguish if they could, as will be seen from the happenings in that grand old country to which the majority of us owe our gift of faith. The proceeds of the celebrations will be devoted to the Catholic Education Fund, so that in honoring Thomas Moore we are promoting the ideal of the *Tablet*, "Faith and Fatherland."

The progress of the Catholic Church in Wellington is a striking example of the growth of the Faith in the Empire City. A few years ago there were only two parishes in Wellington, known as Thorndon and Te Aro. Now the parishes number six—Thorndon, St. Mary's, Boulcott Street; St. Joseph's, Buckle Street; St. Anne's, Newtown; St. Patrick's, Kilbirnie; and St. Francis', Island Bay. In the Thorndon parish is the Basilica of the Sacred Heart which replaced old St. Mary's Cathedral, destroyed by fire; St. Mary's Convent (the mother house of the Convent of Mercy), Guildford Terrace; Convent School; Archbishop's residence; Marist Brothers' School, Hawkestone Street; and churches at Kelburn, Makara, and Wadestown, and a convent school at Kelburn. In St. Mary's parish the new church is being built to replace the old one destroyed by fire, the convent school, Boulcott Street, now being used as a temporary church, presbytery, and St. Anthony's Church, Brooklyn. In St. Joseph's parish there is St. Joseph's Church, Buckle Street; the convent school and the Marist Brothers' School, together with the presbytery and St. Patrick's College. In St. Anne's parish

there is St. Anne's Church, the convent parish and high schools, presbytery, and St. Anne's Hall. At Island Bay there is St. Francis' Church, parish school, Home of Compassion, and Sacred Heart Convent. In the Kilbirnie parish there is St. Patrick's School-chapel, St. Catherine's Convent High School, the presbytery, lately acquired; St. Mary's "Star of the Sea" Chapel, Seatoun; the Sisters of Mercy Preparatory College for boys at Seatoun, and also the new St. Patrick's College site at Miramar. In addition to these parishes the parishes of Petone, Lower Hutt, and Upper Hutt, with their convent parish schools are adjacent to the city, and contain the Sisters of the Missions' Boarding High School, Lower Hutt; Sisters of Mercy Home for Boys at Nai-Nai; and St. Joseph's Orphanage, Upper Hutt, together with churches at Johnsonville and Khandallah. Across the harbor at Muritai the Marist Fathers of St. Patrick's College administer the Church of San Antonio. Facing the harbor there is St. Gerard's Church and Monastery, of the Redemptorist Fathers, in Hawker Street.

April 1.

The quarterly meeting of the Hibernian Society (St. Patrick's Branch, No. 95) took place at the lodge rooms, Willis Street, on Monday. Bro. M. Cleary presided. Satisfactory reports were received from the delegates of the St. Patrick's Day Celebration Committee, the Pipe Band Committee, the Medical Institute, and the Friendly Societies' Dispensary. Notice of motion was given for discussion at the next quarterly meeting to the effect that all contributions be paid in advance in lieu of arrears as at present. It was decided to draw the attention of the District Executive to the urgent need of taking action in connection with New Zealand's contribution to the Irish Fund, so that, as the governing body of the society, it would take such steps to collect for the fund in those districts where there is a branch of the society, and which have not made a collection for the purpose. Several new members were nominated, and the receipts totalled £120.

Mr. James Sullivan, son of Mr. Daniel Sullivan, Stafford, Westland, died in the Wellington Hospital on March 30, after a protracted illness. He was attended in his last moments by the Rev. Father Fitzgibbon, and died with all the consolations of our Holy Religion. The interment took place on Thursday at Karori.—R.I.P.

The Sisters of Mercy, with their numerous assistants, are busily engaged preparing for the bazaar, which they intend holding in October at the Town Hall, in aid of St. Joseph's Orphanage, Upper Hutt. Every effort is being made to establish a Dominion record as regards the financial results, and if the present enthusiasm displayed in the early stages is sustained there is every prospect of this being achieved.

The Marist Brothers' Old Boys' Rugby Football Club met last Tuesday, when arrangements were made for entering teams for all of the grades, including, if possible, the senior grade.

DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

March 29.

Very large congregations attended the Cathedral and St. Mary's Church at the solemn blessing and distribution of the palms on Palm Sunday. The early Masses were remarkable for the very large numbers who approached the Holy Table. His Lordship the Bishop officiated at the Cathedral, and Very Rev. Dean Regnault, S.M., at St. Mary's.

On Sunday evening, after Vespers at the Cathedral, Mr. W. J. Dobbs was made the recipient of a pair of pictures from the sanctuary boys as a mark of the esteem in which he is held, and in view of his approaching marriage. In making the presentation Very Rev. Dr. Kennedy, Adm., eulogised the faithful and continuous service rendered by Mr. Dobbs over a period of 22 years, and wished him every happiness in the future. Rev. Brother Phelan and Mr. Frank Geoghegan, the ever attentive sacristan, supplemented the Very Rev. Administrator's remarks and urged the younger boys engaged in altar duties to take example from Mr. Dobbs, whose place would be hard to fill.

Mr. T. P. O'Rourke presided at the weekly meeting of the St. Patrick's Day Sports Committee, held in the Hibernian Hall on Tuesday evening last. There was a good attendance of members, and proceedings throughout were enthusiastic and of an encouraging nature. The various officials for the carrying out of the fine sports programme were appointed, and a special vote of thanks was accorded Mr. J. Jacques for his energetic and eminently successful efforts in connection with advertising on the official programme. The sub-committee appointed to in-