

Diocesan News

ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

June 12.

A meeting took place last Wednesday evening, at the Catholic Federation Rooms, for the purpose of discussing ways and means of acquiring property on which to erect a Catholic Hall, a much felt want in this city. It was decided to appoint a committee of three to inspect several sites and furnish an estimate of the amount required to finance the scheme.

Rev. Father Kimbell, S.M., of Island Bay, who has been stationed in Wellington for some years, has been transferred to Temuka, to take charge of the Marist Mission House, and Parish of Temuka. He will be farewelled on Sunday evening.

Good progress has been made by the Irish Pipe Band, which was started before the war, but had to be abandoned owing to the members being called up for active service. It has since been resuscitated, and an energetic committee, with Mr. O. Krohn as secretary, has advanced the formation of the band so far that the members are practising assiduously, and are expecting to make their first public appearance on Labor Day.

Everything augurs well for the annual schools' social, which is to take place on Wednesday, June 23. The social is being organised by the combined city parishes, and is an event that is looked forward to annually. The financial returns will be devoted to the Education Fund.

The local M.B.O.B. football teams, both Rugby and "Soccer," had a good "day out" last Saturday. In all eight matches were played, six being won, one drawn, and one lost. The junior Rugby team defeated Berhampore by 15 points to 8; the thirds, playing against Porirua, won by 16-8; the fourths just being defeated by Berhampore by 10-3. In the "Soccer" competitions the senior team provided the surprise of the week end by defeating the Y.M.C.A. "Digger" team by 2 to nil. The juniors accounted for Swifts by 5 to nil; the thirds drew with Institute, 2 all; the fourths drew a bye, and the two fifth class teams, A and B, defeated Johnsonville and Diamond in their respective grades.

The M.B.O.B. weekly social will not be postponed on June 23, when the schools' social will be held in the Town Hall, but the net proceeds shall be added to the takings at the big function to be handed to the Education Fund.

The death occurred last Wednesday at the Wellington Hospital of Miss E. O'Grady, of Hawkestone Street, and late of Kumara, West Coast. The deceased was taken ill only a few days previously, and her unexpected death was a great shock to her relatives and friends. Miss O'Grady, who was only 25 years of age, was well known in Wellington and the West Coast, and during her short period of life was held in the highest esteem by the many friends she made through reason of her unassuming and kindly manner. Two sisters (Misses B. and K. O'Grady) and two brothers (Messrs. J. and W. O'Grady), all of Wellington, have the deepest sympathy of a wide circle of friends in their sad bereavement. The funeral took place on Friday afternoon at Karori Cemetery, and was largely attended. Rev. Father Smyth, S.M., of Thorndon, officiated at the graveside—R.I.P.

DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

(From our own correspondent.)

June 11.

Heartiest congratulations are tendered to the Sisters of St. Joseph on the final approval being given to their Order by the Holy Father. Archbishop Cer-

retti sent the good tidings, and in a covering letter to the Mother General, Mount Street, North Sydney, sent his personal congratulations and good wishes, and thanked God for the triumph of the life and labors of the venerable and saintly foundress, Mother Mary of the Cross. The event was suitably celebrated in Auckland by Solemn High Mass and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in St. Benedict's Church, on Sunday last, when Right Rev. Mgr. Gillan, V.G., preached the occasional discourse.

His Lordship the Bishop has made the following temporary changes amongst the clergy: Rev. Father Brennan in charge of Thames parish during the absence of Father Dignan, who leaves by the Remuera on the 17th inst. on a twelve months' holiday. Father Kelly takes charge of Takapuna-Northcote parish; Father J. Murphy has been transferred from St. Benedict's as assistant to Father Doyle at Remuera; Father Finn will be assistant in the Ponsonby parish, and Father O'Flynn in charge of Te Kuiti parish.

A meeting of the clergy and laity of the city and suburban parishes has been called by the Bishop, to take place in St. Benedict's Hall on Sunday, June 20, at 3 p.m. The object of the meeting is to arrange a fitting welcome and reception to the Coadjutor-Bishop, the Right Rev. Dr. Liston.

His Lordship the Bishop visited St. Joseph's parish, Grey Lynn, on Sunday, May 30, and administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to 121 children and adults. He was assisted by Fathers Mangan and Hannigan, C.S.S.R., and Very Rev. Chancellor Holbrook.

The Forty Hours' Adoration commenced in the Cathedral on Sunday at the last Mass. His Lordship the Bishop presided at the High Mass and carried the Blessed Sacrament in the Procession. Rev. Father Bradley was Celebrant of the Mass, assisted by Fathers Kelly and Finn, as Deacon and Subdeacon respectively. Rev. Father Forde, Adm., was Master of Ceremonies. Very Rev. Chancellor Holbrook preached to a crowded congregation after Vespers on Sunday evening, and Father Forde on Monday evening. The Mass of Deposition took place on Tuesday morning, and the celebrant and deacons were the same as on Sunday.

Missions are being conducted this week at the Sacred Heart Church, Ponsonby, by the Redemptorist Fathers; and at St. Benedict's by the Marist Fathers.

A farewell dinner, prior to his departure, was tendered to the Rev. Father Dignan, the popular pastor of the Thames, in the Cathedral Presbytery, on Thursday last. The Bishop and a large number of the clergy were present. His Lordship, in a happy speech, referred to the many good qualities of the guest, wished him *bon voyage*, a pleasant holiday in the Old Country, and safe return to the diocese, wherein Father Dignan has labored so successfully for 16 years. A presentation was made to him by the clergy.

His Holiness the Pope's appeal for the starving children of Central Europe is meeting with a generous response throughout the diocese. Thanks to the zeal and energy of the revered pastor, Very Rev. Dean Lightheart, Rotorua parish alone has contributed over £200 towards the deserving cause.

His many friends will learn with regret that the Rev. Father Edge, of Te Awamutu, is at present a patient in the Mater Hospital. The illness is not of a serious nature, and it is confidently anticipated that he will soon be able to resume his duties. Father Dore supplied for Father Edge last Sunday.

Rev. Father Hannigan addressed members of the Men's Confraternity of the Holy Family, in St. Patrick's Cathedral on Tuesday last. The lecturer took for his subject the "Beatification of Oliver Plunket." The Confraternity was present in full strength.

A mission is shortly to be opened in Matamata by the Rev. Father McCarthy, Marist Missioner.

A eucharic social is to be held in St. Benedict's Hall, East street, on Thursday, June 24. It is to be tendered to the Vermont Street Marist Brothers, and is under the auspices of St. Benedict's Club. Valu-