

ness. Well does St. Augustine say in this regard: "This celestial city, while in exile here on earth, calls to itself citizens of every nation and forms out of all the peoples one sole pilgrim society; no thought is had of differences in customs, laws, and institutions; everything which tends to the conquest and maintenance of peace on earth the Church, far from repudiating and destroying, jealously preserves; for, however these things may vary among the nations, they are all directed to the same end of peace on earth, as long as they do not hinder the exercise of the religion which teaches adoration of the one supreme true God."

And the same holy teacher thus spoke to the Church: "Citizens, peoples, and all men, recalling their common origin, thou shalt not only unite among themselves but shalt make them brothers."

We meanwhile, coming back to what We said at the beginning, turn affectionately to all Our children and conjure them, in the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ, to forget mutual differences and offences and draw together in the embrace of Christian charity before which there are no strangers; and we fervently exhort, too, all the nations that, under the influence of Christian benevolence they establish a true peace among themselves, and join together in one single alliance which, under the auspices of justice, will be lasting; and, finally, we appeal to all the men and all the peoples of the earth to adhere in mind and heart to the Catholic Church, and through the Church to Christ, the Redeemer of the human race, so that we may address to them in very truth the words of St. Paul to the Ephesians: "But now in Christ Jesus you who sometimes were afar off are made nigh by the blood of Christ. For He is our peace Who hath made both one, and breaking down the middle wall of partition . . . killing the enmities in Himself. And coming He preached peace to you that were afar off and peace to them that were nigh."

Nor less appropriate are the words which the same Apostles addressed to the Colossians: "Lie not one to another; stripping yourselves of the old man with his deeds and putting on the new, him who is renewed unto knowledge according to the image of Him Who created him; where there is neither Gentile nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian nor Scythian, bond nor free, but Christ is all and in all."

Meanwhile, trusting in the protection of the Virgin Immaculate, who not long ago We directed should be universally invoked as "Queen of Peace," as also in that of the three new Saints, we humbly implore the Divine Spirit the Paraclete that He may "graciously grant to the Church the gift of unity and peace," and with even further outpouring of charity for the common salvation may renew the face of the earth. As harbinger of these celestial gifts and as pledge of Our paternal benevolence, We impart with all Our heart to you, venerable brethren, to all your clergy and people, the Apostolic Benediction.

Given in Rome at St. Peter's the 23rd day of May, the solemnity of Pentecost, 1920, the sixth year of Our Pontificate.

BENEDICT XV. POPE.

As will be seen by advertisement in this issue of the *Tablet*, a bazaar, in aid of the Convent School at Runanga, Westland, will be held on September 24 and 25. Rev. Father McGrath (Greymouth) or Miss M. Duggan (Runanga) will receive and gratefully acknowledge donations in cash or goods that may be sent by those desirous of assisting in this worthy object.

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## Diocesan News

### ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

August 30.

The erection of the new St. Mary of the Angels' Church is proceeding slowly, being hampered by the shortage of cement. Nevertheless it is gradually rising higher and higher, and should material and labor become plentiful the time of completion would not be a long way off.

To encourage recruiting the strength of St. Patrick's branch of the Hibernian Society, the president (Bro. O. Krohn) has donated a trophy valued at one guinea to the member securing the greatest number of new members during the year.

Members of St. Joseph's Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society entertained last evening the inmates of the Home for Incurables, conducted by the Sisters of Compassion. The entertainment took the form of an exhibition of some fine views by lantern operated by Mr. R. S. Dwyer. Among the pictures shown were scenes of tropical climates, and the interior and exterior of the Wellington Catholic churches. The entertainment was much appreciated, and the brothers of the conference were thanked for their kindness.

The ladies' branch of the Hibernian Society held their annual social in the New Century Hall last evening. There was a large attendance, and the function proved most successful. Braund's Elite Orchestra supplied the music. The ladies' committee looked after the refreshments, and in spite of being unable to supply hot drinks owing to the shortage of gas, the supper was delicious, and thoroughly appreciated by the guests. The tables were decorated in green, white, and orange, the national colors of Ireland. Messrs. McKenzie and McKeowen were the M.C.'s, while the committee consisted of the Misses Griffin, Bezar, Wallace, Mitchell, McCarthy, and O'Driscoll. The joint secretaries were Miss Craig and Mr. Carmine.

I regret to record the death of Miss Margaret (Gis) Callanan, daughter of Mr. J. Callanan, of Mein Street, which occurred last Saturday after a long illness. Miss Callanan was a most respected member of the ladies' branch of the Hibernian Society and St. Anne's Children of Mary Sodality. The interment took place on Monday, Requiem Mass being offered at St. Anne's Church. Her bereaved parents and relatives have the sympathy of a large circle of friends.—R.I.P.

The members of the Hibernian Pipe Band are now practising their instruments and marching preparatory to making their public appearance in October next.

Long before the time came to commence the performance of the matinee at His Majesty's Theatre on last Friday afternoon the selling of tickets was stopped, and reserved seat-holders only admitted. Every door was besieged by a crowd, and the doorkeepers must have had a busy time, while inside the ushers were hot and breathless trying to find seats for all who came. Before the curtain went up every seat was occupied, the boxes were crowded, and the late patrons had to stand round the walls. The cause—that of St. Joseph's Orphanage, Upper Hutt—demonstrated its appeal to the public, and should benefit considerably by the result. Mrs. M. Gleeson, the hon. secretary of the committee organising the matinee, worked very hard, and, with her co-workers, should feel gratified at the result. The theatre was kindly lent by Messrs. Fuller, and members of their company freely gave their services, as well as the Pierrots, once more demonstrating how willingly all professional artists give to a good cause. The programme was a long one, but the audience appreciated each item to the full. Mr. M. J. Reardon, on behalf of the commit-

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