

Diocesan News

ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

September 11.

The Dominion Executive of the Catholic Federation will meet on Saturday, 25th inst.

With very great regret I learn of the death of Mrs. Segrief, a very old resident of Wellington, mother of Father Segrief, S.M., and other members of the well-known and much-respected family. A more extended reference to the deceased lady will be given later.—R.I.P.

At the Victoria College debating tournament for the Plunket Gold Medal, the candidate (Mr. W. E. Leicester) who took for his subject "Captain Tom Kettle, of the Irish Fusiliers," one of the leaders of the Young Irish Party, who was killed at the battle of Somme, was awarded the prize.

The sad news has been received of the death of Mr. Michael Brennan, a well-known and highly-respected resident of Opunake. The deceased was an uncle of Father A. Venning, S.M., and of Sister M. Borromeo, of the Dominican Nuns, Dunedin, and Sister M. Magdalen, of the Sisters of Mercy, St. Mary's Convent, Hill Street, Wellington.—R.I.P.

The members of St. Mary's ladies' branch of the Hibernian Society held their usual fortnightly meeting on Monday, September 6. There was a large attendance of members. Brothers O. Krohn (B.P.), Clarke, V.P., Sherlock, McCleary, Carmine, O'Malley, and Galvin, of St. Patrick's branch, visited the meeting, and were cordially welcomed by the president, Sister Una Beezar. Bro. Clarke replied on behalf of the visitors, who were looking forward to a return visit from the members of the ladies' branch, hoping that such a fraternal spirit would become quite popular, and productive of much good to the society. Bro. O. Krohn also thanked the ladies for their welcome. Bro. O'Malley stressed the need for the co-operation of the branches and Catholics generally, so as to make the concert in aid of the Catholic women's hostel, to be held on Tuesday, October 12, a great success. Recitations were given by Bros. Clarke, Carmine, and Sherlock, which contributed to a most enjoyable evening. Sister Beezar thanked the visitors for their attendance.

A sale of work in aid of St. Joseph's Orphanage, Upper Hutt, was opened in the Masonic Hall, Seatoun, on Friday, and proved a great success. A numerous and willing band of workers, under the direction of Rev. Mother Bernard, did good business, both in the afternoon and at night. The stalls were tastefully arranged and filled with a well-selected variety of articles, afternoon tea and supper were provided, and the general result was a welcome contribution to the funds of a deserving institution. The feature of last night's proceedings was a highly enjoyable musical programme. Miss Jean Matheson's violin playing was particularly appreciated; Master J. Walters, of the Hawkestone-Street Marist Brothers' School, sang delightfully, and the dancing of Miss F. McGrath was really good. Mr. Fergus Reeves contributed two humorous recitations, to the evident pleasure and amusement of the audience, and the chorus sung by the Preparatory Boys from the Seatoun Convent showed good teaching and some talent. Mrs. Emerson and Miss Muriel Blake rendered valuable service as accompanists, and a pianoforte duet by Masters G. Rutter and O. Broad was also a welcome addition to an interesting programme.

I believe Ireland will be given freedom in six months. English public opinion will bring it about.—Mr. Gerard (U.S. ex-Ambassador to Germany).

DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

(From our own correspondent.)

September 10.

Sister Laurencia, Provincial of the Sisters of St. Joseph, has improved in health considerably, and, as all are delighted to hear, on a fair way to recovery.

The church in Henderson has been finally cleared of debt, thanks to the generous donation of Mr. McCormack (£50), and there is now a small credit balance on hand.

The Sisters and school children of St. Patrick's are working hard to make the children's garden fete, which is to take place on September 24, a great success.

The religious examinations of the diocese will commence this year early in October, and the results will be published inter-parochially. The programme for this year will be the same as for last year's examination.

Sister M. Ligouri, of the Sacred Heart Order, passed peacefully away at the Sacred Heart Convent, Remuera, on September 7. Solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated in the convent chapel on the following day by Rev. Father Kelly. Fathers Murphy, Doyle, and Forde were the deacon, subdeacon, and M.C. respectively, and Very Rev. Dean Cahill officiated at the graveside.—R.I.P.

Solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated in the Sacred Heart Church, Ponsonby, on Tuesday, August 30, for the repose of the soul of Rev. Brother Benignus's father. His Lordship the Bishop presided, Father Colgan, a past pupil of the college, was celebrant, Father Carran deacon, Father Finn subdeacon, and Very Rev. Chancellor Holbrook, master of ceremonies. Very Rev. Dean Cahill was also present. The Brothers, students, and a large congregation of the laity assisted at the Mass.

The annual military training camp of the pupils of the Sacred Heart College will be commenced next Monday, under the scheme known as "school barracks." Under this system the group officer, Captain Atwell, and his staff, will take charge of the school as barracks, and for the period of training—five days—will exercise military routine. King's College has applied for a similar scheme of training in December, the officers and non-commissioned officers of the school to fulfil their military training obligations, by taking charge of the barracks.

The death of Mrs. Gilbert Ward occurred at the Mater Misericordiae Hospital on August 21, after a protracted illness, fortified by the last sacred rites of her holy religion. She leaves three sons to mourn their loss. One of her sons (Mr. Dowling Ward) is at present studying for the priesthood at the Redemptorist College, Bathurst. Mrs. Ward was born in Limerick, Ireland, in 1874, and was a daughter of Mr. Francis Dunne, of the Audit Department, Wellington. Her husband is a nephew of Archbishop Redwood. Requiem Mass was celebrated at St. Patrick's Cathedral on August 23. Very Rev. Father Forde, Adm., conducted the obsequies and accompanied the remains to Waiokaraka.—R.I.P.

Taumarunui

(From our own correspondent.)

September 9.

Mr. J. Ryan, who was for some time chief clerk of the Public Works Department, Taumarunui, left on Monday evening on transfer to Stratford. Prior to his departure he was entertained by the staff at a smoke concert, and presented with a suitable token of esteem. Mr. Ryan was a member of the church committee, and will be very much missed from the parish.

A pleasant little "evening" in aid of the candidature of the Town and Public Service Queen in connection with the projected carnival, was held at Mrs. Maher's residence on Monday, August 23. The programme was a varied one, consisting of musical items,

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