

Recognising that, and also that the Coercion Act will have been passed by the time this is in print, nothing remains but to glance at the probable effects of it in Ireland and here.

In Ireland, where you will have an arbitrary tribunal dealing with matters whereof it has no technical knowledge, one that is bound to be swayed by racial and class prejudice, yet by law made competent to decide cases and administer punishments without any respect for local conditions or knowledge of local idiosyncrasies, where you will have such a phenomenon, I say, you will also have every man worthy of his nationality opposing it by every means known to a Brutus or a Palafox.

And what of the result in Great Britain? Well, the same arguments which warrant a parliament in passing such a bill for Ireland will also hold good when shouting necessity, the tyrant's plea, demands the passing of just such another act to curb undesirable demonstrations in Clydebank or Tony Pandy.

## Diocesan News

### ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

November 13.

The bazaar held for the benefit of St. Joseph's Orphanage funds concluded on Monday evening, when there was a record attendance. The effort was most successful, the net financial result being over £7400, which is most creditable, and a record for Wellington. The bazaar was conducted without any queen or other competitions, and the splendid effort which has raised such a handsome sum is a tribute to the energetic and hardworking promoters and helpers, stallholders and assistants, who devoted much time to the great undertaking. The Rev. Mother Superior is extremely grateful to all concerned.

At the last meeting of the Hibernian Society (St. Patrick's branch) a motion of condolence with the relatives of the late Alderman MacSweeney was passed in respectful silence. The motion was ordered to be cabled to the Lord Mayor of Cork, and mailed to President de Valera. A similar resolution was also passed at the last meeting of the ladies' branch of the Hibernian Society.

Solemn Requiem Mass was offered on Wednesday last, at the Sacred Heart Basilica, Thorndon, for the repose of the soul of the late Alderman MacSweeney, who sacrificed his life for the cause of Ireland. The celebrant of the Mass was Rev. Father Sogrief, S.M., with Rev. Father Connolly as deacon and Rev. Father Murphy, S.M., as subdeacon (each of whom was chaplain with the N.Z. Expeditionary Forces). His Grace Archbishop Redwood presided in the sanctuary, and Rev. Father P. J. Smyth, S.M., Adm., was master of ceremonies. The members of the Hibernian Society acted as a guard of honor, and the music was rendered by the St. Patrick's College Choir, under Rev. Father Schaeffer, S.M. There was a large congregation, the spacious Basilica being crowded. Practically all of the city and suburban clergy were present, together with representatives of all the religious Orders.

The devotions of the Forty Hours' Adoration were commenced with due solemnity at St. Anne's Church last Sunday, continuing till Tuesday morning. High Mass was celebrated by Rev. Father Sweeney, and after Mass there was a procession of the Blessed Sacrament through the church grounds, the members of the Hibernian Society, Sacred Heart Society, Children of Mary, and school children taking part. In the evening a crowded congregation listened to an eloquent discourse by Rev. Father Duffy, C.S.S.R., and again on Monday evening, when Rev. Father Murphy, S.M., gave a fine sermon. The devotion was marked by the edifying sight of large numbers approaching the Holy Table at all the Masses. The members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society maintained a night watch right through the period of the devotion.

His Grace Archbishop O'Shea administered the Sacrament of Confirmation in the Sacred Heart Church, Petone, on Sunday, October 31, in the presence of a crowded congregation. The Sacrament was administered to 58 candidates—51 children and seven adults—who were examined previously by the Archbishop. His Grace addressed the congregation on the Sacrament, delivering an eloquent and instructive discourse.

The Marist Brothers' Old Boys' Association are now in possession of their new club rooms, Ingestre Street. The rooms are fitted up with a billiard table and other accessories necessary to make the club an attractive meeting-place for its members.

Advantage was taken of the recent Marist Brothers' Old Boys' re-union, to present the popular and energetic secretary (Mr. Francis J. O'Driscoll) with a pocket wallet, as a slight recognition of the great work he has done for the M.O.B. Association. The presentation was made by Mr. L. Sievers (president), who enlisted the recipient's splendid efforts on behalf of the Association. Mr. O'Driscoll briefly replied, expressing his gratitude for the gift.

The Hibernian Society's concert in aid of the Catholic Women's Hostel, resulted in a net profit of £64, which amount has been handed to the board of control.

The first meeting of the Boxing Day Picnic Committee took place on Thursday evening. There was a good attendance, amongst those present being the Very Rev. Dean McKenna, Rev. Fathers Mahony, and Connolly. It was decided to hold the picnic at Seatoun Park, and also to hold the usual art union. The following officers were elected: Chairman and treasurer, Mr. J. J. L. Burke; secretary, Mr. P. D. Hoskins; assistant secretary, Mr. J. F. Carmine; director of dancing events, Mr. J. D. McPhee; sports committee, Messrs. J. P. McGowan, M. J. Reardon, Simon, J. D. McPhee, and M. Moloney.

The problem of providing attractions for the boys who have, or are, leaving school, until they pass the impressionable age, has been solved by the formation of a boys' club at St. Anne's, under the direction of the St. Vincent de Paul Society (St. Anne's Conference). The Very Rev. Dean McKenna has generously placed the necessary club-rooms at the disposal of the boys, and all sorts of attractions are provided for their entertainment. Nearly 50 boys are enrolled so far, and they appreciate very much what is being done for them. The club is under the direction of Mr. J. Fagan, with Mr. F. Burton as secretary, and Mr. Simon as supervisor of sports. The boys are now busy training for the sports events in connection with the Boxing Day picnic.

Rev. Father McCarthy, Marist Missioner, is at present engaged conducting a mission at the Lower Hutt.

Rev. Father Mark O'Leary, Marist Missioner, is at present at the Marist Fathers' Mission House, Island Bay. He has just concluded a retreat at the Convent of the Sacred Heart, Island Bay. He preached eloquent and instructive sermons at the 9.30 Mass and evening devotions last Sunday at Island Bay. On Sunday next he commences a mission at Johnsonville, in the Lower Hutt parish.

### DIocese OF AUCKLAND

(From our own correspondent.)

November 11.

The Queen Carnival which has been characterised as the best held in Auckland, was opened in the Town Hall, on Saturday, November 6, and is proving a great success. His Lordship the Bishop, who was present at the opening, greatly praised the setting out of the stalls and the very fine character of the goods thereon. The six stalls are beautifully decorated with the colors of the queens, and these are stocked with a fine assortment of valuable goods of every kind calculated to attract the many patrons. Two pictures in a prominent position are those of Archbishop Mannix and Eamon de Valera. Side-shows are there in great numbers, and the supper room is a pleasant retreat from the noise, bustle and appeals of the energetic assistants who reduce their friends to the state of "almost broke," so keen are each stall's workers to secure the election of its queen. The large hall was packed on the opening night, and every night since the carnival has had record attendances. The displays are under the direction of Mr. Owen Cardston, whose patience and skill are being well repaid by the admirable results obtained. By request the coronation of the Remuera children's queen was the attractive display, which was thoroughly appreciated by the vast enthusiastic audience. Father Doyle performed the ceremony of crowning. "In the Time of Nelson," "Grandmother's Days," "The Birth of the Lily," "Society Dance," "Jazz Dance," "Ballet of a Thousand Lights," "The Pipes of Pau," and "A-Hunting We Will Go," are some of the fascinating and unique spectacular displays, in which 500 children from the schools of the six interested parishes are taking part and acquitting themselves so splendidly. Great is the excitement every night when the voting results are placed on the board. At time of writing the following are the positions of the candidates: (1) St. Patrick's, (2) Sacred Heart, (3) St. Benedict's, (4) St. Joseph's (5) Remuera and the Hostel being equal. On the opening night Very Rev. Chancellor Holbrook took the opportunity to thank the hundreds present for their patronage. The crowning of the successful queen—to take place in the Town Hall, on Monday, November 29—promises to be a very imposing function.