

Diocesan News

ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

November 27.

The annual gift tea, which has been a regular feature for some years at the Home of Compassion, Island Bay, has been arranged for Wednesday, December 8. It is hoped that in view of the great number of small children, old people, and helpless chronic invalids who are cared for by the Rev. Mother Mary Joseph Aubert and her band of splendid workers, that a special effort will be made by the kindly folk, not only in Wellington, but also outside of this city, so as to lighten the burden as much as possible; both for the providers and the provided. Prices as at present in Wellington represent the old Biblical comparison, for whereas other parts of the Dominion are being "scourged with whips," Wellington is being "scourged with scorpions," in the way of charges for house rent and other absolute necessities. These prices affect the homes, where so many have to be fed and clothed; therefore their necessity should receive generous consideration. Those who attend will also have the opportunity of meeting the Rev. Mother Aubert, who has been away several years, and who, in spite of her 85 years is still as keen as ever in her mission of compassion for the helpless and afflicted.

The wedding was solemnised at St. Mary of the Angels' Church, on Tuesday, of Mr. Eugene Casey, of Auckland, well known in Hibernian and Catholic Club circles, and Miss Beatrice M. Nolan, daughter of Mrs. P. Nolan, of Christchurch. Rev. Father Murphy, S.M., officiated. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss L. Nolan, and Mr. T. Casey was best man. After receiving the congratulations of a number of their friends who were present during the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Casey left by the mid-day train for the North.

The devotion of the Forty Hours' Adoration was observed at the Church of St. Francis, Island Bay, commencing with the 9.30 Mass on Sunday, and concluding on Tuesday. "Missa Cantata" was sung by Rev. Father Mark Devoy, S.M., on Sunday, also on the two following mornings. On Sunday evening the Very Rev. Father Gilbert, S.M., M.A., rector of St. Patrick's College, preached, and on Monday evening Rev. Father Dignan, S.M., of the Basilica, Hill Street, occupied the pulpit. The church was crowded on all occasions, and each morning large numbers approached the Holy Table. The altar and sanctuary were effectively decorated. The music was rendered by an efficient choir under Mr. Reg. Oakley, Miss Mary Redican was organist. A night watch was maintained throughout by the men of the parish.

Dr. P. J. Mackin, of Wellington, is (writes the London correspondent of the *Post*), taking a post graduate course at West London Hospital, where he will remain until about the end of the year, and then he will start off, with Mrs. Mackin, on a comprehensive tour of the Near East. They already have had eight months' travel in the Far East, including four months in Japan, while in Japan Dr. Mackin got to know the country and its cus-

oms and industries intimately, and he ascended to the crater of the sacred Fuji-Yama, taking numerous photographs. Dr. and Mrs. Mackin stayed in Java, Hongkong, and Singapore, and crossed from Yokohama to Vancouver. After a month in the principal Canadian centres, where many improvements were noticeable after a lapse of eight years, Dr. Mackin crossed to England from Quebec, and they went then to Ireland to see relatives. Altogether, Dr. Mackin contemplates a two years' absence from New Zealand.

The Boxing Day Picnic Committee met at the Hibernian Rooms on Wednesday. Mr. J. J. L. Burke presided, and amongst those present were, the Very Rev. Dean McKenna, and Rev. Father Bowe. Adm. Excellent progress reports were received from the various sub-committees, and given fine weather, everything augurs well for the success of the picnic, the proceeds from which will be devoted to the Education Fund.

The annual concert of the Marist Brothers' School, Thorndon, will take place at the Concert Chamber of the Town Hall, on Wednesday, December 8, and the annual concert of the Marist Brothers' School, St. Joseph's parish, will be given at the Opera House, on December 15.

Rev. Father Mark O'Leary, S.M., Marist Missioner, is at present staying at the Marist Mission House, Island Bay.

There was a large attendance of members of the Hibernian Society at the Hibernian Rooms, Willis Street, last Monday evening, the occasion being to mark the 46th anniversary of the opening of St. Patrick's branch (No. 95) in this city, and to present Bro. T. P. Redmond, P.P., who joined on the opening night—October 6, 1874—with a past president's embroidered collar. Bro. Redmond, who is now 82 years of age, filled the presidential chair as far back as 1877, and for several terms since then. The presentation was made on behalf of the members, by Bro. O. Krohn, president. Bro. Redmond responded, and gave interesting reminiscences of the early history of the society. An entertaining programme was presented, to which the following contributed items:—Misses Quinn, Doris and Beatrice Hoskins, and Messrs. Kevin Dillon, J. Clark, P. Guilloyle, F. Taylor, J. E. Carmine, and M. Walsh.

A very successful culture party and entertainment, organised by the Catholic Ladies' Club, in aid of the Marist Brothers' School, St. Joseph's parish, took place last Thursday evening at the New Century Hall, which was altogether too small to accommodate those who sought admission.

There is no foundation for the rumor that certain property had been acquired in Wellington by the Lewisham Sisters for hospital purposes, although it is hoped that this excellent Order of Nursing Sisters will, in the very near future, give the Catholics of this city the opportunity, when necessary, of availing themselves of medical treatment in a Catholic institution.

Wanganui

(From our own correspondent.)

November 24.

Since my last, the men of the St. Vincent de Paul Society have held the annual breakfast, this year in the Aranoho School. About 60 in all took part, including the

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