

## Diocesan News

### ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

April 9.

Last Sunday the Redemptorist Fathers (Very Rev. Father Whelan and Rev. Father Hannigan) opened a mission at the Sacred Heart Basilica, Thorndon. All of the morning exercises are being well attended, and in the evening the Basilica, spacious as it is, fails to accommodate the large crowds which are attending. Increasing numbers each morning approach the Holy Table, which affords ample evidence that the powerful discourses of the earnest and eloquent missionaries are proving efficacious. The mission will conclude on Sunday next, after which the missionaries will be engaged in conducting missions at Northlands, Karori, and Wadestown.

Messrs. J. J. L. Burke, O. Krohn, M. Walsh, W. H. Giles, T. Murphy, E. Byrne, C. P. McKenzie, J. Lenehan, and Misses Craig and Bezar, representing the Wellington branches of the Hibernian Society, attended the New Zealand Conference of the society, which took place at Christchurch during the week.

A meeting was held last Monday for the purpose of organising the Thomas Moore Anniversary Musical Festivals and Competitions. Mr. O. Krohn presided, and among those present was Rev. Brother Eusebius. The secretary reported that the Town Hall had been booked for Saturday, May 28. Mr. L. A. Burns was appointed assistant honorary secretary. The syllabus is published in pamphlet form and is now in circulation. It is anticipated that several additional schools will participate this year, and an interesting competition may be anticipated.

Mr. Boake, who recently arrived from Ireland, has been appointed general secretary of the Catholic Federation, in succession to Mr. Carmine, who resigned the position to enter into commercial pursuits.

Good progress is being made with the erection of St. Mary of the Angels' Church. Labor and material being now more plentiful gives hope to Rev. Father Mahony, S.M., to have the opening ceremony on the Feast of the Assumption, August 15. All that is hindering Father Mahony is finance, and to overcome this he is organising a gigantic bazaar, which will be held about July at the Town Hall. It is to be hoped that the bazaar will receive the support of the Catholics of Wellington in furtherance of Father Mahony's laudable object of erecting a beautiful building dedicated to Our Lady.

The Chapter of the Marist Fathers will meet during the coming week to appoint delegates to the meeting of the General Chapter in Lyons, France. The delegation elected will leave New Zealand next month.

### DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

(From our own correspondent.)

April 8.

The changes among the Auckland clergy are:—Monsignor Ormond will be in charge of St. Benedict's, with Fathers O'Malley and Curley as assistants; Very Rev. Father Brennan will be Administrator at St. Patrick's, in place of Rev. Father Forde, who takes charge of the new parish of Avondale; Father Wright becomes Administrator at Ponsonby, with Fathers Finn and O'Connor as assistants; Father W. Murphy takes charge of the new parish of the Good Shepherd, Mt. Roskill, Father Carran replacing him at Otahuhu; Father Mansfield is appointed parish priest of the new parish of Papakura; Father O'Hara takes charge of Waihi, and his place at Huntly is taken by Father Hunt, of Ponsonby; Father Colgan takes charge of Coromandel; Father O'Doherty goes as curate to the Thames, Father Murphy to Gisborne, Father Brady to Onehunga, Father Lyons to Remuera, and Father O'Carroll to Te Aroha; Father O'Byrne is to take

charge of the new parish of Epsom, but will remain at Onehunga during the absence through illness of Right Rev. Mgr. Mahoney.

Father O'Flynn is making rapid progress in the erection of his new school at Te Kuiti. Already the church has been moved to a new site, and the necessary clearance of the site for the school is well advanced.

Father Langewerf has returned to Taupo, after a short holiday in the city.

The friends of Father Duffy, C.S.S.R., will be pleased to hear that he is making a rapid recovery in the Mater Hospital.

Mr. Leo Whittaker (late conductor of St. Patrick's Cathedral Choir) was last evening farewelled in the Town Hall, prior to his departure for England. The well arranged and highly interesting programme presented by many of Auckland's leading vocal and instrumental artists, as well as Mr. Whittaker's fellow-associates of the Royal Auckland Choir, together with the great popularity of the talented recipient, attracted a gratifying attendance of the musical public.

At the weekly meeting of St. Patrick's Sodality of Children of Mary on Wednesday evening, March 30, a presentation was made to Miss Margaret Carroll, on the occasion of her approaching marriage to Mr. J. Smith, of Auckland. During the evening a much-appreciated musical programme was given—vocal, pianoforte, and dancing items being contributed. The presentation (a beautifully colored oak-framed picture of the Madonna and Child) was made by the director (Rev. Father W. J. Forde, Adm.), who spoke in very pleasing terms of Miss Carroll's connection with the sodality, and concluded his remarks by wishing her every happiness and prosperity. The recipient suitably responded. Miss Carroll and Mr. Smith are well known in the Cathedral parish, both having at all times labored energetically in connection with parochial works.

Clarence Nicholls, of the Sacred Heart College, has done very well in the recently concluded tennis championships of the secondary schools of Auckland. In the semi-final he defeated Cornes, of the Grammar School, after a great tussle extending into three sets, which resulted 5-6, 6-4, 6-3 in Nicholls' favor. Though defeated in the final by Watson, of Grammar School, he played a most determined game, which ended 6-4, 6-4. Naturally his success in finishing runner-up among 64 players, the pick of the schools, is greatly appreciated by all the friends and students of the Sacred Heart College.

### AUCKLAND CATHOLIC TEACHERS' FOURTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

The fourth conference opened at St. Mary's Convent with High Mass, the music for which (Plain Chant) was beautifully rendered by the Sisters of Mercy. His Lordship Bishop Liston was celebrant, Rev. Fathers O'Flynn and Bradley deacon and sub-deacon respectively, Very Rev. Father Whelan, C.S.S.R., assistant priest. Right Rev. Dr. Cleary, addressing the congress, said:—I congratulate you all on this great reunion of the teaching Orders. You have met to compare notes on the practical side of teaching, as is done in America by the American Catholic teachers in their congresses. I have noted the results of previous conferences—they are shown daily in the schools. Thank God for the immense improvement in all our schools during the last 15 years. You must not be satisfied to reach the level of other systems, but must go above them all. In "Kelly, Burke, and Shea," we meet the lines "And now thank God for the race and the sod." I say, "And now thank God for your splendid work." I give you my blessing with all my heart, and wish you every happiness and success. A paper, "The Religious Teacher," was then read by Right Rev. Dr. Liston. It was hailed by all to be most practical and helpful. Tuesday afternoon was devoted to a lecture on "Physiography" by Rev. Brother Fergus, M.Sc. during a trip down the Harbor. It was keenly followed, and should prove of great benefit in the first-hand teaching of geography. Wed