

Diocesan News

ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

April 23.

Rev. Father F. Cullen, Adm., of St. Joseph's, who has been under treatment at the Lewisham Hospital, Christchurch, is now convalescent, and has returned to this city.

The Catholic Education Board met last Wednesday. His Grace Archbishop O'Shea presided, and amongst those present were Rev. Fathers Smyth, S.M., Adm., and Mahony, S.M. Accounts totalling £225 were passed for payment. The date of the annual schools' social was fixed for Wednesday, June 29. The secretary reported that the Boxing Day picnic realised £180 for the fund, and it was expected that the St. Patrick's Day celebrations would result in a substantial amount being added. Arrangements were also being made to organise the Thomas Moore anniversary concert and competitions. The sum of £12 10s was received as a dividend on the shares in the Reichel Automatic Fire Alarm Syndicate, donated by the late Mr. Reichel, and two £1 war loan certificates were received as a donation from Mr. S. Anderson, of Island Bay.

The greatest fervor and enthusiasm were shown on the closing day of the mission at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Thorndon, on last Sunday. Hundreds, including the members of the Hibernian Society, Children of Mary, and Sacred Heart sodalities, approached the Holy Table at the early Masses. In the evening very large numbers were unable to gain admission, and had to be content to stand outside. Missions are being conducted at Northlands and Wadestown, Very Rev. Father Whelan taking the former and Rev. Father Hannigan the latter.

The Knights, Handmaids, and Pages of the Blessed Sacrament are daily increasing in numbers. A supply of badges has now come to hand, and may be obtained from the Catholic Supplies Depot, 67 Manners Street. As the movement is to encourage the practice of frequent Communion, it should receive great support. Those who enlist bind themselves by word of honor that they will receive Holy Communion at least once weekly. His Grace Archbishop O'Shea has commended the movement for the archdiocese. Any information required may be obtained on application to the general secretary of the Catholic Federation, Box 958, G.P.O., Wellington.

A very successful social was held at Island Bay last Tuesday in aid of Mrs. Redman's stall for the sale of work which is to take place on Friday and Saturday next.

A series of weekly euche parties are being organised by Mrs. O'Driscoll, in aid of her stall at the bazaar which is being promoted to liquidate the debt on the new St. Mary of the Angels' Church, now in course of erection.

The newly-formed St. Joseph's concert party gave its first performance on last Wednesday evening, by permission of the matron, to the inmates of the Seddon Hospital for Consumptives. In thanking the members of the party for their much appreciated entertainment, the sister in charge extended an invitation to them to give another concert on some suitable date.

At the opening on Saturday last of the Rugby football season with a seven-a-side tournament, the Marist Brothers' Old Boys' Association, for the first time, entered a senior team in the Wellington competitions. For a new team the members played well, and only in the semi-final; where the Marists competed against an experienced team of players, were they defeated.

DIocese OF AUCKLAND

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April 22.

His Lordship Bishop Liston has returned from his pastoral visit to Whangarei and surrounding districts.

Rev. Father O'Flynn has been having a well-earned holiday in the city. He is recovering from the effects of his recent illness.

Rev. Father Colgan, who left for Coromandel on Friday, April 15, was entertained by the members of St.

Benedict's Girls' and Men's Clubs at a farewell evening on Tuesday, April 12. Right Rev. Mgr. Ormond was present. During the course of the evening Father Colgan was presented by both clubs with useful gifts; Miss D. Moyes (president of the Girls' Club), making their presentation, detailed the valuable assistance Father Colgan had given to the club, which, without his assistance, must have ceased to exist almost from its inception. Mr. R. H. Owens (president of St. Benedict's Club) expressed the regret with which all club members viewed Father Colgan's departure. The members were eager that whenever the departing priest came to Auckland he would return to the club, if only for a few minutes. The members wished him every success in his new parish. Mr. Owens took the opportunity of welcoming Right Rev. Dr. Ormond to the club. Dr. Ormond thanked the members for their cordial welcome. In expressing regret at Father Colgan's departure, he said: "In the short time I have known him, I have found him not only a conscientious priest, but also a genial companion. I wish the Rev. Father every success in the future." Father Colgan, in reply, thanked the speakers for their good wishes and for the tokens of their esteem with which he had been presented. He had one regret and that was that he had been unable to give to the clubs the time and attention he would have liked, for pressure of other parochial work had prevented this. He would like to thank the members of the clubs and ladies of the parish, particularly Mesdames Moyes and Tonks, for the assistance they had given him during the queen carnival. A musical programme was pleasingly rendered, and added greatly to the success of the evening.

Father O'Connor, assistant priest at St. Joseph's, Te Aroha, was accorded a farewell social and presentation on the occasion of his departure to take up duties in the Sacred Heart parish, Ponsonby. The proceedings were most enthusiastic, Father O'Connor being very popular there. He was presented with a substantial monetary gift. Opportunity was taken to welcome Father Mansfield, who, during Dean McGuinness's absence on holiday, will have charge of St. Joseph's parish. Father O'Connor is to be succeeded by Father O'Carroll, who has now arrived to take up his duties.

MARIST BROTHERS OLD BOYS, WANGANUI

UNVEILING OF ROLL OF HONOR.


A large gathering of Marist Brothers' old boys and friends assembled on last Thursday evening at the "Golden Gate" Tea Rooms to witness the unveiling of the Roll of Honor, containing the names of 123 old boys who had rendered active service in the Great War. The meeting was presided over by Mr. E. O'Meara, and among the visitors were the Rev. Fathers O'Connell, S.M., and McGrath, S.M., the Marist Brothers, and the Mayor (Mr. P. B. Williams). After the loyal toast had been honored, the chairman congratulated the company on the large attendance, and expressed his pleasure that such a splendid work of art as the memorial board was would adorn the walls of the local school and serve to show future generations of boys the sacrifices that their predecessors had made. That 123 old boys had served from a school, the roll number of which, including infants, rarely exceeded 130 boys, was sufficient proof that the cultivation of the civic spirit went hand in hand with religious and secular training. One of the first New Zealanders to gain the Victoria Cross was a Wellington Marist Brothers' old boy, the late Captain Alfred Shout. Four of his soldier cousins, sons of the late Mr. George Greener, were old boys of the local school. To the parents and friends of the 13 who had lost their lives he extended the deep sympathy of the meeting.

Rev. Father O'Connell, before unveiling the Roll of Honor, delivered an eloquent address, eulogising the patriotism of the young men who had left their homes, their friends, and their country to fight primarily for the freedom of that gallant little country, Belgium, and indirectly that all nations, particularly the smaller, might be free to work out their own national life without interference from others. Father O'Connell denounced the servile attitude of the daily press, which either misrepresented, or openly vilified the brilliant and brave young Irishmen who

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