

## Diocesan News

### ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

May 20.

The wedding of Miss Bessie Jameson, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Jameson, Wellington, to Mr. Charles Hodgins, "Wicklow Hills," Pahiatua, was solemnised at St. Joseph's Church, Buckle Street, last Monday afternoon, when Archbishop O'Shea officiated. The bride was given away by her father. Miss Kitty Hodgins was chief bridesmaid, Miss Birdie Parrell was the second bridesmaid; and Mr. Joseph Jameson was the best man and Mr. Claude Hodgins groomsmen. A reception was held at the New Century Hall, when about 100 guests were present. Dean McKenna and a number of Wairarapa residents were among the guests.

Another old pioneer, Mrs. Mary O'Connor, aged 86, recently passed away at her daughter's residence, Petone, Wellington. Her husband predeceased her five years ago. They had resided in the Wairarapa since the early 'fifties. The private interment took place at the Catholic Cemetery on Friday afternoon, the burial service being conducted by Rev. Father Quealy, of Petone, and Rev. Father Phelan, of Masterton.—R.I.P.

An enjoyable concert was given last evening to the inmates of St. Joseph's Home for Incurables by the members of St. Joseph's newly-formed concert party, under the patronage of Rev. Father P. F. Cullen. Refreshments were generously provided by ladies of the parish. The thanks of the Sisters of Compassion and the inmates were expressed by Mr. J. Hyland to the performers for their most enjoyable evening. A concert and social is being arranged to be held in the New Century Hall in aid of funds for entertaining the inmates of various hospitals and institutions, and it is intended, from the money realised, to give a concert shortly at Porirua Mental Hospital.

A most successful concert was given at the Concert Chamber of the Town Hall last evening in aid of the St. Mary of the Angels' Church rebuilding fund.

A very successful inaugural meeting to resuscitate the Inter-Catholic Societies' Debating Union was held last Wednesday evening. The meeting was convened at the instance of the Hibernian Society. Mr. C. P. McKenzie presided. The following office-bearers were appointed:—Patron, his Grace Archbishop Redwood; president, his Grace Archbishop O'Shea; secretary and treasurer, Mr. A. B. Boake; executive committee, Messrs. J. D. McPhee, M. Walsh, and C. P. McKenzie. The debates will commence on the first Tuesday in June, the subject being "Should municipalities control the supply of coal and gas to the general public?"

All winter games except Rugby were postponed this week on account of unsuitable weather conditions. In the senior division Marists played a drawn game with Wellington. Fine play was spoiled by the prevailing gale, which carried the ball in every direction. The junior team was defeated by Berhampore, but wins were obtained by the third, fourth, and fifth grades.

On the eve of his departure to take up duties at St. Mary's, Christchurch, Rev. Father Dignan was met by the parishioners of Wadestown and Northlands, who desired to show the esteem in which he is held by the congregation of each place. Several useful gifts were also presented. The departing priest was also entertained at a social evening by the Children of Mary and presented with a memento in token of his good work in connection with the sodality.

The parishioners of Thorndon decided that they could not allow Father Dignan to depart without showing in some tangible form their appreciation of his good work among them, and a well-filled wallet is being forwarded on to him, together with expressions of deepest regret at his departure.

The Defence Department of New Zealand has decided to adopt the "Dennis" Motor Lorry. Transport Officers say that in France the "Dennis" proved first for reliability.—The New Zealand Express Co., Ltd.

### DIocese OF AUCKLAND

(From our own correspondent.)

May 20.

For the purpose of making a presentation to their late Administrator, Rev. Father W. J. Forde, a committee representing St. Patrick's parishioners, assembled on Wednesday evening, May 16. Mr. Frank McConnell, in a brief but very appropriate address, presented Father Forde with a cheque for a handsome amount, as a token of the parishioners' appreciation of the good work, so ably performed by him during his two years' stay in their midst. Right Rev. Mgr. Ormond spoke in eulogistic terms of the guest of the evening, and expressed his very great pleasure at being able to be present. He made special mention of the friendship which existed between them, they having studied at Thurles College, Ireland, and later in Rome. Monsignor Ormond also stated that he had followed with great interest Father Forde's career in this diocese. During the course of the evening several very enjoyable musical items were contributed, Miss Jessie Nicholson acting as accompanist. Father Forde in reply feelingly expressed his regret at having to sever his connection with the people of St. Patrick's, of whom he would always have happy recollections, for they had so willingly and generously helped him in the various works he had undertaken during his term as Administrator.

A Requiem Mass was celebrated by Father Buckley, in St. Patrick's Cathedral, on Friday, May 20, for the repose of the soul of the late Mrs. Coakley, of the Thames. The funeral left after the Mass for Waikaraka Cemetery. To the members of the family, who a few weeks ago mourned their father's death, sincere sympathy is extended.—R.I.P.

Rev. Father Zanna, of Whangarei, is on a visit to the city. He is about to leave for Europe on an extended holiday. Owing to increase of parochial work Father Langerwerf's holiday has been postponed.

In the city churches very generous responses have resulted from the appeals of Dean Van Dyk, on behalf of the Maori Missions.

In the Rugby football competitions the Sacred Heart College A team added another victory to their credit by defeating a very heavy team representing Y.M.C.A. The college lads were very keen, finishing with 24 points—6 tries and 3 goals—to their opponents nil. R. Lander (2 tries), T. Lanigan, L. Griffin, S. Nalloy, and E. Reid were the try getters, while T. Vangioni converted three of the tries.

In the recently held athletic sports meeting for secondary schools in Auckland, Sacred Heart College won first place, gaining 76½ points. Grammar School, with 71 points, was second. The college lads were defeated in only one out of the eight events contested, that one being the backward race, in which one of their contestants fell. They were first in the 75yds sprint, long jump, relay race, high jump, putting the shot, and the relay walking event.

### DIocese OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

May 23.

Those in charge of the various stalls at the garden fete recently held at St. Joseph's Home, Middleton, attended there on Sunday afternoon to acquaint the Rev. Mother and her community of the result of that effort to assist them. The hon. secretary (Mr. T. Cahill), before reading the statement of accounts, said all assembled must miss one familiar face from the gathering—that of the late Mr. W. Rodgers—who had been largely instrumental in the promotion of the function which was Mr. Rodgers' last public effort in the interests of Nazareth House, in which his name would ever be held in grateful remembrance. The receipts were—Cathedral Stall, £156 5s 11d; St. Mary's Stall, £155 4s 11d; Refreshment Stall, £85 19s 9d; St. Joseph's Home Stall, £38 16s; Addington Stall, £23 14s 1d; gates, £12 15s 3d; rides (per Master Harrington), 9s 6d; total, £473 13s 5d. The expenses amounted to £69 5s, leaving a net return of £404 8s 5d. Mr. Walter Clifford, speaking on behalf of the Sisters, thanked all concerned for the very fine result attained. All recognised that Mr. Cahill, as secretary, had made the work easy,