

## Diocesan News

### ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

February 17.

Rev. Dr. Maguire, of the Irish Mission to China, made an appeal at St. Joseph's Church, Buckle Street, on Sunday, the 4th inst., with successful results. He gave very interesting accounts of the work of the Chinese mission and the manners and the customs of the Chinese people.

Rev. Father Gondringer, S.M., M.A., who has been on a visit to the Continent of Europe, Great Britain, and Ireland, returned last week. Father Gondringer resumes duty on the professorial staff of St. Patrick's College.

Mr. M. J. Kennedy, manager of the Wellington Gas Co., was paid a high tribute at the annual meeting of the directors of the company, who voiced their appreciation of his successful and economic administration of the company's affairs, which enabled it to provide a greater return to the shareholders as well as reducing the cost of gas to the consumers.

Very Rev. Dean Regnault, S.M., who has been at St. Mary's, Manchester Street, Christchurch, for some years, took up his residence at the Marist Mission House, Golder's Hill, this week. His many Wellington friends will be pleased to have the Dean once again in their midst.

His Lordship Dr. Whyte, Bishop of Dunedin, left last week for Sydney *en route* to Rome. During his Lordship's stay in Wellington he was the guest of his Grace Archbishop Redwood.

St. Francis's Hall, Hill Street, was opened last Saturday with a picture entertainment. There was a good attendance, and the financial results will materially assist in liquidating the hall debt. Rev. Father Smyth, S.M., Adm., has been warmly congratulated on the success achieved by him in providing the parish with such an excellent and modern hall.

The programme outlined by the St. Patrick's Day celebration committee should mark the feast of Ireland's patron saint this year. The procession, which will leave the Government Buildings a little after 10 a.m., will contain tableaux on decorated horse-drawn lorries. Squads from the schools, the Hibernian branches, brass band, pipe band, the Archbishops and clergy in motors, and the young children in motor buses. The sports will be held at Newtown Park, and prizes to the value of £100 have been allocated. There will also be a grand spectacular drill display by over 1000 children with tricolor flags. In the evening the Irish national concert will be held at the Town Hall.

### DIocese OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

February 19.

Rev. Father McLean, of the Irish Mission to China, made an appeal at the Masses at the Sacred Heart Church, Addington, on Sunday, in aid of the mission. In the evening Rev. Dr. Maguire addressed the congregation with a similar object.

The Christian Doctrine Shield presented to the Marist Brothers' School by Sir George Clifford, having received its full complement of winning names has now been replaced by a new one of exquisite design on a beautiful oak slab; and is a fine specimen of the handicraft of Mr. G. T. White, of Colombo Street. The first name on the old shield is that of J. McAlcon, now deceased, and the last Edgar Murphy, now at the Sacred Heart College, Auckland. Master R. Noonan opens the honors on the new shield. Rev. Brother Phelan expresses his gratitude (in which he is joined by all friends of the school) to Sir George Clifford for his practical interest in the boys.

A well-attended meeting of St. Mary's branch of the H.A.C.B. Society was held at Ozanam Lodge on Monday evening last, Bro. H. O'Connor, B.P., presiding. Sick allowance (£1) and accounts (£16 19s 3d) were passed for payment. One new member was initiated. The quarterly balance sheet and annual report submitted by the secretary (Bro. Johnston) were favorably commented upon, parti-

cularly by Bro. M. Grimes (district deputy), who offered congratulations to Bro. O'Connor on the special efforts he was making in the interests of the branch. Several visiting brothers were present from St. Patrick's branch, and were welcomed by the president, and Bro. E. Fitzgerald, B.P. (St. Patrick's), replied. Bro. J. Ormandy advocated special interest in functions being organised in the district for the benefit of Nazareth House. A social evening followed, entertaining items being given by Bros. H. and S. Doherty, M. Walls, A. Delacour, E. Turner, L. Haughey, J. Ormandy, M. Grimes, and L. O'Sullivan.

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## "Mr. Dooley" on Golf

(By F. PETER DUNNE.)

"Well, sir," said Mr. Dooley, "I don't want to say anything that wud hurt a friend, but I do think th' authorities ar-re very lax in lavin' Hogan at large, as they ar-re doin'."

"An' what ails Hogan?" Mr. Hennessy asked.

"He's got what th' dock calls a fixed declusion," said Mr. Dooley. "He thinks he's a goluf player. No, he don't play th' game. Nobody does that. They wurruk at it. But Hogan he slaves at it. He don't think at anything else. He takes it down to th' wather-office with him in th' mornin', an' he carries it home with him at night an' sleeps with it. If ye go over to his house at this minyit ye'll find him in th' front parlor surveyin' a poker an' tellin' th' good woman how he played th' eighth hole. There's nawthin' more excitin' to th' mother iv siven at th' end of a complete wash-day thin' to listen to an account iv a goluf game fr'm th' lips iv her lifemate. 'Tis almost as absorbin' as th' inventory iv a grocer's shop. I was over there th' other night, an' he broke three panes iv glass showin' me what he calls a mashie shot, an' he near took an ear off his aunt Bridget practisin' with a war-club that he calls a nibbelick. I wudden't be harsh with him, but a few months or even years in a well-upholstered cell with a ball an' chain on his leg might restore him to himself an' make him again th' safe an' bashful husband an' father he wanst was.

"But 'tis a gr-reat game, a gr-rand, jolly, hail-fellow-well-met sport. With th' exception maybe iv th' theory iv infant damnation, Scotland has given nawthin' more cheerful to th' wuruld thin' th' game iv goluf. Whin 'twas first played I cudden't make out what 'twas like. I thought whin I first read about it that it was intinded fr' people with a hackin' cough, an' that no wan who was robust enough to play 'Twenty Questions' in a wheel-chair wud engage in it without a blush.

"But I know betther now. 'Tis a rough an' angry game, full of ondacint remarks an' other manly characteristics, d'ye mind. An' whin 'tis over it laves as much bad blood as a German submarine. At th' end iv iv'ry goluf match th' player loathes himself, is not on speakin' terms with th' fellow he played agin, cud kill his own caddy an' his opponent's, an' hates th' criminal that laid out th' course, th' game itself, th' Jook iv Argyll, an' Andrew Carnegie, each wan iv his clubs, th' little burrd that twittered whin he was shootin', th' pretty wild flowers on th' margin iv th' links, an' each separate spear iv grass on th' puttin'-green. If that pote that wrote th' 'Hymn iv Hate' wants to write another on th' same subjeck with a rare punch in it he ought to larn goluf. 'Twuld help him.

"How's it played, says ye? I don't exactly know. I niver studied law. But ye can get th' rules iv th' game in th' public library, in siven volumes edited be th' Lord Chief Justice iv Scotland. If ye have a dispute over th' rules, th' quickest way to get a decision is to hire a lawyer, make a test case, an' carry it to th' suprem court. In a gin'ral way, all I can say about it is that it's a kind iv a game iv ball that ye play with ye'er own worst inimy, which is ye'ersilf, an' a man ye don't like goes around with ye an' gloates over ye, an' a little boy follows ye to carry th' clubs an' hide th' ball afther ye've hit it. Th' ball is small, made iv injy rubber an' filled with a pizinous substance, an' if ye hit it a good smash it busts an' puts out ye'er eye. Ye're supposed to smash this little grenade fr'm place to place an' here an' there an' up an' down an' hither an' yon with an enormous insthument iv wood or iron, ontill in due time ye get to what is called a puttin'-green. There's a little hole with

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