

## Death of Monsignor Hackett

The death occurred at the Ellerslie presbytery on Thursday morning, the 16th inst., of Monsignor J. J. Hackett, at the age of 64. A few months ago the late Monsignor became indisposed, and went into hospital. He returned to the presbytery, but his health did not improve, and he passed away (says the *Auckland Star*).

The late Monsignor Hackett was born in 1859 at Moate, Westmeath, Ireland, and commenced his studies at St. Joseph's Seminary, in his native town. He then proceeded to Rome, where he devoted himself for seven years to the study of philosophy and theology at the College of Propaganda. His ordination as a priest took place on



March 4, 1882, and he proceeded to a cure at Port Augusta, South Australia, and the following year he arrived in Auckland. Soon after his arrival he was appointed to the extensive district which ran from Helensville, through Dargaville to the North Cape, his headquarters being at Te Kopuru. He was later appointed Administrator of St. Patrick's Cathedral by Bishop Luck, and held the position until 1894, in which year he was appointed to the parish of Paeroa, which at that time included the townships of Te Aroha, Waihi, Karangahake, and Waikino. In 1918 he was appointed parish priest at Ellerslie, and that parish was still his home at the time of his death. The deceased cleric was raised to the dignity of Dean by the late Bishop Lenihan, and in 1915, on the recommendation of Bishop Cleary, he was promoted to the further dignity of Domestic Prelate, with the title of Monsignor. For many years, and until his death, Monsignor Hackett was a member of the Bishop's Council. Since February of the present year he had been very ill, and spent two months in the Mater Misericordiae Hospital, afterwards returning home to Ellerslie, where he passed away. A man of high attainments and great personal charm, the late prelate was a general favorite with all who had the privilege of his intimate acquaintance. He was noted also as a preacher, lecturer, and wit, and to the last he retained his good spirits and keen-witted humor.

Pontifical Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of the deceased Monsignor was celebrated at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Ellerslie, on Saturday, the 18th inst. (telegraphs our own correspondent). His Lordship Bishop Cleary presided, and was attended by Right

Rev. Mgr. Mahoney and Rev. Father Doyle. His Lordship Dr. Liston was celebrant; Rev. Father Colgan, deacon; Rev. Father Finn, subdeacon; and Very Rev. Chancellor Holbrook, master of ceremonies. A large number of the diocesan clergy were present in the sanctuary, and a choir of priests rendered the Gregorian music of the Mass and Solemn Office.

His Lordship Dr. Cleary, in the course of an eloquent and touching address, dwelt on the life and work of the deceased Monsignor during a period of forty years in various parts of the diocese. His missionary labors were incessant, and his zeal and fervor in the work of his Divine Master would long be a cherished memory. At the conclusion of his discourse his Lordship gave the absolution at the catafalque. There was a large congregation, among those present being representatives of the various religious Orders.

The funeral cortege to the Panmure Cemetery was over half a mile in length. His Lordship Dr. Liston officiated at the church and graveside, and the attendant priests sang the "Benedictus."—R.I.P.

## Diocesan News

### ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

August 17.

Three New Zealand candidates for the Marist Brothers, who have just completed their training and novitiate, arrived from Sydney last week to take up duty in the Dominion.

Owing to the prevalence of influenza his Grace Archbishop O'Shea was unable to complete his episcopal visitation of the Hawke's Bay district, and had to return to Wellington.

The Ven. Archdeacon Devoy, S.M., of Island Bay, is confined to his room suffering from the prevailing epidemic. His many friends will be glad to hear of his speedy recovery.

The death occurred last Saturday of Mrs. Reardon, wife of Mr. M. J. Reardon, after a short illness. The deceased, who was only forty years of age, was a daughter of the late Mr. J. Cotterell. She was a native of Wellington, and endeared herself to all who had the pleasure of her acquaintance. The interment took place on Tuesday, Requiem Mass being offered at St. Joseph's, the members of the Hibernian Society acting as pall-bearers. The greatest sympathy is felt for Mr. Reardon and his only son (Master Reardon, of St. Patrick's College) in the very sad bereavement which they have suffered.—R.I.P.

The death has occurred at his residence, 8 Glenbervie Road, of Mr. Thomas P. Redmond, in his 85th year. The late Mr. Redmond was born at Wexford, Ireland, in 1839, and adopted a seafaring profession, commanding several sailing vessels trading out of Waterford. He later transferred to "steam," in Messrs. Malcomson Bros.' employ, and traded to the Mediterranean and Near East for some years before coming to New Zealand in 1874. Mr. Redmond then joined the staff of G. Thomas and Co., auctioneers, and on the death of the late Captain Thomas, entered the Government. He retired on superannuation eight years ago. The death of Mr. Redmond removes the last of the foundation members of the Hibernian Society, which was established in 1874, and of which he was one of the first presidents. The funeral was a private one, and took place on Friday, prior to which a Requiem Mass for the repose of his soul was offered at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Thorndon. Three sons and two daughters are left to mourn their loss.—R.I.P.

Without doubt one of the most successful functions this season was the charity social held last Thursday evening in St. Peter's Hall, the proceeds of which are to be devoted to the St. Vincent de Paul Society, so that its members may further on its works of charity among the poor, sick, and unemployed. The decorative scheme carried out was just the required one for setting off the many dainty and pretty frocks. The many colored lights mingled with streamers and festoons of lycopodium gave a most artistic effect, and quite a carnival atmosphere was created