

The mission which was to have begun on Sunday last at St. Joseph's had to be postponed owing to the indisposition of the Very Rev. Father Clune. It is to be opened to-morrow.

A very pleasant evening's entertainment was provided at South Wellington on Friday evening, when a progressive euchre tournament and concert were held in the schoolroom in aid of the Children of Mary's library funds. The first part of the programme consisted of vocal items, contributed by Misses Lawless, Bennett, Barton, Leydin, and McMahon, and Rev. Father Ainsworth, S.M. Mr. B. J. Fitzgibbon gave a recitation. The euchre tournament resulted in the lady's prize going to Miss Lawless, and the gentleman's to Mr. John Guthrie, sen. As usual, the ladies of the parish provided a very dainty supper, and, under the energetic leadership of Mrs. Riddler, did all that was possible to ensure the enjoyment of a very large number of guests.

New Plymouth

(From an occasional correspondent.)

At the theory examination held in connection with the Trinity College of Music the following pupils were successful:—Stratford Convent—Senior pass, Mary Callaghan 60. Intermediate honors, Annice Curd, 81. Intermediate pass, Agnes Blair, 74; Ida Bleasel, 70; Lena Bleasel 68; Junior honors, Kathleen Sexton, 96; Alice Watkins, 93. Preparatory division, Violet Miscall, 88; Mary Kerpell, 87; Katie Cannell, 86; Winnie Fitzgerald, 72. New Plymouth Convent—Junior honors, Elsie Bennett, 92; Ida Henderson, 89; Olive Skelton, 89. Preparatory division, Topsy Guerin, 87; Rita Sole, 85; Phyllis Sheffield, 83; Clara O'Brien, 68.

The following is the list of successful candidates at the local examination in connection with the Associated Board of the Royal Academy of Music, held at New Plymouth on September 22:—Advanced division (minimum marks 100), Gwendoline Evans (Stratford Convent), 111; Helen Middleton (Opunake Convent), 107. Higher division (minimum marks 100), Kathleen Bennett (New Plymouth Convent), 130 (distinction); Elsie Bennett (New Plymouth Convent), 116. Lower division (minimum marks 100), Clara O'Brien (New Plymouth Convent), 124; Alice Scandlyn (New Plymouth Convent), 116. Elementary division. (minimum marks 100), Irene Connitt (New Plymouth Convent), 119; Gladys Fraser (New Plymouth Convent), 118; Daisy Fussell (New Plymouth Convent), 112; Aileen McClelland (New Plymouth Convent), 105; Olive Skelton (New Plymouth Convent), 105; Mary O'Grady (New Plymouth Convent), 103; Doreen Healy (New Plymouth Convent), 101. Primary division (minimum marks 100), Kathleen McClelland (New Plymouth Convent), 113; Brois Kelsey (New Plymouth Convent), 111; Maisie Grant (New Plymouth Convent), 108.

Wanganui

(From our own correspondent.)

September 29.

An interesting debate was held on Tuesday, 25th inst., between the Palmerston North and Wanganui Debating Unions. The latter was led by Mr. T. C. O'Brien (St. Mary's Catholic Club). After a spirited debate on the proposition that 'The present jury system be abolished' (which Palmerston North affirmed and Wanganui negated), the judge, Mr. J. H. Keesing, gave the following decision: Wanganui team 559 points, Palmerston North 555 points. Subsequently a social was held.

It is with great regret I announce the sudden death of Mr. Thos. O'Shannessey, who died on September 19 at the Waipukurau Hospital, where he had undergone a serious operation. The deceased was highly esteemed by all who knew him. To his sorrowing wife, children, and relatives we tender our sincere sympathy in their sore bereavement. His remains were interred in the Wanganui Cemetery on Saturday, the 22nd. Very Rev. Dean Grogan referred to the sad event at both Masses on Sunday.—R.I.P.

On Sunday the Very Rev. Dean Grogan announced to the congregation of St. Mary's that the plans for the new church at Aramoho were now ready. A meeting was held after Vespers, at which the plans were exhibited. The Dean explained to the meeting that he had certain funds in hand, but more would be required before he could commence the work of building. Money is wanted to erect a fence around the site for the new church, and for that purpose a committee of ladies and gentlemen was appointed to raise funds. It was decided to hold a social in the Drill Hall on Thursday, October 18.

One of the staunch supporters of the St. Mary's Catholic Club, Mr. Peter Hartshorn (vice-president), has left Wanganui for Wellington.

Two more of our respected parishioners have departed this life. I refer to Mrs. D. Cronin, who lived to the advanced age of 75 years, and Mr. Michael Whelan, who succumbed to that fell disease, cancer, in the local hospital, also at an advanced age.—R.I.P.

A meeting, which was convened by the Mayor for the 21st inst. to consider suggestions as to the form the Seddon national memorial should take, lapsed, not merely for the stereotyped 'want of a quorum' but because not so much as one individual attended to keep the solitary Mayor company. The hitherto loyal supporters of the late Premier, who would have rallied by the score a few brief months ago, are to-day too busily engaged in the worldly affairs of life to be bothered about perpetuating the memory of him who so recently was their political hero and patron. Sic transit gloria mundi.

DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

October 1.

On Wednesday of this week a bazaar is to be opened at Lincoln to raise funds for the payment of a presbytery which the Rev. Father Richards is erecting there. The need of a central residence for the priest in charge has been long felt, and an effort is now being made by the parishioners to supply it. Extensive preparations have been made for the opening of the bazaar. It will remain open each evening during the week, and promises to be a financial success.

In the Cathedral at Vespers on Sunday night last the Ven. Archdeacon Devoy preached, his text being the words of our Lord in instituting the Blessed Eucharist, on which he delivered a very fine sermon. After dwelling on and refuting the objections by non-Catholics to the Real Presence, he pointed out that there were no means more effective for advancing in perfection, nor for living saintly lives, than the frequent reception of Holy Communion.

At Addington on Friday night last a progressive euchre party and a musical entertainment were held. It was the last of a series held there during the winter months, with the object of raising money to liquidate the church debt, and to meet the expenses of the school, which is very efficiently conducted by the Sisters of the Mission. The entertainments have been a great success, the debt has been considerably reduced. The Rev. Father Peoples, to whose efforts much of the success is due, is greatly pleased at the result.

The quarterly meeting of the St. Patrick's branch of the H.A.C.B. Society was held on September 24. There was a large attendance of members, including the Rev. Father J. O'Connell (chaplain). Sick pay to the amount of £11 1s 4d was passed for payment. Two members were initiated, and three candidates were nominated. The question of taking charge of a stall in the bazaar in aid of the Cathedral funds was unanimously agreed to, those present forming themselves into a committee to carry out the desired object. The following resolution was also carried: That immediate steps be taken to amend the constitution in order to secure uniformity of contributions and sick benefits throughout the society, and that the necessary steps be taken to have the question dealt with at the triennial meeting to be held in February next. It was decided to open a subscription list on behalf of the Seddon memorial fund, and the sum of £2 15s was collected in the room. A very interesting account of the last D.M. was received from our delegate, Bro. D. Flynn, P.D.P., and the secretary was instructed to convey the thanks of the branch to 'him for acting as representative of the branch. It has been decided to form a cricket club in connection with the branch, and a number of members are very busy making the preliminary arrangements. The support being given to the project augurs well for the success of the club. The thirty-third anniversary of the branch will be celebrated on October 4 by a progressive euchre party. Bro. M. Mannix, assisted by a strong committee, is making the necessary arrangements. It was announced that the amount realised by the late entertainment in aid of the ladies' branch of St. Vincent de Paul Society was £19 2s 6d. The receipts for the evening amounted to £99 18s 1d. At a subsequent meeting of the bazaar stall committee an executive committee consisting of Bros. J. Power, R. O'Shaughnessy, T. Pender, J. R. Courtney, G. J. Sellers, L. Haughey, D. F. Dennehy, and F. J. Doolan was elected.

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