

he would find the debt reduced. The best way to show their appreciation of him was to pursue the course mapped out by him and the priests of the Cathedral. He left all with the kindest feelings and with deep regret.

The Marist Brothers 'Old Boys' gave a farewell in their club rooms to Father Holbrook. Brother George presided, and there were also present Fathers Edge, Doyle, Brennan, and a large attendance of members. Brother George referred to the work done by Father Holbrook for the Club since its inception. Its establishment was primarily due to him. He spent weeks gathering money with which to open and furnish the rooms, and through its struggles stood by it, until rewarded with success. The members could never sufficiently thank Father Holbrook for all he had done for them. They wished him God's blessing in his new sphere as parish priest. Rev. Father Edge, in eloquent terms, supported the remarks of the president. The love between Catholic priests and the people was something to be envied. Nowhere else was it to be found. The presence of so many young men was to him a revelation and consolation. It was evidence of the good work done by Father Holbrook. From thence forward he intended to come oftener to their gatherings. He wished Father Holbrook good-bye and every success. Rev. Father Holbrook, on rising, was greeted with tumultuous applause, lasting several minutes. He said when he came here six years ago from Ireland he was struck by the apathy of the many young men who were absent from all Church functions, in which they evinced no concern, no pride, no affection. It troubled him much, and he determined to remedy this if possible. He consulted those better acquainted with the young men and local surroundings than himself, and, after serious consideration and misgivings, the Club was inaugurated, and after trials and disappointments it forged ahead. His reward was in seeing them attend in a body and approach the Holy Table, thereby identifying themselves publicly with the great Church to which they belonged. He hoped they would prosper, and whoever succeeded him as chaplain, he assured him that in the Club members he would find an obedient and respectable body of young men. He would always think of them with pleasure and pride, and prayed that God would bless them. Brother George then explained that, in deference to the wishes of the general Public Committee, the Club refrained from making a presentation, but would join the main body in making Father Holbrook's farewell a success. Musical items were tendered by Messrs. J. Lonergan, O. Pritchard, T. Guscott, W. Dervan, Adean, and Middleton, humorous recitations by Messrs H. Herbert and A. McIlwain. Mr. P. Clarke ably presided at the piano. The proceedings concluded with the singing of 'Auld lang syne' and 'God save Ireland.'

Last evening, after Vespers, the committee entrusted with preparing a fitting farewell to Rev. Father Holbrook met at St. Patrick's Presbytery, Mr. J. P. Nerheny in the chair. Rev. Fathers Murphy and Wright, and a large number of ladies and gentlemen were present. Excellent work was reported by the collectors. An address committee was appointed, consisting of Fathers Murphy and Wright, Brother George, and Messrs Nerheny and M. J. Sheahan. It was decided that the committee should meet again on Sunday fortnight, when detailed arrangements would be made, and Father Holbrook asked to fix a date for a social gathering and presentation.

To-night a most successful complimentary concert was tendered to Mr. Harry Herbert in the Royal Albert Hall by numerous friends, in consideration of his services, given so freely at all church and charity matters here for many years. The programme was choice and varied, and the best local talent assisted. Rev. Father Farthing and Mr. Rupert Knight (secretaries), and Rev. Father Doyle (treasurer) worked hard, with the result that the concert was a great success. Mr. Herbert leaves shortly for Australia, taking with him the best wishes for his future prosperity.

Invercargill

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

June 15.

The weekly meeting of the Invercargill Catholic Club was held on Tuesday, June 9. A very pleasant evening was spent, and the programme was of a social nature.

The Athletic Football Club are again to the front, having during the last fortnight met and defeated the Star Club by 11 points to nil, and the Pirates by 21 points to nil. The Athletics have not as yet had their line crossed.

On Sunday, June 14, the members of the Catholic Club, to the number of 60, approached the Holy Table in a body. After Mass the members assembled in St. Joseph's Schoolroom, where the Ladies' Club had provided breakfast. The Rev. Father Kavanagh, addressing the members at the breakfast, said it gave him great pleasure to see that morning such a progression of faith by the members present, and urged them to give every assistance to one another, in furthering and fostering the interests of their Club. The President (Mr. L. W. J. Morton), Messrs J. Collins, J. MacNamara, Mulvey, Pound, and Sims also spoke.

A very distressing fatal accident occurred in the railway yard on Thursday, when a young man, Leo Patrick Kenney, met his death. The deceased, who arrived here but two weeks ago from Auckland, leaves a young widow to mourn her loss. The funeral, which took place on Sunday, was largely attended. The Rev. Father O'Malley officiated at the graveside.—R.I.P.

Nelson

There was a large attendance at the Druids' Hall on the evening of May 27 (says the Nelson 'Colonist'), when the first concert of the season was given under the auspices of St. Mary's Society. An excellent overture was played by Mr. T. C. Webb, A. Mus. T.C.L. Mr. T. Conhell sang 'The deathless army,' for which he was loudly applauded. Miss Barry contributed 'Why must we say good-bye,' and in response to a recall sang 'Come back to Erin.' Mr. Ryder sang 'The valley by the sea,' and Miss M. Burke received an encore for singing 'Rose of my life,' when she favored the audience by singing 'Doreen.' Mr. Fellowes' exhibition of his powers as a ventriloquist created much merriment, and he was warmly applauded. Mr. E. Barry sang 'Ashore,' and was recalled. Miss C. Armstrong's singing of 'The flight of ages' was an enjoyable item. Mr. C. G. F. Eagar received a well-merited encore for his song, 'The last watch.' Mr. D. McKee Wright recited one of Kipling's pieces, which was encored. The duet, 'Whisper and I shall hear,' contributed by Misses Armstrong and Burke, was one of the gems of the programme. Mr. A. Housiaux was heard to advantage in the song, 'Anchored.' The Rev. Father Clancy, at the close of the programme, on behalf of the audience, heartily thanked the performers and the members of the committee for the most enjoyable entertainment that had been provided. Misses Barry, Vaughan, Armstrong, and Messrs. Webb and Eagar rendered good service in accompanying the vocalists.

The Kaiser and the Nun

The special correspondent of the 'Neues Wiener Tagblatt' at Corfu relates the following interesting incident:—

'The German Emperor, since he came to Corfu, has visited various ancient churches and monasteries to inspect old church paintings. He visited also "Death Island," where an ancient nunnery exists. The Royal visitors, arriving unexpectedly, found the Superior cleaning the church lamps and two nuns scouring the floor. The Kaiser entered into conversation with one nun, while King George acted as interpreter. The Kaiser asked the nun, who is thirty-five years old, how long she had been in the convent. She replied, "About twenty years." The Kaiser remarked that she must have commenced her novitiate very early. She said, "At sixteen."

'His Majesty then asked, "What caused you, when so young, almost a child, to renounce the world and its pleasures? Some great misfortune?" She answered, "No; only love for God. And you, who have remained in the world, what pleasure do you find in it?" The Kaiser, without replying, asked: "Did it cause you no sorrow to sacrifice your youth?" She said, "What is youth? A dewdrop in the field, which Nature gives in the night and which disappears with the first rays of the morning sun."

'After this the Kaiser left her, shaking his head.'

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