

lowing contributed vocal items:—Misses Hamilton and McKay, and Messrs. Harkins and Parkes, and Mr. J. Vitetta gave a harp solo. A large orchestra rendered some splendid selections. The concert was greatly appreciated by the inmates, and it is the intention of the organisers to give another entertainment during the coming month.

(From an Occasional Correspondent.)

September 5.

It is with great regret that I record the sudden death of Miss Norah Byrne, who passed away on Wednesday at Island Bay. The interment took place at the Karori Cemetery. The funeral was attended by a large number of friends.—R.I.P.

The Catholic Club Junior Debating Society discussed the question of Home Rule for Ireland on Tuesday, when Mr. Leydon took the affirmative and Mr. Hickmott the negative side. The chairman (Mr. Moran) announced the verdict in favor of the negative side. This branch of the club is making great headway under the able direction of Mr. Moran.

An oratorio, in honor of the Holy Mass, was given by St. Joseph's choir in Buckle Street Church on Sunday. The music chosen for representation was Gounod's Messe Solennelle (St. Cecilia), the soloists being Miss McKay, Mr. Harkins, and Mr. J. Hines. Rev. Father Finnerty preached an impressive and instructive sermon on 'The Sacrifice of the Mass.' A collection was taken up in aid of the organ fund.

One of the two semi-final debates in the annual tourney promoted by the Wellington Provincial Literary and Debating Society's Union was decided on Monday night, when the representatives of the Kent Terrace Presbyterian Society met and vanquished the Catholic Club team by the narrow margin of 2½ points. There was a very good attendance. Dr. Elliott presided. The subject for debate was as follows:—That the interests of Australasia would be better served by Great Britain forming a defensive alliance with the United States than by the present Anglo-Japanese alliance.' Messrs. M. Fraser, E. C. Jack, and C. S. Falconer represented the Kent Terrace Society, and Messrs. M. O'Kane, L. M. Frost, and R. G. Butcher the Catholic Club. Each speaker was allowed fifteen minutes. In announcing the result of the debate, Mr. F. E. Baume, K.C., M.P., the judge, said that he had had considerable difficulty in arriving at his decision, as there was really very little to choose between the teams. The debate, on the whole, gave indication of a good deal of reading on the part of the speakers, and had been marked by careful investigation. One element of weakness in the Kent Terrace team was that the programme laid down by the leader had not been fully carried out by his followers. The language used by the Catholic Club men, on the whole had been superior to that of the other side, but in matter there had been very little indeed to choose between them. Both teams had really shown a considerable amount of merit, in regard not only to matter, but also to method and delivery. The marks he had awarded were as follow:—Kent Terrace Society—Mr. Fraser, 61; Mr. Jack, 59½; Mr. Falconer, 65; general arrangement, 16; total, 201½. Catholic Club—Mr. O'Kane, 53; Mr. Frost, 63; Mr. Butcher, 65; general arrangement, 18; total, 199.

Stratford

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

On Monday evening last, in the presbytery, a large number of parishioners met to say good-bye to Mr. and Mrs. Garrett Wilson, who are about to settle in Waipukurau. The Rev. Father Treacy occupied the chair, and in the course of a few remarks expressed his regret at the departure of Mr and Mrs. Wilson, who had always assisted in every movement for the advancement of the Church. In time and money the departing guests had contributed generously. They were practical Catholics, and a credit to any community. He hoped that the change would benefit Mrs. Wilson; and that the people of Stratford would again have the pleasure of seeing Mr. and Mrs. Wilson amongst them. Messrs. D. J. Malone, W. Murray, J. Leydon, J. D. Healey, D. Maroney, and J. Sexton spoke in similar strains. The Rev. Father Treacy then presented Mrs. Wilson with a beautiful Queen Anne tea set in solid silver, and a silver hot water kettle on stand, and Mr. Wilson with a valuable memento of his residence in Stratford. He urged that the presents would remind them of the appreciation they had merited in the hearts of their Stratford friends, and he would always be glad to welcome them back to Stratford. Mr. Wilson, in responding for himself and Mrs. Wilson, said he himself was sorry to leave Stratford, where he and his good wife had made

so many friends. He was afraid that the many good things that were said of them were hardly deserved. He had always striven to do his duty, and the kindness of his Stratford friends in giving such beautiful presents made it very hard for him to express what he would like to say. It was absolutely necessary for Mrs. Wilson's health that he should leave Stratford, but he could assure them that Stratford and its people would always have a warm place in their hearts.

Blenheim

(From our own correspondent.)

August 31.

The Hibernian Band held an enjoyable social on Wednesday, and the new uniform fund will be substantially increased thereby.

The Rev. Father Lowham, C.S.S.R., conducted a retreat for the Children of Mary during the past week. Over seventy members of the Sodality approached the Holy Table on Sunday morning.

The members of the Catholic Club hold very enjoyable literary evenings weekly. Last week 'Sports and Pastimes' were the topics chosen, and the papers were on the whole creditable. Rev. Father Fay, who presides at the debates, is very enthusiastic in club matters, and means to make the Catholic Club a success.

Napier

(From our own correspondent.)

August 30.

Inspector Dwyer has been appointed to take charge in Napier in place of Inspector MacDonnell, who is retiring from the service.

The Young Men's Catholic Club have taken over the Port stall at the coming bazaar.

Mr. T. Barry was presented by the employees of the Gas Company on the eve of his marriage to Miss N. Sylvester with a handsome marble clock suitably inscribed, the presentation being made by the manager.

'Should bachelors be taxed?' was the subject for debate at the Catholic Young Men's Club last Thursday. Mr. J. W. Coe led the affirmative, while Mr. T. Cunningham led on the negative side. The speeches were most creditable. At the conclusion of the debate the chairman (Mr. R. P. Clarkson, M.A.) awarded the honors to the affirmative side.

Palmerston North

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

August 30.

At the last meeting of the local branch of the H.A.C.B. Society on August 18, at which there was a very large attendance, including the Rev. Fathers Costello and O'Beirne, the occasion was taken advantage of to present the Rev. Father Costello with a large photograph of the members in full regalia, which was taken at the recent half-yearly breakfast. The photograph, which was handsomely framed, was presented by the president, Bro. C. McGrath, who in an appropriate speech thanked Father Costello on behalf of the members for his kindness to the society on all occasions.

The half-yearly meeting of the Catholic Club took place on Wednesday evening, August 26. The president, Mr. M. J. Kennedy, was in the chair, and there were also present the Rev. Father O'Beirne and twenty members. The election of officers for the next six months resulted as follows:—Patron, Rev. Father Costello; spiritual director, Rev. Father O'Beirne; president, Mr. M. J. Kennedy (re-elected); vice-president, Mr. Loughnan; hon. vice-presidents, Dr. O'Brien, Messrs. W. Devine, F. Herring, R. Mulrooney, J. Hurley, J. Coyle; secretary, Mr. Westmoreland (re-elected); trustee, Mr. Loughnan; auditor, Mr. Ellis (re-elected); press correspondent, Mr. Scanlan; committee, Rev. Father O'Beirne, Messrs. McLaughlin, O'Reilly, Scanlon, Jackson, Dickson, McGrath, and Scott. The debate for the evening then took place. The subject chosen was, 'Is the reading of fiction an advantage or disadvantage?' The affirmative side was taken by Mr. Loughnan (leader), Messrs. McLaughlin and Amodeo, and the negative by Mr. Scanlan (leader), and Messrs. M. J. Kennedy and the Rev. Father O'Beirne. The debate was very interesting, the various speakers acquitting themselves in a very creditable manner. But the feature of the evening was the speech by Mr. Loughnan, leader of the affirmative. By the unanimous vote of the audience the verdict was given in favor of the affirmative side.

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