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### Palmerston North

(From our own correspondent.)

July 11.

The half-yearly meeting of the local branch of the H.A.C.B. Society was held on Tuesday last. Brother Ed. Butler (president) was in the chair. The election of officers for the ensuing term resulted in Bros. Butler, Ellis, and Morris being returned unopposed as president, secretary, and treasurer respectively, and Bros. W. Scanlon, J. Gleeson, and J. Lynch vice-president, warden, and guardian, after which Past President R. J. McLean, assisted by V. Dallow, P.P., conducted the installing ceremony. At the conclusion of the meeting a supper and social evening was tendered to Brother Rice, who is leaving for Australia, by the newly-elected officers, a most enjoyable evening being spent. The quarterly Communion of the members of the branch took place on Sunday, 11th inst., when there was a large attendance of members in regalia.

The parishioners of St. Columba's, Ashhurst, gave a most successful concert and social in the Town Hall on Wednesday last in aid of their stall fund for the coming bazaar in St. Patrick's, Palmerston. A large party journeyed out from town to assist, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. The energetic secretary, Mr. J. J. Lynch, is to be congratulated on the great success of his efforts.

### Masterton

(From our own correspondent.)

July 10.

The many friends of Mother Bridget will be pleased to hear that she is progressing very satisfactorily at the hospital in Auckland, and is now able to sit out in the fresh air for a while.

It is with great regret that I record the death of Miss Nana Collier, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Collier, who passed away last Sunday evening, after an illness of some months. The deceased, who was not seventeen years of age, died fortified by the rites of the Holy Church. The funeral, which took place on Wednesday, was largely attended. The service at the graveside was conducted by the Rev. Father Sanderson.—R.I.P.

The half-yearly meeting of St. Michael's branch of the H.A.C.B. Society was held on last Tuesday. The president (Bro. Connor) presided over a good attendance. The following officers were elected for the ensuing term: President, Bro. L. Richards; vice-president, Bro. J. Curry; guardian, Bro. T. Price; warden, Bro. C. Hennessy; treasurer; Bro. J. Waters; secretary, Bro. S. O'Regan; auditors, Bros. B. Chapman and Richards. After the meeting a social evening was spent, and numerous toasts were honored. Songs were given by Bros. O'Regan, Allen, Connor, and recitations by Bros. Chapman and Hennessy.

### Westport

(From our own correspondent.)

June 30.

In order to mark in a special manner the closing of the renewal mission conducted by Rev. Fathers Hunt and Whelan, during the past two weeks, the members of St. Canice's Club and H.A.C.B. Society approached the Holy Table in a body on Sunday last. At 8 o'clock a special Mass was celebrated by the Rev. Father Hunt, and over 80 members of both societies were present. After Mass the members of the Hibernian Society, wearing their regalia and the club members their rosettes, marched to the club rooms, where a breakfast was partaken of. The beautifully decorated tables bore eloquent testimony to the efforts of the ladies. Mr. F. O'Gorman (president St. Canice's Club) presided over the gathering. The clergy were represented

by Ven. Archpriest Walshe and Rev. Father Hunt, Mr. E. Casey (representing St. Columba Club, Greymouth) being also present. The following toasts were honored: 'The Pope and King,' proposed by the chairman; 'The H.A.C.B. Society,' proposed by Mr. J. Radford, responded to by Messrs. D. Dennehy and J. Murphy; 'The Clergy,' proposed by the chairman, responded to by Ven. Archpriest Walshe and Rev. Father Hunt; 'Federated Catholic Clubs,' proposed by Mr. P. Hughes; responded to by Messrs. E. Casey and J. L. Leydon; 'The Ladies,' proposed by Mr. L. Devere, responded to by Mr. J. McGee. At the conclusion of the proceedings the members attended 11 o'clock Mass, at which Rev. Father Whelan preached a special sermon.

On Monday evening a ping-pong tournament between teams representing Wesley and St. Canice's Clubs was played in the rooms of the latter club. Twelve games were played, the Catholic team winning eleven.

### Oamaru

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

July 12.

The box plan for 'Our Boys' opened at the Dresden on Friday morning, and already a large number of seats have been reserved. It is a considerable time since any production by local amateurs has caused so much interest and anticipation, and a full house is almost assured.

On Wednesday evening last the members of St. Patrick's Club held a mock parliament, which proved one of the most successful functions of the session. Mr. J. Breen, representing the Premier, introduced a bill dealing with the taxation of bachelors, and an amusing debate was the result. Mr. J. Cagney, sen., was elected speaker, and Mr. F. Mulvihill represented the leader of the Opposition. The bill was supported by Messrs. E. Curran and F. Cooney, and vigorously opposed by Messrs. J. Wallace, T. Cooney, and P. Bree. After the introduction of new clauses, the removal of others, and several amendments, the Bill passed its final stages.

At a meeting of the executive of St. Patrick's Club a cordial vote of thanks was accorded Mr. J. Moore (a non-Catholic friend) for a scallywag table, Mr. J. Reddan for a set of boxing gloves, and Mr. Spiers, of Kurow, for chalk suspenders for billiard table. As evidencing the strides made by the club during the present season it may be mentioned that at the present time there are 100 financial members on the roll. Owing to the removal from Oamaru of Mr. John Spiers, the club has lost a useful member. Mr. Spiers has been promoted to a position in the C.P.O. at Wanganui, and left for his new sphere of labor on Tuesday. His clubmates wish him every success in his future career. Mr. Madden, who for a great number of years filled the position of gaoler at Oamaru, has also been transferred to Wanganui, where he will fill the position of gaoler. Prior to the departure of Mr. and Mrs. Madden from Oamaru a presentation was made to Mrs. Madden on behalf of the citizens, and eulogistic references made to the zeal and faithfulness with which both Mr. and Mrs. Madden had carried out their duties.

### Hastings

(From our own correspondent.)

July 3.

The half-yearly meeting of the Catholic Young Men's Club was held on Friday evening, Rev. Father Quinn presiding. Nominations were received for the various positions on the executive committee for the ensuing half-year, and it was decided to hold the election on Friday, July 9. Twelve new members were elected. A motion to delete the word 'young' from the name of the club, and that the club be open to all Catholic men from the age of sixteen upwards, was carried by a large majority. At the conclusion of the business of the meeting, Very Rev. Dean Regnault delivered an address to members on the necessity of belonging to a Catholic club and the advantages to be derived therefrom. He also dwelt on the necessity of Catholic young men being well instructed in the doctrines and teachings of the Catholic faith, and, at the conclusion of a very eloquent address a hearty vote of thanks was passed to him by acclamation.

Three New Zealand ladies give their opinions elsewhere in this issue as to the value of 'Highlander' Condensed Milk for feeding babies. Their recommendations are well worth the serious attention of all mothers....

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