

The members of the Hibernian Society were entertained on the 14th inst. by the members of the Catholic Club at St. Patrick's Hall, Boulcott street. The entertainment took the form of a card tournament between the members of each society, followed by supper, and winding up with a musical programme, interspersed with elocutionary items. The Hibernians proved themselves to be the champions at the cards, having beaten their opponents by 24 to 16 games. The following gentlemen contributed to the programme: Messrs. A. H. Casey, J. Moriarty (representative *N.Z. Tablet*), J. McGowan, J. D. McPhee, C. Pfaff, and A. Amodeo. On behalf of the Catholic Club, Mr. Casey extended a hearty welcome at all times to the Hibernians to visit the club rooms, and spoke of the excellent feeling existing between both bodies, and trusted that it would continue. He also spoke of the value of such reunions as they were having that night in bringing about this good feeling. Mr. E. F. Reichel, as president of the Hibernians, briefly replied, and thanked the club for the very enjoyable evening's entertainment, and hinted that the Hibernians would at no distant date show their gratitude in a practical manner.

## DIocese OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

July 19.

On Monday next, July 26, Feast of St. Anne, his Lordship the Bishop will celebrate the 22nd anniversary of his episcopal consecration.

There will be an ordination ceremony in the Cathedral on next Sunday week, a student from the Meanece Seminary, a native of the diocese of Christchurch.

Mr. Henry Hayward, of the Pathé Pictures, now showing at His Majesty's Theatre, devoted half the takings on last Thursday evening to Nazareth House, which (the announcement stated) is doing such admirable work amongst all classes, irrespective of denomination or creed.

Prominent in the essay-writing competition in connection with the recent Industries Week are several pupils of the Catholic schools, certificates being awarded at a largely attended presentation gathering last week, to Masters John Higgins and Bernard Dobbs, of the Marist Brothers' School, and to Misses Maggie Collins and Ivy Hawkins, St. Mary's Collegiate (Sisters of Mercy).

In a letter received by his Lordship the Bishop written from Tahiti, the Very Rev. Father Price, Adm., states that the throat trouble from which he was suffering when he left Christchurch had considerably lessened and his general health had improved. The heat was intense, but he enjoyed the altered conditions from our winter climate. He was very kindly received by the Bishop and priests of Tahiti and hospitably treated by them until resuming, later on, the voyage to San Francisco.

Since its first settlement Christchurch has drawn its water supply from artesian sources. A high pressure system has now been installed, the source being still artesian. Extensive works have been established at the foot of Cashmere Hills, the dividing range between the port and city, the water being pumped from the lower to the higher level and thence distributed through (when the system is completed) 120 miles of mains, of which 40 miles are already laid and ready for use. For dealing with fires, the pressure is sufficient to throw a stream from a one-inch nozzle to a height of one hundred feet. The main reservoir, at a height of 243 feet from the level of Cathedral Square, has a capacity of 1,300,000 gallons. It is estimated that the pumping plant, running twelve hours a day, will force sufficient water into the reservoir to supply 60,000 people with twenty gallons per head. When all the supply wells are in operation the flow of water into the receiver will be at the rate of from 1500 to 2000 gallons per minute.

## GREYMOOUTH

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

July 15.

The Marist Brothers' School football team added another win to their credit when they defeated Taylorville Public School last week by 64 points to nil.

At the annual debate between representatives of St. Columba Club and Trinity Institute, which was held in Trinity Hall on the evening of July 12, the subject for discussion was, 'Considering Japan is an ally of Great Britain and a recognised Power amongst civilised nations and allows British subjects to enter her territories, are we justified in excluding Japanese subjects from British dominions?' There was a very large attendance of the general public. The Mayor of Greymouth presided, and

Mr. R. H. Turton, S.M., acted as judge. Mr. E. Casey (St. Columba) lead off in the affirmative, and based his objection to the admission of the Japanese on economic and moral grounds. He was ably supported by Messrs. A. O'Donaghue, W. Duffy, and T. Heffernan, the latter's address being the best elocutionary effort of the evening. The negative side of the question was placed very well by Mr. L. F. de Berry, M.A. He based his chief arguments on the three premises in the question and enlarged on them in their bearing on the Empire. Messrs. Kelham, Smithers, and Petrie followed in support of the negative. At the conclusion the judge awarded the debate to St. Columba, who were congratulated on their victory by Mr. L. F. de Berry. Votes of thanks to the judge and chairman concluded proceedings, which had been thoroughly enjoyable and educational throughout. Subsequently the St. Columba Club entertained those connected with the debate at a supper at Victoria Tea Rooms, where a pleasant half-hour was spent.

Quite a compliment was paid to our club after the debate, when the Mayor, who is also a vice-president of the Trinity Club, waited on Messrs. E. Casey and T. Heffernan and asked them if they would be willing to debate against Socialism with the two leading Socialists from the State Collieries. The Mayor, in urging them to accept his proposal, said his only regret was that there was not a hall in Greymouth large enough to accommodate the audience that was certain to assemble to hear this all-important matter debated. After mature consideration, Messrs. Casey and Heffernan acceded to the Mayor's request. The debate, which is to be a public one, will take place in the Town Hall within five weeks, the proceeds of same to be devoted to the Grey River Hospital. The Mayor, who is quite enthusiastic over the matter, has promised to make all arrangements.

## DIocese OF AUCKLAND

(By Telegraph from our own correspondent.)

July 19.

A social gathering in connection with the Cathedral parish last Wednesday night was most successful.

A billiard tournament is now in progress at St. Benedict's Young Men's Club rooms, and is proving of great interest to members and friends.

It is reported that the Sacred Heart Order of Nuns has purchased a valuable and extensive property in a leading suburb of Auckland as a site for a convent and school.

Rev. Father Bradley, of Paeroa, will, it is said, leave for the Archdiocese of Sydney shortly. It was stated during the past week that Rev. Father Ormond, assistant priest at Gisborne, is to be transferred to the Cathedral.

On next Wednesday evening, at St. Benedict's Hall, a presentation is to be made to the Right Rev. Mgr. Gillan, of robes suitable to his high office, from the Catholics of the city. His Lordship the Bishop is to preside, and the function promises to be most successful.

Councillor Nerheny, at the last meeting of the Auckland City Council, gave notice of motion to rescind a resolution carried some months ago by the council to construct the Grey street front of the Town Hall, now in course of erection, partly of stone and partly of brick and plaster. He moves to have it all of stone, which means the expenditure of another £2000 odd. The local press and public opinion strongly favor stone formation.

## Waihi

(From our own correspondent.)

July 12.

Rev. Father Patterson is at present giving a mission in Waihi. Great numbers received Holy Communion yesterday morning. The mission continues another week.

A meeting of the young men of the parish was held on July 11 in St. Joseph's Schoolroom for the purpose of forming a Catholic Young Men's Club, Very Rev. Father Brodie in the chair. Rev. Father Patterson, of Auckland, was present, and spoke of the advantages to be gained and the benefits that would result from the formation of a club. He proposed, and it was adopted, that the Waihi Catholic Young Men's Club be formed, and the following officers were elected: Patron, his Lordship Bishop Lenihan; president and chaplain, Very Rev. Father Brodie; hon. vice-presidents, Rev. Father Patterson and 30 Catholic men of the parish were elected, and Mr. J. S. Ritchie and Mr. Hogan were elected working vice-presidents; secretary, Mr. T. J. Ryan; treasurer, Mr. T. Graham; executive, Very Rev. Father Brodie, Messrs. R. J. Dooley, J. S. Ritchie, T. Graham, W. Sullivan, W. Gaynor, Porter, Hogan, P.