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At last Wednesday's meeting of the Upper Hutt Town Board it was reported that the Sisters of Mercy contemplated removing their Industrial Orphanage and school from Hill street, Wellington, to the Upper Hutt. The main reason which has influenced the Sisters, it was stated, is that the school in Wellington is too congested. The proposal is to erect one two-storeyed and two single-storeyed buildings.

Great interest was manifested in the lecture on 'The honey bee,' given by the Very Rev. Dr. Kennedy, Rector of St. Patrick's College, in the Municipal Concert Hall last Monday evening, August 2. The lecture was included in the series that is being given under the auspices of the City Council. The lecturer told the life story of the bee in such a simple and charming manner that he held the interest of his audience. Aided by a series of splendid micro-photographs shown by means of a lantern, Dr. Kennedy gave his audience a clear idea of the marvellous structure of the bee. Cr. J. J. Devine introduced the lecturer, who was accorded a very hearty vote of thanks.

At the meeting of the Wellington Philosophical Society held on Wednesday night at the Dominion Museum, there was a large attendance of members. Mr. A. Hamilton (president) was in the chair. Master J. B. Gatenby, a student of St. Patrick's College, read his first paper, which embodied his original observations on the structure and habits of an Acarid and of a Podura, two minute species of genera to which little systematic attention seems so far to have been given in New Zealand. The species, though abundant, were unrecorded. The paper was illustrated with colored drawings and anatomical diagrams on a highly magnified scale. Mr. G. V. Hudson, Professor Kirk, and the president congratulated Master Gatenby on his paper, and hoped it would prove to be the first of many. Master Gatenby is one of the youngest members of the society.

On Friday evening, at the Ohiro Home, the inmates were entertained with a capital concert organised by Mrs. J. R. Hunt. The following contributed items to the programme: Misses Frith (song), Greville (song), McCarthy (2) (pianoforte duet), Eileen Scanlon (dances), Nellie and Elsie Strickland (songs), Messrs. T. Falvey (comic songs), Harrap (coon songs), R. Sievers (songs), Masters Cyril Mackay and Frank Walsh (songs), Mrs. Mitchell and Miss Firth also gave a vocal duet. The accompanists were capably played by Misses Frith, Chirside, McCarthy, and Mrs Falvey and Mrs. Mitchell. At the conclusion of the programme all present joined in singing 'Auld lang syne,' and then three cheers for Mrs. Hunt were heartily given by the inmates. Mrs. Walshe kindly donated fruit to the old people. After the concert the performers adjourned to Mrs. Duncan McMurrich's residence, Ohiro road, where supper was provided for by the hostess. Her kindness was greatly appreciated by the guests.

The Hibernians held the second of their winter social evenings after the business of the usual fortnightly meeting on August 2 had been disposed of. Bros. Corrigan and Lawlor (flutes) and J. B. Martin (piano), H. McKeown, Miller, McErlean, O'Sullivan, Schmidt, J. W. Callaghan (songs), and D. McPhee and T. O'Brien (step-dancing) contributed to the programme. A very enjoyable evening was spent. Amongst those present were the Rev. Father Venning, S.M. (chaplain), Bro. McErlean (St. Aloysius' branch), Bro. Kreft (Dunedin), and Bro. J. J. L. Burke (formerly of Greymouth). Bro. Burke has been promoted to the position of assistant land registrar of the Wellington district, and has thrown in his lot with the Wellington branch. Bro. C. J. O'Brien has been appointed to the secretaryship of Sts. Peter and Paul's branch, Lower Hutt, vice Bro. John Hayes (resigned). The Hutt branch during the winter are holding a series of socials. The proceeds are to be devoted to the fund for the entertainment of the delegates to the triennial movable meeting, which takes place in Wellington early next year.

The annual concert in aid of the funds of Mother Mary Joseph Aubert's Home of Compassion was held on Tuesday evening. Although there were not quite so many in attendance as there were on the previous year's concert, the promoters of the entertainment anticipates that the net receipts will be about the same as those of last year. His Grace Archbishop Redwood and the clergy of Wellington were present. The Liedertafel contributed the following four songs: 'The Beleagured' (Sullivan), Tennyson's 'Bugle song,' with organ and pianoforte accompaniment, 'The long day closes' (Sullivan), and Gade's delightful 'Italian salad,' a clever burlesque in the conventional Italian opera finale. Miss Phoebe Parsons in her singing of the 'Waltz song' from Gounod's 'Romeo and Juliet' was very well received;

for an encore she sang Alfred Hill's 'Waiata poi,' and she also sang Mallinson's 'Message and the song.' Miss Lloyd Hassell's two items were songs of Albert Mallinson—'A birthday' and 'Eleanore.' Mrs. C. M. Hector was deservedly recalled for her capable playing of Liszt's 'Sixth Hungarian rhapsody' and a 'Papillon' of Coleridge Taylor's, and Paderewski's 'Polonaise in B major.' Miss Dorothy Wells contributed two violin solos—'Liebestraum (Liszt-Cyril Monk) and a 'Mazurka' of Wieniawski's. Robaudi's 'Alla stella confidente' was Mr. James Searle's item, tastefully sung, with violin-cello obligato by Miss Montague. Mr. Hugh Wright gave a very pleasing interpretation of Behrend's 'My friend!' By way of introduction to each part of the programme, Mr. Horace Hunt, Mus. Bac., played on the grand organ Boellmann's 'Minuet Gothique,' the beautiful idyll 'Le Cygne,' and Holins's 'Intermezzo in D flat.' Mr. Robert Parker was director and conductor, and the accompanists for the evening were Mrs. E. D. Cachemaille and Mrs. Montague.

DIocese OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

August 9.

With a view to augment the funds for erecting an institute at Lyttelton for Catholic seamen, and to enable the local (St. Joseph's) Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Mission to Catholic Seamen to engage more successfully and conveniently in the meritorious work, the members are so energetically pursuing, a social evening has been arranged for Thursday, August 19, in the Lyttelton Club Hall. Every effort is being made by the Conference and friends in the city to assure a very successful event.

The Art Gallery was filled to overflowing on the occasion recently of a social evening, arranged to aid the funds of St. Mary's Altar Society, Christchurch North. Musical and other attractive items and refreshments tended to make the gathering most enjoyable. The resident clergy were among those present. The Rev. Father Hoare, S.M., intends to repeat his illustrated lecture on the Niagara Falls in the interests of the same worthy object in St. Mary's Schoolroom, Manchester street, on Friday evening, August 27.

The Marist Missionaries, the Rev. Fathers O'Connell, S.M., and Kimbell, S.M., having concluded their present engagements in the Christchurch diocese, have returned to Temuka preparatory to undertaking duties in the North Island, which will keep them occupied well on towards the close of the year. Whilst participating in the ceremonies at the Cathedral on the evening of last Sunday week, the missionaries wore the habit of their Order and emblem of their sacred office, the first seen probably by the majority of the congregation. His Lordship the Bishop, in speaking of their presence, expressed appreciation of the excellent results achieved already by the missionaries.

The quarterly general meeting (coincident with the Feast of St. Vincent de Paul) of the various Conferences of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, in the circumscription of the Particular Council of Christchurch, was very largely attended. The Conferences represented were the Cathedral, St. Mary's (Christchurch North), St. Joseph's (Lyttelton), St. Anne's (Woolston), and the Confraternity of Ladies of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul. The Rev. Father O'Hare, spiritual director, addressed the gathering, giving sound practical advice on methods worthy to be followed in the interests both of the workers and clients of the society. Abuses of certain privileges enjoyed by sectarian bodies in connection with public and other institutions were not unknown, and vigilance was necessary to safeguard the faith of those of our people who were unfortunate enough to find themselves, by force of circumstances, inmates. 'Ranting,' which seemed inseparable from, and characteristic of, these ostensibly philanthropic organisations, was repugnant to the Catholic mind; coupled, however, with every attempt at proselytism, it became a positive evil, and as such should be fearlessly combated. The president of the Particular Council outlined the work done since the last meeting, and the correspondence dealt with in the interval. Satisfactory reports concerning the various Conferences were given by Bro. A. H. Blake (president St. Mary's), Bro. H. Anthony (president St. Joseph's), Bro. H. Bell (president St. Anne's), Miss Wally (president Ladies of Charity), and in a general summary of the Cathedral Conference by the president.

He'd had bronchitis several times,
His doctors ordered 'Warmer climes.'
But then, alas! the man was poor,
Or he'd have gone away before.
'Do this, do that,' 'tis easily said,
But poor men have to earn their bread,
Thanks be, they may become secure
'Gainst coughs and colds by Woods' Peppermint Cure.