#### WAIHI

(From our own correspondent.)

September 23.

On Monday afternoon an entertainment was given in the Convent school by the pupils in honor of Rev Father Brodie's patronal feast. In spite of the inclement weather many of the parents of the school children were present. The programme included festive chorus songs, and regulations. During the entertainment. present. The programme included festive chorus songs, action songs, and recitations. During the entertainment an address was beautifully recited by Miss Kate Murphy on behalf of the pupils, and also one by Miss Nora Ryan, in verse, both addresses showing the feelings of esteem and respect entertained by the children for their pastor. Father Brodie was also the recipient of many valuable and useful gifts, including a marble clock from the school children and a watchguard from the Society of the Children of Mary, the latter being presented by Miss Garvey. At the conclusion of the entertainment Father Brodie feelingly thanked the children for their generous gifts, and said that not only was he comforted by the pleasure the good conduct and behaviour of the school children gave him but he was also cheered by the hope that in years to come they would always put into practice the high principles and ennobling teachings instilled into them by the devoted Sisters teachings instilled into them by the devoted Sisters of Mercy.

Seldom before has there been such an attendance at a social gathering in Waihi as there was in the Academy ol Music last night on the occasion of an entertainment tendered by the ladies of St. Joseph's Church to

Rev. Father Brodie, in honor of the feast day of his patron saint (St. Matthew). At intervals during the evening vocal items were rendered by the Rev. Father Brodie, 'Sunshine and rain'; a duet, 'Nocturne,' by Mrs. Barron and Mr. P. C. Brennan; song, 'I trust you still,' by Mr F Lawless; and two comic songs by Mr. F. Clarkin and Mr. E. Keane. The contributions were listened to attentively and much appreciated by the large gathering. Miss Garvey played the accompaniments with her usual good taste. The ladies are to be complimented on the great success of the function.

Our worthy pastor is making a great effort to materially reduce the debt on the parish before the end of the year, and of late subscriptions have been coming in freely. A bazaar and sale of work for the same object are to be held in October.

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