

prior to Benediction, his Grace Archbishop O'Shea addressed the choir, and congratulated them and their teachers on the very choice and well rendered programme. The Rev. Brother Fidelis conducted the choir, and Master G. O'Meegan presided at the organ.

On last Wednesday the Ladies' Club, of Wellington South, held a most successful social in St. Anne's Hall. There was a large attendance. Great credit is due to the committee responsible for its success, and especially to the energetic secretary, Miss V. Heavey.

The many friends of Mr. H. W. L. Hawke, of the Commercial Insurance Company, and of St. Anne's parish, Wellington South, will regret to learn of the death of his wife, which occurred on Friday after a long illness, borne with Christian resignation and patience. She died fortified by all the rites of the Church. The interment, which was private, took place this morning, at Karori. The Rev. Father Peoples, S.M., attended the deceased lady in her illness.—R.I.P.

On last Friday evening, at the Burlington tea rooms, the members of the Sacred Heart branch of the Hibernian Society, Thorndon, and members of other city branches, assembled in full force to bid farewell to Bro. Maurice J. McGahey, past president and treasurer of the branch, who has been transferred to Christchurch. Bro. P. D. Hoskins, district deputy, presided, and explained that at very short notice the promoters of the gathering decided not to let Bro. McGahey leave Wellington without expressing their appreciation of the excellent work which he had done for the Hibernian Society and Catholic organisations here. Bro. McGahey, he explained, had been connected with the Thorndon branch since its establishment, and had filled almost every office in it with conspicuous ability, and at the present time occupied the responsible position of treasurer. Bro. McGahey was a staunch Catholic, and any organisation which had for its object the advancement of the Church had his support. He was an energetic member of the Thorndon Catholic School committee, of which he was secretary. He was also a keen Catholic Federationist, being a member of the Thorndon parish committee, and represented the Thorndon branch on the Council of the Wellington District H.A.C.B. Society. He was not only prominent in all Catholic undertakings, but also proved himself an efficient officer of the Customs Department, and that was the reason why the head of his Department had selected him for a far more responsible position in Christchurch. On behalf of his many friends, therefore, he wished both Bro. and Mrs. McGahey every success in their new home, and asked Bro. McGahey to accept, as a slight token of their esteem, a past president's collar suitably inscribed, and also asked Mrs. McGahey, who was present, to accept a silver cake basket, as a memento of her husband's association with the local branch of the Hibernian Society. Bro. Burke and others supplemented the chairman's remarks. Bro. McGahey briefly responded on behalf of himself and his wife. Words failed him, he said, to express his feelings of gratitude to the members of the society for their kindness, and for the eulogistic references made to himself, which were wholly undeserved. He came to Wellington as a stranger, but soon found many friends when he entered the ranks of the Hibernian Society. He took no credit for any work which he had done. Enthusiasm was catching, and he therefore could not but help to emulate the example set by the leaders of Hibernianism in this city. He would always treasure the collar with which he was presented, and his wife the beautiful present they had given her. The toast of 'Bro. and Mrs. McGahey' was then enthusiastically honored. The other toasts proposed were: 'The Pope and King'; 'The Hibernian Society,' Bros. G. J. Sellars and J. P. McGowan; 'Catholic Federation,' Bros. M. Walsh and H. McKeowen; 'Kindred Societies,' Bros. Smyth, F. K. Reeves, and Leo Blake; 'The Sacred Heart Branch,' Bros. J. J. L. Burke and J. A. Humphrey; 'The Ladies,' and 'The Chairman.' Musical items were rendered by Messrs. G. Leydon, Oakley, McKeowen, Whitaker, F. K. Reeves, Laurenson, and T. Murphy.

Wanganui

(From our own correspondent.)

May 14.

Rev. Father Moloney, S.M., who had been with the men in camp at Waverley for the past fortnight, returned home on Friday.

The usual fortnightly meeting of the H.A.C.B. Society was held in St. Joseph's Hall on last Wednesday evening, Bro. A. J. Fitzgerald presiding. Three candidates were proposed, and two members initiated.

A very enthusiastic meeting of the Aramoho parishioners was held after the 9 o'clock Mass on last Sunday. The object was to devise ways and means for liquidating the debt on that part of the parish. Very Rev. Dean Holley, S.M., presided. The proposal to hold a bazaar at Christmas was received with much enthusiasm. In the evening a similar meeting was held in St. Joseph's Hall, when it was unanimously decided to give all the assistance possible to the proposal.

Word was received on Saturday last of the death of Private W. J. Griffiths, of the Wellington Infantry Battalion, who succumbed to wounds received during action at the Dardanelles. Private Griffiths was among the first to enlist, leaving with the main body for Egypt. Prior to joining the Expeditionary Force he was attached to the local clerical staff of Messrs. Levin and Co., of which firm he was a very popular member. He was a good Catholic, and a member of the H.A.C.B. Society. The late Private Griffiths was born at Westport in 1889. His father, Mr. W. J. Griffiths, sen., of Glen Durie, who saw considerable service in the Maori war, survives to mourn the loss of his only son.—R.I.P.

DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

May 17.

The Rev. Father Foley, of Gore, returning from Hamner Springs, was a guest of the Very Rev. Father Price, Adm., during last week, and left later for the North Island.

The statement of accounts in connection with the national entertainment in celebration of St. Patrick's Day shows the net proceeds to be £74, which sum goes to help the Nursing Sisters of the Little Company of Mary in the erection of their new hospital wards.

Baron and Baroness de Martin, distinguished visitors from Belgium, were guests of the Very Rev. Father Price, Adm., during part of their stay in Christchurch. They were charmed with the Cathedral, and deeply interested in the Mount Magdala Institute, during their visits to which they were accompanied by the Very Rev. Administrator. Altogether, they were greatly delighted with their visit to this city, and the two lectures, delivered by the Baron on the past and present state of poor, afflicted Belgium, attracted overflowing audiences, the proceeds being in aid of the fund to assist the Belgians.

At the usual fortnightly meeting of St. Patrick's branch of the H.A.C.B. Society, held on Monday evening last, one candidate was initiated, and sick pay, amounting to £15, was passed for payment. It was decided to establish an amateur dramatic club under the auspices of the society, and for the purpose of promoting social intercourse between branches of the society, it was arranged to hold smoke socials and card matches during the winter, to which the members of other branches are to be invited. The Corbett benefit entertainment committee reported that arrangements in connection with the concert, to be held on Wednesday night, May 26, in the Hibernian Hall, were complete, the services of some of the best local talent having been secured.

A marble slab, appropriately inscribed, and inserted in the floor of the Chapel of Holy Souls in the Cathedral, marks the resting place of the late Bishop Grimes.