

A very enjoyable smoke concert was held at St. Patrick's Clubrooms on the 24th ult., when Messrs. E. W. Dunne and R. Girling-Butcher were presented with substantial cheques from the club members, in connection with their approaching marriages. There was an attendance of over thirty, and Mr. G. Dec, who was in the chair, made the presentations, eulogising the recipients' sterling qualities and continuous activities in connection with the club. The usual toasts were duly honored. The 'Guests of the Evening' was proposed by Messrs. J. McGowan and M. O'Kane, and Messrs. Dunne and Girling-Butcher responded. They thanked the members for their kindness, and said they would do all in their power to further the interests of the club. Mr. J. Webb ably conducted the musical part of the programme, and a very enjoyable evening was brought to a close by the singing of 'Auld lang syne.' Last Tuesday, the debating society held its usual weekly meeting, when Mr. L. T. Reichel presided over a fair attendance of members. Six members submitted very excellent papers on various topics. The chairman asked the spiritual director (Rev. Father A. Venning) to criticise the papers, and some useful hints were given to members.

The respect in which the late Mrs. W. F. Healy was held was fully evidenced by the large attendance at her funeral last Monday. St. Mary of the Angels' Church, Boulcott street, where Solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated by the Very Rev. Father O'Connell, S.M., was well filled. The Rev. Father Schaeffer, S.M., of St. Patrick's College, presided at the organ, and the music of the Mass was chanted by the Rev. Fathers Kimbell, S.M., Hurley, S.M., Venning, S.M., Peoples, S.M., Smyth, S.M., and Barra, S.M., aided by the members of St. Mary's Choir, of which the deceased's son (Mr. E. J. Healy) is conductor. The Very Rev. Dean Regnault, S.M., was present in the sanctuary, and the Sisters of Mercy, of which Order the deceased lady's daughter is a member, were also present. The Very Rev. Father O'Connell said that he could not let the occasion pass without referring to the many good qualities of the deceased—her great faith and simple piety, her frequent reception of the Sacraments, and her efforts for the cause of her holy faith in the suburb of Brooklyn, where, before the erection of a church, she had placed at the disposal of the clergy her house on Sundays for the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice. Her life was one well worthy of emulation, and she died a happy and most edifying death. The funeral cortege was a lengthy one. Representatives of the Hibernian Society in regalia and the Wellington Harbor Board staff in uniform, Mr. Healy being a member of both bodies, were present. The interment took place at Karori, the Rev. Father A. Venning, S.M., assisted by the Rev. Fathers Peoples, S.M., and Smyth, S.M., officiated at the graveside. The deceased lady was born at Templemore, County Tipperary, and came out to New Zealand in 1875. She was married in the same church in which the Requiem Mass was celebrated—St. Mary of the Angels—forty years ago. She leaves a husband, five sons—Messrs. W. P. Healy (with the Australian Forces at the Dardanelles), E. J. Healy (of R. Martin's, Ltd.), P. D. Healy (of the Harbor Board staff), Emmett Healy (of the Union Steam Ship Co.), and Michael Healy (with the Australian Forces at the Dardanelles)—and two daughters (Miss Leila Healy, and Sister Mary, of the Sisters of Mercy, Christchurch). As a mark of respect last Saturday the flag of the Harbor Board Offices was flown at half-mast. R.L.P.

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DIocese OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

August 9.

Mr. James O'Malley and family, after many years' residence at Otira, have removed to Christchurch, where they intend to reside permanently.

A retreat for the Sisters of Nazareth was commenced at Nazareth House on last Friday evening, and is being conducted by the Rev. Father Herring, S.M. (Marist Missioner). The retreat is to conclude on Sunday, August 15.

In connection with the observance of declaration day at Sumner, the Rev. Father Seward was selected to second the principal patriotic resolution, which was moved by the Mayor. In the course of some appropriate remarks, Father Seward stated that in July, before the war, he had been in France and had heard nothing then of anything betokening war. The news had come to him on his journey to New Zealand. The Pope had done all he could to secure peace, but the power which declared might was right must be defeated.

Participating in the observance of declaration day at Lyttelton, and addressing the public gathering, the Rev. Father P. J. Cooney said to-day it was deeds, not words, that would count. It was a great thing to know that justice was on the side of the Allies, and that it was a fight for freedom. The war had shown remarkable unity amongst the many distant parts of the Empire, and he was sure all would see it through. The fight was one of determination, and people here should ask themselves: 'What have I done to help the cause?' If they could find no reply, then they should examine their conscience.

Bro. J. Curry (president) occupied the chair at the fortnightly meeting of St. Patrick's branch of the H.A.C.B. Society, held in the Hibernian Hall on Monday evening. There was a large attendance of members, including Rev. Father Long (chaplain). Sick pay, amounting to £11 13s 4d, was passed for payment. Three candidates were initiated, and five proposed for membership. Bro. J. Flannelly (secretary) read the balance sheet of the hall committee for the quarter ended July 31, which was adopted. After the conclusion of the business a smoke social was held. Items were contributed by Messrs. E. Wall, W. Minehan, J. Sweeney, and E. A. Rodgers.

The Rev. Mother Boniface, of the Nursing Sisters of the Little Company of Mary, Lewisham Hospital, Bealey avenue, has letters from Malta with regard to the Sisters' hospital there, and the Australian and New Zealand wounded who are being tended in it, of whom Lieutenant Carrington, son of Dean Carrington of this city, was one. The Malta Rev. Mother writes: 'The island is full of wounded, a large number of whom are Australians and New Zealanders—such fine men, but their wounds are dreadful, and increased in seriousness by the long journey on the transports. Many of the wounds are septic owing to pieces of clothing, equipment, etc., being driven into them by the shells. We have both officers and men at present, and the Governor of the island, who is very appreciative of the Sisters' work, wants us to take 100, which we are doing. Besides having these wounded, we are giving ambulance and first aid classes to the volunteer nurses.'

A meeting of ladies interested in promoting the annual concert in aid of the Sisters of Nazareth's work in this city was held in Nazareth House last week. Lady Clifford presided, and a good number of representative Christchurch ladies were present. Mrs. J. C. Palmer made a short speech, explaining the object

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