

would be ever ready in the future, as in the past, to offer her services in any good and deserving work. The stage was very prettily decorated by A. J. White, Ltd., and Bradbury's Nurseries, and the grand piano was kindly lent by Messrs Milner and Thompson. Miss K. O'Connor, the ever-willing and capable accompaniste, acquitted herself most efficiently of a very considerable task. Mr. W. Brittenden was stage manager.

The half-yearly meeting of St. Mary's branch of the H.A.C.B. Society was held in Ozanam Lodge on Monday evening, July 7. There was a large attendance of members. Bro. Gardiner, V.P., presided, in the absence of the president, Bro. Roche. Sick pay amounting to £6 was passed for payment. Four new members were initiated. The balance sheet in connection with the social held on June 11 was presented by the secretary, and showed a small credit balance. The election of officers for the ensuing term resulted as follows: President, Bro. F. A. Roche; vice-president, Bro. F. J. Wilson; assistant secretary, Bro. W. S. Rodgers; treasurer, Bro. A. B. Young; warden, Bro. C. E. Dobbs; guardian, Bro. F. L. Haughey; sick visitors, Bros. A. J. Ormandy and P. Gunn; auditors, Bros. T. Y. Wagstaff and F. A. Roche; delegate to U.F.S. Council, Bro. T. Y. Wagstaff; delegate to U.F.S. Dispensary, Bro. J. H. Johnston; delegate to Benevolent Association, Bro. T. Y. Wagstaff. Drs. P. A. Ardagh and J. P. Whetter were elected as medical officers. The newly-elected officers were duly installed by P.P. Bro. A. J. Ormandy, and briefly returned thanks. A vote of thanks was passed to the retiring officers for their services during the past term. The president-elect, Bro. F. A. Roche, forwarded a communication from the Christchurch Military Hospital, where he has been an inmate for the past two months, reviewing the work of the past term, and exhorting members to continue the increased interest which they are now taking in the branch. He paid a compliment to the members who worked so hard to keep the branch going during the period of the war, when so many of its members were on active service. The letter was warmly received by the members, who realise how much Bro. Roche has at heart the cause of Hibernianism. The question of holding social evenings in the lodge room was raised by Bro. Young, and it was unanimously resolved that in the best interests of the society these socials should be held. A committee was appointed to arrange for the first of the series.

The many friends of Mr. F. A. Roche will be pleased to hear that he is now able to be about again. Mr. Roche (who held the rank of captain) was badly wounded at Passchendaele, and has suffered greatly, undergoing several operations. The last operation he underwent is considered very successful, and hopes are entertained that Mr. Roche will now make a complete recovery.

The half-yearly meeting of St. Patrick's branch of the H.A.C.B. Society was held on July 14, Bro. J. M. Coffey, B.P., presiding. Sick pay amounting to £3 10s was passed for payment, and very sincere sympathy was expressed towards Bro. J. Wally, who met with a serious accident, necessitating the amputation of one of his legs. Two members were initiated. The following officers were elected for the ensuing half-year:—President, P.P. Bro. T. P. O'Rourke; vice-president, Bro. L. J. Courtney; secretary, P.P. Bro. M. Grimes; treasurer, Bro. W. P. Daly; warden, Bro. A. F. Jarman; guardian, Bro. H. Upjohn; assistant secretary, P.P. Bro. M. Mannix; sick visitors, P.P.s Bros. J. McCormick and L. Haughey; auditors, Bros. M. Garty and J. P. Wall; trustees, Bros. J. McCormick, J. Cunningham, and J. Jacques; U.F.S. Dispensary delegates, P.P.s Bros. Grimes and G. Dobbs; U.F.S. Benevolent Association delegates, Bros. J. McCormick, M. J. O'Connor, and A. F. Jarman, P.P.s; U.F.S. Council delegate, P.P. Bro. M. Grimes. The installation was conducted by P.P. Bro. J. M. Coffey, after which Father Long (chaplain) addressed the meeting, complimenting the officers on their work, and express-

ing gratitude on behalf of the members for their services.

[Owing to pressure on our space last week, we were compelled to hold over this portion of our correspondent's notes.—Ed. N.Z.T.]

DIocese OF AUCKLAND

(From our own correspondent.)

July 21.

A singularly impressive and unique little ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father J. Forde (Administrator of St. Patrick's Cathedral) on Sunday afternoon, July 13, at the residence of Mr. J. J. Daly, Pounsonby, when Miss Eileen Daly was consecrated as a member of the St. Patrick's Sodality of the Children of Mary, Auckland. The directress, the president, and a few of the members of the sodality, clad in regalia, were present. Miss Daly, who has been ill for some time, and confined to her bed, looked very happy in her cloak and veil as a newly consecrated child of Our Lady.

The Rev. Father T. McCarthy, S.M., has just concluded most successful missions at Ellerslie, Panmure, and Howick. On the eve of his departure for the south, the rev. missionary was the recipient of several gifts from the Catholic people amongst whom he had labored so zealously during his four weeks' mission. There was a farewell concert held at Panmure, over which Right Rev. Mgr. Hackett presided. Mr. George Wilkinson (Ellerslie), Mr. M. Meagher (Pakuranga), and Miss Malcne (Panmure) made eulogistic speeches concerning the success of the mission in their respective localities. Monsignor Hackett thanked Father McCarthy for the great work he had done, especially for the interest he had taken in the children's mission throughout the district. When the rev. missionary arose to reply to the various speakers he was greeted with hearty applause. He thanked the Monsignor and his sister, Miss Hackett, for their hospitality, and the many zealous workers who helped him in each place he visited. Three hearty cheers were given the missionary at the conclusion. Supper was provided by the ladies of Panmure.

(By telegraph from our own correspondent.)

July 28.

The many friends of Bishop Brodie in this city are pleased to see his Lordship about again after his recent eye operation.

At Vespers on last Sunday evening at St. Patrick's Cathedral, the sermon was preached by Father D. V. Silk, of Holy Cross College, Mosgiel.

The sermen at the evening devotions at St. Benedict's Church on last Sunday evening was preached by Father McLoughlin, parish priest of Takapuna.

Three Sisters of the Order of St. Joseph of the Sacred Heart, arrived at the provincial house of the Order, St. Benedict's, Auckland, on Thursday last, from Sydney, to enter upon duty in different parts of the Dominion. It was originally intended that four Sisters should form the party to come to New Zealand, but, owing to the influenza pandemic in Sydney, one Sister was prevented from making the journey.

On last Thursday afternoon (Vigil of St. James, Apostle) the pupils of the Ellerslie Convent assembled in their new schoolroom and presented the Right Rev. Mgr. Hackett (pastor of the district) with a set of red vestments, in honor of his feast day. The children, whose numbers have very considerably increased lately, appeared very bright and happy as they sang a festal song and some Irish ballads. The Right Rev. Monsignor expressed to the Sisters and their pupils his deep appreciation of their beautiful gift, and warmly complimented the children on their selection and rendering of such touching musical numbers. A Triduum of devotions had been made for the Monsignor, and concluded on Friday morning, when the children approached the Holy Table, Monsignor Hackett being