

to that fact that he came more prominently under the notice of the people, but he assured them equal credit was due to those men with whom he had been associated in those days, and the names of Edward Ward, James Woodhouse, Edward Malone, David Cormack, John and William Honner, and the Rickards, were to be honored and revered, as those of men who had done much to establish the Church in this district. He was glad to know that their sons were following in their footsteps, and it gave him special pleasure to see present that evening Mr. Malone, with whom he had been associated in Church affairs for over 40 years. He thanked Father O'Neill and the other speakers for their kind references to his family. In his late wife he had a strong helpmate, and they always endeavored to interest their family in the work of the Church. The best advice he could give to young parents was to encourage their children to take an interest in Church affairs, for he believed this was of great assistance in bringing them up. He congratulated the present pastor upon the success that was attending his ministrations. The handsome church approaching completion was evidence of the success of the parish, and of the energy and zeal of its pastor. Though leaving the district he would still consider himself a member of the congregation and would always watch with interest its progress.

The speeches were interspersed with instrumental and vocal items contributed by the following:—Misses Bennett, Mullane, Sullivan, Mrs. Woodhouse, Messrs. Laloli, Waigh, jun., Morrin, Dunlay, and Murphy. Supper was provided by the ladies, and a very successful evening concluded with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."

On the following afternoon Mrs. Waigh was entertained by the ladies of the congregation and presented with a pair of silver vases.

Mr. and Mrs. Waigh and child left for Dunedin on Friday.

ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

August 16.

An interesting lecture, illustrated with lantern views, on Rome, was given by Rev. Dr. Casey, S.M., of Greenmeadows, at Buckle Street on last Wednesday evening.

Mr. P. Dromgool, B.L.M., lately of Auckland, has been appointed assistant solicitor in the Public Trust Office.

Mr. Joseph Kersley has been appointed organist at St. Anne's Church, in succession to Miss Henderson, who recently resigned.

The annual report of the Wellington Catholic Education Board discloses another successful year's activity. The total receipts amounted to £1677 2s 6d, and the expenditure to £760 10s 10d, leaving a credit balance on the year's working of £916 11s 8d. This, added to the capital fund, makes a grand total of £3885 4s 9d accumulated in a period of seven years. The main items on the receipts side are Sunday penny collections, £623 10s 2d; St. Patrick's Day celebrations, £324 5s 11d; Boxing Day picnic, £150; Thomas Moore festival, £32; combined parishes' social, £134 16s 1d; and bequest from the estate of the late Mr. J. P. Bourke, £250. The expenditure mainly consists of payments of interest in connection with school properties, and deficiencies in school fees. The result is most satisfactory, and the members of the Education Board and committees are very grateful for the great assistance given by the various committees which organised functions in aid of the fund. It is a matter for congratulation that there is such a body as the Education Board to undertake the financial responsibilities of primary Catholic schools in this city, and the efforts of the Hibernian Society in launching the venture with the co-operation and hearty approval of the clergy, was most commendable. Although the Board has had this responsibility for seven years there

are a number of people who are not conversant with the objects of the Board. To enlighten such as these, and to obtain their co-operation, it might be briefly pointed out that the main object of the Board is to abolish the system of collecting fees for tuition from pupils attending the Catholic primary schools of the city. For this purpose it was decided to inaugurate a fund the interest from which, in the course of time, aided by the ordinary revenue of the Board, would provide the necessary finance for this to be carried out. The fund, which has now almost £4000 at credit, is sufficient evidence to demonstrate what can be done to make our schools independent in the matter of primary education, and give some Catholics (very few it is to be hoped) no excuse, on the score of expense, for objecting to their children attending Catholic schools. There is no doubt, with a continuance of the efforts made during the past seven years, that the objects of the Catholic Education Board will be achieved, and the energies which have proved so successful in regard to primary education, may then be concentrated on secondary education.

HIBERNIAN SOCIETY.

The Hibernian District Council met on last Friday evening at the Catholic Federation rooms. Bro. J. J. L. Burke presided. Those present were Bros. J. F. Taylor, O. Krohn, J. Clarke, and P. D. Hoskins (representing St. Patrick's); Bros. McGahey and Tiller (Thorndon); Bro. R. G. McKay (SS. Peter and Paul, Lower Hutt); and Sisters B. Craig and K. Griffin (St. Mary's ladies' branch). It was decided to send several notices of motion to the half-yearly district meeting, which takes place at Auckland on Wednesday, August 27, for discussion at the annual meeting in 1920, which the executive is being asked to make a representative one, and not by proxy as has been the practice since the annual meeting in 1913. The Wellington branches are of opinion that annual meetings must supersede the triennial meetings, as the latter are not conducive to the best interests of the society. To meet the objection of having more frequent direct representative meetings on the score of expense, the notices of motions to be tabled provide for the abolishment of half-yearly meetings, and the grouping of branches into 15 districts, such districts to send delegates to the annual meeting, instead of branches sending some 80 members triennially under the existing rules. Provision is also made for meetings of representatives from grouped branches for the better progress of Hibernianism in their respective districts. The Wellington branches also consider that the sick fund should be consolidated in the same manner as the funeral fund. Other friendly societies are adopting this course with most successful results, and it is held there is no good reason why the same system should not apply equally well to the Hibernian Society. To make the society more attractive, and to give no Catholic the excuse that he can obtain better pecuniary benefits from non-Catholic lodges, another notice of motion provides for the raising of the extra death benefit from £50 to £100, thereby giving members the option of assuring a death benefit of £120. Bros. D. Flynn and R. Moore will represent St. Patrick's branch at the half-yearly meeting in Auckland.

Men cannot make realities correspond with their conceptions, enjoyment steals away from their hands, the wished-for comes too late, and nothing reached for or acquired produces on the heart the effect which their longing for it at a distance led them to anticipate.—Goethe.

Mary is the most striking image of the Divine perfections. She is the Queen of Heaven and of earth, in whom alone are united more gifts of nature, of grace, and of glory, more excellence and amiability than in all other creatures together. Go to her with confidence, with sentiments of most profound respect and most affectionate tenderness.—*Mother M. of the Sacred Heart.*

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