

The members of the St. Vincent's Guild held their usual meeting at St. Patrick's Hall, Boulcott street, on Friday evening, when there was a good attendance of boys. Two new members gave in their names for enrolment. Master Hector Carruthers is acting as secretary of the Guild during the absence of Mr. W. Thomas, who has been temporarily transferred to Westport.

There passed away on March 1, at his home in Wanganui, one of the oldest of the military settlers in the district, Mr. Joseph Donovan. He formerly belonged to the 57th Regiment, and served in the Crimean, Indian, and New Zealand wars. Deceased was an esteemed member of St. Mary's Church. Sincere sympathy is expressed for his widow and children in their bereavement.—R.I.P.

Sergeant J. McGuire, of the Wellington Police District Office, has been transferred to Palmerston North. Sergeant McNeely, of the headquarters staff, will take Sergeant McGuire's place. Mr. McGuire was a prominent member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, being a vice-president of St. Joseph's Conference; while Mrs. McGuire was the president of the St. Mary's Guild of Mercy. It is with great regret that the parishioners of Te Aro are parting with two such good workers for the Church.

Very extensive and complete arrangements are being made in connection with the Wadestown bazaar to be held during Easter week. The stall-holders and their assistants are unflinching in their zeal, and everything points to success. In connection with the bazaar there will be several side-shows, shooting gallery, art gallery, telegraph office, gipsy tents, and fairy wells, all in full swing; and in addition thereto an exhibition of fancy dancing by 60 children and adults, who are being specially trained under the able direction of Miss Putnam.

A new branch of the Hibernian Society was opened on Sunday, 3rd inst., at Thorndon, to be known as the Sacred Heart branch. Bro. J. W. Callaghan, District Deputy, and the Rev. Father Hickson, S.M., were deputed on behalf of the District Executive to perform the opening ceremony. The election of officers resulted as follows:—President, Bro. G. J. Sellars, P.P.; vice-president, Bro. M. J. McGahey; secretary, Bro. P. Verschaffelt; treasurer, Rev. Father Hickson, S.M.; warden, Bro. J. L. Swan; guardian, Bro. L. McCarthy. His Grace Archbishop Redwood has appointed Rev. Father Hickson, S.M., as chaplain to the branch.

The many friends of Mrs. Emily McParland, of Crosby terrace, widow of the late Mr. Encas McParland (son of Mr. F. McParland, of this city), who was killed in the railway accident at Swallow, near Denver City, U.S.A., will learn with regret of her death, which occurred on Tuesday, March 1. The deceased, who was 28 years of age, was a native of Ocala, Florida, U.S.A., and came over to New Zealand after the loss of her husband, but never recovered from the shock. She leaves two little boys. The Rev. Father Hurley, S.M., officiated at St. Joseph's Church, Buckle street, and at the graveside at Karori Cemetery.—R.I.P.

At the last meeting of the St. Patrick's branch of the Hibernian Society a vote of condolence with the clergy and people of Auckland and the District Executive of the Society at the loss of the late Bishop Lenihan was passed; as was also a vote of condolence with Bro. T. P. Redmond on the loss of his son, Mr. T. Redmond, of the Customs Department. The branch will consider the following notice of motion at the next quarterly meeting:—'That in the event of the motion of Hawera, changing the headquarters of the society from Auckland to Wellington, being defeated, that the Wellington branch secede, and take immediate steps for the formation of a new district, to be styled the Central New Zealand District of the H.A.C.B. Society.' About 60 delegates from all over the Dominion will attend the triennial movable meeting of the society, which commences at St. Patrick's Hall, Boulcott street, on the 30th inst.

The members of the H.A.C.B. Society are now busy preparing for St. Patrick's Day celebrations, and for the triennial movable meeting. The following programme has been arranged for St. Patrick's Day:—Mass at St. Mary of the Angels' at 8.30 a.m., procession of the members of the Sacred Heart, St. Aloysius', and St. Patrick's branches of the Hibernian Society, and the Wellington Catholic Club, headed by the Garrison Band, to the Te Aro railway station: On arrival at the Hutt the procession will again be re-formed, and, strengthened by Hutt branch, will proceed to Very Rev. Father Lane's grounds, where the picnic will be held. A good sports programme for both adults and children has been arranged, and, given fine weather, an enjoyable outing is anticipated. In the evening a first-class concert will be held in the Concert Chamber of the Town Hall. A feature of the entertainment will be the appearance of Mr. P. Barry as an Irish piper and stepdancer in Gaelic costume. The committee has secured the best talent procurable, and a successful function is anticipated. Judging by the entries for the sports gathering on the Basin Reserve on Saturday, March 19, the committee are sanguine of the success of their efforts for that day.

Plans have been prepared by Mr. J. S. Swan, architect, for two Catholic schools—one in Tasman street and the other in Hawkestone street, Thorndon. These schools are to take the place of the Marist Brothers' School in

Boulcott street, which property the authorities have been empowered by Act of Parliament to dispose of for that particular purpose. The land in Boulcott street has not yet been sold, but pending that being done a number of Catholic laymen have generously provided the necessary funds, and the erection of the two schools will be commenced very shortly. The school in Tasman street is to be erected on a block of land at the rear of the site of the old tramway sheds in Adelaide road, which runs through to Tasman street. It will be a one-storey brick building, with a frontage on the northern side of 103ft by a depth of 60ft. It will contain six class rooms calculated to accommodate about 300 scholars. The sloping ground will permit of the provision of a large and airy basement (60ft by 24ft), which will be used as a shelter shed in bad weather. The exterior brick walls of the school will be relieved with cement facings, and a tiny belfry will relieve the sky-line. The Thorndon school is to be erected on a large section of ground situated between the property of Mrs. Grace and Hawkestone terrace (on the northern side of Hawkestone street). The building will have a frontage to Hawkestone street of 80ft, and will have a depth of 92ft. It will contain four large class rooms on the ground floor and apartments for the Brothers upstairs. As in the case of the Tasman street school, there will be a large basement for shelter purposes. Owing to the population of Wellington gradually moving out from the centre of the city, and as there is a great demand for business sites at present, the authorities considered it advisable to open up schools in the residential parts of Wellington.

Nelson

(From our own correspondent.)

I noticed that on the occasion of the visit of his Excellency the Governor the flags of England, Scotland, and the United States occupied an honored place on the Municipal building. The absence of the Irish flag was much commented on.

The Catholic Tennis Club is in a flourishing condition. Its success speaks highly for the promoters and should act as an incentive to the establishment of a Catholic men's club here during the winter.

The St. Patrick's Night concert promises to be a great success, as the Rev. Father S. Mahony, with an energetic committee, has the arrangements in a forward state.

With much regret I have to record the death of Mr. Joseph Hoult, of Wai-iti, an old settler, at the age of seventy-seven. The late Mr. Hoult came out with his parents in the ship Prince of Wales in 1842, and settled in the district of Wai-iti. He leaves two sons living—Mr. E. S. Hoult (Wai-iti) and Mr. Charles Hoult (Nelson).—R.I.P.

DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

March 7.

It is gratifying to learn that a number of those in connection with the teaching staff of the Sisters of Notre Dame des Missions were successful in the recent teachers' examination for Class C and D certificates. The following were the results:—Full pass for Class C, 2; partial pass for Class C, 4; full pass for Class D, 4; partial pass for Class D, 4.

Speaking on last Thursday evening to a crowded congregation, the Rev. Father Hunt, C.S.S.R., referred eloquently to the stately temple in which they were gathered, and trusted that their efforts to extinguish existing liabilities would in a brief space of time prove successful, and that the Cathedral would be consecrated to its high and holy purpose.

An excellent programme, consisting of vocal, instrumental, and other items of a distinctly national character, has been arranged for the annual entertainment in celebration of St. Patrick's Day, which is to be given in aid of the funds of Nazareth House. The sale of tickets is already large, and there seems little doubt that His Majesty's Theatre accommodation will be taxed to its utmost on the occasion. The leading talent of the city have very generously given their services for the occasion.

'This Cathedral parish (said the Rev. Father Hunt, C.S.S.R., during his discourse on last Thursday evening) is the only one in which I have given a mission where there is a Sodality of the Blessed Sacrament. I congratulate you, and rejoice with you in its possession, and what is more intend, with the blessing of God, to endeavor before this mission is closed to have every man and woman enrolled therein. A basket is placed upon the platform, and I plead with each one of you to deposit in it your name and address. You have, it is true, other confraternities as well, all of which fill a useful and devotional purpose, still the one in honor of the Adorable Sacrament of the Altar, to which the Cathedral itself is dedicated, appeals to a greater extent to their reverence and love.'

In the Cathedral on last Thursday morning, and in the presence of a large congregation, a Solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated for the repose of the soul of the late Bishop

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