

The fourth annual general meeting of St. Patrick's College Old Boys' Hockey Club was held at St. Patrick's College on Tuesday evening last. Mr. W. E. Butler, the president of the club, presided over about thirty members. The chairman dwelt on the extremely gratifying report which he had the pleasure of submitting. The club had played with fair success during the season, and marked enthusiasm prevailed amongst the ranks of the players. Ten matches were played by the No. 1 team in the junior competition, of which six were won, three lost and one drawn. Four representatives of the club had secured places in the Wellington junior representative team, namely, Rev. F. S. Bartley, S.M., F. Ryan, J. Quinn, and D. Campbell. No. 2 team, recruited with difficulty and composed of young players, forming barely enough for a team, won general admiration on account of their grit and keenness in an uphill season. The office of president of the club by custom passes to some prominent officer of the association for the year. This year the choice unanimously fell on Mr. A. H. Casey. The vice-presidents for the ensuing year are the Very Rev. Dr. Kennedy, Ven. Archdeacon Devoy, Rev. Father Hickson, Dr. Mackin, and Messrs. J. E. Butler, F. J. Moran, C. Campbell, Martin Kennedy, Cyril Collins, and W. E. Butler; club captain, Mr. F. Ryan; hon. sec., Mr. C. Miller; hon. treasurer, Mr. W. Ryan; committee, Rev. F. S. Bartley, Messrs. C. Gamble, B. Ryan; hon. auditor, Mr. Claude Hickson; delegate to the Hockey Association, Mr. F. Ryan. The meeting passed a motion electing Messrs. D. Campbell and W. E. Butler life members, in appreciation of their past services to the club. A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. F. E. Kelly, the retiring secretary.

DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

(By Telegraph from our own correspondent.)

The bazaar in aid of the funds for building a residence for the Marist Brothers is being well patronised, though the bad weather last week greatly militated against it.

Rev. Father Vaughan, of Melbourne, is at present on a visit to Auckland. He expressed much pleasure at meeting old fellow-students from Propaganda College in various parts of the Dominion.

Genuine pleasure was felt here that as a result of the Hibernian Conference in Wellington unity has been maintained, and the society solidified and strengthened. Were it otherwise a fatal blow would have been struck at the welfare of the society.

His Lordship Bishop Verdon arrived here yesterday morning from the south by the Victoria. His Lordship is to be celebrant of the Solemn Requiem Mass on Wednesday morning for the repose of the soul of our late Bishop. The occasional sermon will be preached by the Very Rev. Dean Hackett. Priests from various parts of the diocese will be present.

Rev. Father Holbrook, who attended the Hibernian Conference, Wellington, representing the Auckland branch, returned by express early yesterday morning, and immediately started out for the Sacred Heart Convent, Remuera, where he celebrated Mass for the community, afterwards hurrying to the water front to welcome his Lordship Bishop Verdon.

An impressive ceremony took place at St. Mary's Convent, Ponsonby, when several young ladies were received into the Order of Mercy. Mass was celebrated in the convent chapel by the Right Rev. Mgr. Gillan. Miss Lily Thorne, of Auckland (in religion, Sister Mary Norbert), made her final vows, and twelve young ladies were received. The occasional discourse was preached by the Right Rev. Mgr. Gillan. The names of those received were:—Miss Bridget Dwyer, Toowoomba (in religion, Sister M. Felix); Miss Mildred Myall, of Maitland, N.S.W. (Sister M. Attracta); Miss May Cole, Lahinche, County Clare (Sister M. Aquin); Miss Teresa O'Hara, Auburn, N.S.W. (Sister M. Paul); Miss Kate Perkins, Murrurungi, N.S.W. (Sister M. Bernardine); Miss Ursula Le Lievre, Akaroa (Sister M. Austin); Miss Bride O'Donoghue, Blenheim (Sister M. Majella); Miss Margaret Neylon, Wrey's Bush, Southland (Sister M. Patricia); Miss Lucy Ware, Brisbane (Sister M. Dorothea); Miss Kate Walsh, Brisbane (Sister M. Cordelia); Miss May Ryan, Toowoomba (Sister M. Magdalen); Miss Hilda Kane, Goulburn, N.S.W. (Sister M. Veronica). The church was beautifully decorated for the occasion, and the convent choir rendered the music incidental to the ceremony. The Rev. Mother and the Sisters entertained the parents and friends of the novices at breakfast in the community room.

Napier

A new carpet for the sanctuary of St. Patrick's Church has been ordered from Home, at a cost of £70.

It has been decided by the clergy to remove St. Mary's Church on the hill to the Port. The work commenced this week.

The work of the removal of the Mecance Seminary and Observatory from the present site to a position on the Wharerangi Hill will be put in hand shortly. This will be a decided improvement.

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Oamaru

(From our own correspondent.)

On Thursday last the town was favored by a visit from about 200 excursionists from Waimate, being the pupils of St. Patrick's School, accompanied by their friends. Immediately on the arrival of the train the party walked to the Gardens, where, after lunch, a programme of sports was carried out for the benefit of the pupils. During the day the Rev. Father Aubry, S.M., motored down from Waimate, accompanied by Mr. Harris and family. The children returned by the 3.45 train, after spending a thoroughly enjoyable day, all being highly delighted with the beauty of our Gardens.

In connection with the recent production by St. Patrick's Dramatic Club of 'Arrah-na-Pogue,' a deputation from the local Railway Department waited on Rev. Father Farthing a few days ago and asked that, in view of the enormous success scored by the society, and the desire of a large number who were unable to secure seats at the previous performance, the society might again stage the drama under their management, so far as the business portion was concerned, for the benefit of Mr. H. Hungerford, who was seriously injured on Holmes Wharf last winter. Consent was readily and willingly given, and the club will repeat the production at the Opera House on Thursday, April 14. The deputation thanked Father Farthing for his kindness, and appointed a strong committee to forward the project, with the result that tickets are being readily disposed of, far and wide, for the benefit of their injured fellow-servant. This is but another striking instance of the great amount of good being done by St. Patrick's Club in Oamaru.

Timaru

(From our own correspondent.)

His Grace Archbishop Redwood presided at the 11 o'clock Mass to-day, and preached an eloquent sermon.

The Sacred Heart Society has just been placed on a new footing. The members of the women's branch approached the Holy Table in a body on Sunday morning, and the men's branch will receive Holy Communion next Sunday morning.

The Easter services were well attended, large numbers approaching the Holy Table at the early Masses. The Rev. Father Murphy celebrated a 'Missa Cantata' at 11 o'clock, and preached on the Resurrection. The choir rendered Farmer's Mass in a finished manner, Mrs. N. D. Mangos ably presiding at the organ. Rev. Father Smyth addressed a large congregation in the evening.

The members of the Hibernian Society approached the Holy Table in a body last Sunday morning at the 9 o'clock Mass. The Rev. Father Tubman congratulated them, but thought that there should have been a larger muster. Bros. P. Mahoney and Donovan were in Wellington last week as delegates from the Timaru branch at the triennial movable meeting. Bro. M. F. Dennehy, District Deputy, also attended the conference, holding a proxy from another branch.

Great progress is being made with the preparations for the bazaar in aid of the funds of the new church, which is to be opened towards the end of the month. It will be held in the Barnard street Skating Rink, and the work of completing this large building is now being expedited. The stallholders speak very encouragingly of the goods they have collected, and Mr. Wauchop is making really remarkable progress with the training of those who are to take part in the spectacular production. The Rev. Father Tubman has requested the Rev. Father Smyth to take up Rev. Father Kerley's work in connection with the fair, and he has done so with characteristic energy and enthusiasm.

FIRE AT TIMARU

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH DESTROYED

The clergy and Catholic congregation of Timaru will have the sincere sympathy of their co-religionists throughout the Dominion in the severe loss they have sustained through the destruction by fire of the Church of the Sacred Heart at an early hour on Wednesday morning. When the fire was discovered about half-past 2 o'clock it had taken a firm hold, and it was seen that the sacred edifice was doomed. The Fire Brigade could do very little on its arrival, as the fire had then practically laid hold of the whole of the building, which was of wood, and had been erected about forty years ago. Nothing (telegraphs our Timaru correspondent) was saved, building, fittings, vestments, and the sacred vessels being destroyed, and only the foundation and debris remain where the venerable wooden building stood yesterday morning. The building was partly covered by insurance, the New Zealand Company holding the principal risk, if not the only one. The new church will take at least eighteen months to finish, so temporary arrangements will have to be made for the accommodation of the congregation.

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