

within the next two months that new conferences will be opened at Wanganui, Levin, and Otaki. There are at present fifteen conferences in the archdiocese of Wellington.

The members of the men's branch of the Sacred Heart Society (St. Mary's) approached the Holy Table on last Sunday morning at St. Mary's Church, Boulcott street, and in the evening held their usual monthly meeting, when there were about 150 members present. The Rev. Father Herring, S.M., delivered an interesting and instructive discourse on 'Socialism.' Before Benediction nine boys and four men were enrolled as members of the society by the spiritual director, Rev. Father Venning, S.M. After the meeting the Dead March from 'Saul' was played on the organ, the congregation standing with bowed heads, out of respect to his late Majesty King Edward VII.

The Literary and Debating Society of the Wellington Catholic Club held its weekly meeting at the club rooms last Monday evening, when there was a large attendance of members. Mr. A. H. Casey (vice-president) introduced the new president, Rev. Father Quinn, S.M., appointed in the place of Rev. Father Herbert, S.M., who on account of his many parochial duties had to resign his position. Mr. Casey spoke in very high terms of Father Quinn's capabilities, and congratulated the society in securing the services of such a painstaking president. In reply, Father Quinn said that he was very pleased to be associated with the society, and would do his best and asked the co-operation of all members. He pointed out the great benefit to be derived from debating societies, and how many men in public life owed their success to the early training received in a debating association. The syllabus submitted by the committee for two months ahead was unanimously adopted by the members. The debate set down for the evening was then proceeded with, namely, 'That the totalisator in New Zealand should be abolished.' Mr. J. McGowan affirmed and Mr. T. Boyce opposed. The debate was well fought out by those present both for and against, and on the vote being taken resulted in a victory for the negative side.

The half-yearly meeting of St. Aloysius' Boys' Club, Newtown, was held in St. Anne's Club Rooms on April 29, Mr. T. M. Peters (president) occupying the chair. There were about 60 boys present. The meeting was addressed by Rev. Father Herring, S.M., Messrs. Peters, McErlean, Horning, J. McLaughlan, and Captain Martin (of the Cadet Corps). The report and balance sheet were read and adopted. The election of officers resulted as follows:— Patron, Rev. Father Herring, S.M.; president, Mr. T. M. Peters; vice-presidents, Messrs. J. J. Butler, R. W. Collins, B. Ellis, J. Guthrie, J. McMahon, C. McErlean, M. Segrief, J. Wareham, and Captain Martin; secretary and treasurer, Mr. J. McLaughlan; executive, Messrs. D. Burk, C. Clemenson, T. Cochrane, L. Jansen, C. Leuinan, T. McCarthy; prefect of the club, Mr. M. McCarthy; chairman of the literary and debating branch, Rev. Father Herring, S.M.; vice-chairman, Mr. M. McCarthy; librarian, Mr. C. Clemenson. Rev. Father Herring thanked Sergeant Horning for his kindness in instructing the signallers.

It is with sincere regret that I record the death of Miss Teresa Dominican Sandbrook, who passed away at the residence of her parents, Dock street, on May 7. Deceased was 27 years of age and a native of Wellington. During her long illness she was visited by the clergy of St. Joseph's parish, and she died fortified by all the rites of the Church. She was a most exemplary Catholic, and manifested the greatest interest in all movements connected with the Church. She was a member of the Altar Society. Her remains were taken to St. Joseph's Church, Buckle street, on Tuesday, when Requiem Mass was celebrated by the Very Rev. Father O'Shea, S.M., V.G., assisted by Rev. Fathers Hurley and Herring, S.M. The Rev. Father Hurley, S.M., officiated at the graveside at Karori Cemetery.—R.I.P.

DIocese OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

May 16.

The Cathedral Tennis Club and Catholic Club, at the wish of the former, have decided to combine forces in arranging for a stall at the carnival in aid of the Cathedral funds. It is to be designated the 'Cathedral Tennis and Catholic Club Stall.'

On Sunday, the feast of Pentecost, there was Solemn High Mass in the Cathedral at 11 o'clock. The Rev. Dr. Kennedy was celebrant, Rev. Father Daull, S.M.A., deacon, Rev. Father McDonnell subdeacon, and Very Rev. Father Price, Adm., master of ceremonies. An instructive sermon on the subject of the day's festival was preached by the Very Rev. Father Price. The sanctuary and high altar were most chastely adorned, and at Benediction presented a particularly beautiful spectacle.

At a special executive committee meeting of the Christchurch Catholic Club, held on last Monday evening, it was decided to postpone the programme ('A Trial by Jury') fixed for the following evening to this (Monday) evening, as a mark of respect to the late King. This will effect a slight alteration of dates in connection with the club's syllabus. Competitive recitations will thus be taken on Tuesday,

May 24, and on the following Tuesday a debate, 'Whether National Prohibition would be to the welfare of the Dominion?'

The dramatic branch of the Hibernian Society are assiduously rehearsing for their initial performance, which is to take place in the Choral Hall on Monday and Tuesday, May 23 and 24. The piece, a military farcical comedy in three acts, entitled 'My Soldier Boy,' is very cleverly written, and abounds in mirth-provoking situations and humorous dialogue. A very strong cast has been selected to sustain the different characters, and, judging by the talent displayed at rehearsals, a fine production should be the result. An efficient orchestra of nine performers, conducted by Miss Dunn, will supply the incidental music. The stage management is in the capable hands of Mr. Harry Glubb.

It is always pleasing to observe a note of appreciation of the efforts of Church workers generally, and more especially of choirs, the labors of which are almost incessant if anything approaching perfection is to be attained. All true lovers of Church music, properly and devotionally rendered, will be gratified at the notice the zealous and painstaking organist and choirmaster of the Christchurch Cathedral (Mr. Alfred Binz) and his diligent supporters have received at the hands of an exacting musical authority, Mr. Frederic Beard, musical director, St. Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne. Writing in the Melbourne *Advocate* of Catholic Church music in Australia and New Zealand, and in Christchurch in this particular instance, he says:—'Perhaps, on the whole, the music rendered by the choir at the Cathedral, Christchurch, is the nearest approach to what is desired by the Holy Father, as far as New Zealand is concerned. It is generally of the subdued and reverential order.' 'Churchman,' writing in the *Triad* on the lines of Mr. Frederic Beard's criticism, says: 'It is some little time since we were privileged to listen to the achievements of the choir at the beautiful Cathedral in Christchurch. It is hoped that Bishop Grimes has been able to continue the good work that was being done. It was possible, at the period I allude to, to listen to the Proper of the Mass, sung by a few male voices, to the traditional plain chant, in a very acceptable manner, and the harmonised music, which was rightly of the somewhat subdued order, was rendered in a fairly devotional manner.'

Greymouth

(From our own correspondent.)

May 13.

On last Saturday Rev. Father McCarthy paid his first visit to Barrytown and celebrated Mass there on Sunday morning. An unusually large number approached the Holy Table.

There was a large congregation at St. Patrick's Church last Sunday evening when Very Rev. Dean Carew preached a most impressive sermon. He explained the relation of the Church to the State, and in the course of his sermon made feeling reference to the death of King Edward VII.

The usual weekly meeting of the St. Columba Catholic Club was held last Monday evening. The president (Mr. A. P. O'Donoghue) occupied the chair, and about forty members were present. Three new members were elected and two candidates proposed for membership. A feature of the club this year is the large attendance at the weekly meetings, the average since the beginning of the current session being 35 members. The item on the syllabus for the evening was a Shakespearian dialogue (Brutus and Cassius). Twenty members took part, most of whom did very well.

St. Patrick's Church was the scene of a very pretty wedding last Monday, when Mr. Ernest Taylor, youngest son of Mr. William Taylor, of Dunedin, and Miss Elizabeth Galligan, youngest daughter of Mr. Thomas Galligan, of Kumara, were united in the bonds of Matrimony. The ceremony was performed by the Very Rev. Dean Carew. The bride, who was given away by her father, was attired in a handsome princess gown of white ninon-de-soie, richly trimmed with silver and crystal embroidery, and wore the customary wreath and veil. She was attended by her sister, Miss May Galligan. The bridegroom was attended by Mr. E. Casey. The bride's gift to the bridegroom was a silver-mounted shaving outfit, and the bridegroom's gift to the bride was a beautiful ring and to the bridesmaid a cable bangle. After the ceremony the bridal party drove to the residence of Mrs. T. P. Fogarty (sister of the bride), where the wedding breakfast was partaken of and the usual toasts honored. Many handsome and useful presents were received. The happy couple left for Westport and the north, where the honeymoon will be spent.

We are glad to learn from Mr. J. Wyn Irwin, Australasian representative of Gregg Shorthand, that a large number of our readers are wisely availing themselves of the opportunity of learning this system by means of his special mail course lessons. The ambitious young man or woman could not employ the long winter evenings in a more profitable manner than by learning this shorthand, which is in itself an important educative factor, tending, as it does, to strengthen the memory, cultivate concentrativeness, enlarge the vocabulary, and improve longhand writing....