

Diocesan News

ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

August 27.

Bro. S. O'Regan, of the H.A.C.B. Society, has been appointed secretary of the Masterton Friendly Societies' Council for the ensuing year.

A social gathering will be held on Tuesday in the Sydney street schoolroom, the proceeds to go towards the Thorndon Catholic school fund.

Mr. S. J. Moran, a prominent member of the Wellington Catholic Club, is announced as a candidate for the forthcoming by-election of the City Council.

The annual social gathering of the members of the St. Joseph's choir was held in the New Century Hall on August 19, and proved most enjoyable. Messrs. Donoghue, McCusker, and McKenzie worked hard to make the function a success.

A letter received from Archbishop Redwood, who is on his way to attend the Eucharistic Congress at Montreal, states that the trip between Auckland and Suva was a very rough one, most of the passengers feeling the effects rather severely.

Some little time ago the Rev. Father Hickson had the misfortune to injure one of his knees. As the injury continued to worry him, he submitted to an operation on Thursday last. The operation was successful, and with a fortnight's rest he hopes to be quite himself again.

A few weeks ago an advertisement appeared in the *N.Z. Tablet* calling for applications for the position of choirmaster for the Hill street Basilica. The position has now been filled by the appointment of Mr. T. J. Lambie, master of the Jesuit Church, Richmond, Melbourne. Mr. Lambie holds very high qualifications as a musician and choirmaster.

The death of Mr. J. J. Devine was referred to at the meeting of the Wellington Hospital and Charitable Aid Board on Wednesday, August 24, when, on the motion of Mr. Aitken (chairman), seconded by Mr. J. Godber, a resolution was passed placing on record the board's regret at the late member's demise, appreciation of his faithful services as treasurer, and condolence with the family. The legal practices of the late Mr. Devine and of Mr. M. J. Crombie have been combined, and will in future be carried on under the name of Devine and Crombie.

A large audience assembled in the Sailors' Rest last Monday evening, when the St. Patrick's Seamen's Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul gave their usual fortnightly entertainment. The programme submitted was of the usual high standard, items being contributed by the following:—Piano solo, Miss Q. Doherty; song, Mr. E. Walshe; song, Miss M. Frith; song, Mr. W. Scrimgeour; recitation, Mr. Ambrose; song, Miss A. Frith; comic songs, Mr. C. S. Wilson; song, Mr. D. Henderson; song, Miss Doherty; waltz, clog, and sailor's hornpipe, Miss and Master Rowell. The accompaniments were efficiently played by the Misses Frith, Doherty, and Mr. Scrimgeour.

At St. Patrick's Hall on Friday evening a reunion between the St. Aloysius' and St. Vincent Boys' Clubs took place. There was a good attendance. The St. Vincent Club won 18 games (euchre 5, bobs 5, ping pong 5, and rope quoits 3) and the St. Aloysius' 5 (euchre 1, bobs 1, ping pong 1, and rope quoits 2). After the results were announced by the president of the St. Vincent Boys' Guild the manager of the St. Aloysius' Boys' Club (Mr. T. M. Peters) thanked their hosts for their kindness in initiating the reunion, which he hoped would be held frequently. The Brothers of the St. Vincent de Paul Society supervised the function. Last Thursday evening five boys were sworn in the St. Vincent Rifle Cadets by Mr. Martin Kennedy, J.P. Tenders are now being issued by the Defence Department for the uniforms for the Cadets.

A quiet wedding took place at St. Joseph's Church, Buckle street, on August 22, the contracting parties being Mr. John Michael Murphy, eldest son of Mr. Daniel Murphy, of Wanganui, and Miss Kate Taylor, second daughter of the late Mr. Malachi Taylor, of Wellington. The ceremony was performed by the Very Rev. Father O'Shea, S.M., V.G., who also celebrated a Nuptial Mass. The bride was attended by her sister (Miss Lizzie Taylor) as bridesmaid, and the bridegroom by Mr. Daniel D. P. Murphy (his youngest brother). The bridegroom is a well known Catholic of Wanganui, being connected with all organisations of the Church. He is president of the Catholic Club, a prominent member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, and a member of the Church Building Committee. After the ceremony the happy couple left by the Auckland train to spend their honeymoon at Rotorua.

It is with sincere regret that I record the death of Mr. David McLaren Campbell, who passed away on August 23 at Wellington Hospital in his 60th year. Deceased was a native of Sutherlandshire, Scotland, and was a most

prominent Highlander in Wellington, being well known at Caledonian Society's gatherings in New Zealand and a recognised authority on Highland piping. He arrived in New Zealand in 1874. A military funeral was accorded the remains. The coffin, covered with the Union Jack, was conveyed from his late residence to St. Anne's Church, Newtown, where the Rev. Father Herring, S.M., officiated. The funeral was attended by representatives of various Scottish societies, and the procession was headed by pipers. The interment took place at Karori Cemetery, the Rev. Father Herring officiating at the graveside. The deceased leaves a widow and two grown-up sons to mourn the loss of a devoted husband and fond father.—R.I.P.

The twenty-fourth half-yearly meeting of the Wellington Catholic Club was held in St. Patrick's Hall last Wednesday evening. Mr. A. H. Casey (vice-president) presided in the absence of the president, the Very Rev. Father O'Shea, V.G. The meeting was addressed by the Rev. Fathers Quinn and Venning, S.M. The balance sheet showed a credit balance. The following officers were elected:—Patron, his Grace Archbishop Redwood; president, Very Rev. Father O'Shea, S.M., V.G.; vice-presidents, Very Rev. Dean Regnault, S.M. (Provincial), Rev. Fathers Venning, Quinn, Kumbell, Rev. Brother Justin, Messrs. M. Kennedy, K.S.G., C. P. Skerrett, M. O'Connor, A. H. Casey, and J. McGowan; hon. sec., Mr. H. A. Rees; hon. treasurer, Mr. J. W. Callaghan; executive, the foregoing officers (ex officio), and Messrs. M. O'Kane, H. McKeowen, G. Dec, B. Leydon, E. Dunne, Geo. McNamara, J. F. Quinn, W. Thomas, and F. Eller; hon. auditors, Messrs. S. J. Moran and J. F. O'Leary. Mr. Jno. McGowan, the retiring secretary, who has held office for the past five years, was elected a life member.

The fourth half-yearly meeting of St. Anne's Catholic Club was held at the club rooms on Thursday evening. Mr. R. W. Collins (president) occupied the chair. There were also present: Rev. Fathers Herring and McDonald, S.M., and a large number of members. The half-yearly report and balance sheet for the term ending September 30 were read and adopted. The balance sheet disclosed a satisfactory balance of £12. The Rev. Father McDonald, in congratulating the members on the position of the club, pointed out the many advantages to be derived from such a club, and especially impressed on members the benefits to be derived from the literary and debating branch. The Rev. Father Herring also spoke a few words of encouragement to the members. The election of officers resulted as follows:—Patron, Ven. Archdeacon Devoy, S.M.; president, Mr. B. A. Guise; vice-presidents, Rev. Father Herring and McDonald, S.M., Messrs. W. J. O'Neill, T. M. Peters, and E. B. L. Reade; hon. secretary, Mr. T. Pender; hon. treasurer, Mr. C. Cotter; chairman literary and debating branch, Rev. Father McDonald; vice-chairman, Mr. E. J. Fitzgibbon; librarian, Mr. H. Vancy; auditors, Messrs. J. E. Gamble and E. J. Fitzgibbon; executive, Messrs. J. Wareham, G. Harris, F. Galvin, O. Foote, D. McCarthy, H. Ridler, E. J. Foote, J. Twomey, and J. Flanagan.

Before the City Council commenced its business on Thursday night the Mayor (Mr. T. M. Wilford) rose and made reference to the loss sustained by the Council in the death of Councillor Devine. He moved: 'That this Council express its profound sorrow at the death of Councillor Devine, and place on record its high appreciation of his faithful and zealous service as a citizen and as a City Councillor during eleven years, and its deepest sympathy with the widow and family in their sad bereavement.' 'I do not know very well,' said the Mayor, 'how I can describe the services rendered by Councillor Devine to this city. My tenure of office has been so short that Councillors here will be better able to speak of him as Councillor. In private and in public I have often come in contact with him, and admired his genial temperament and good humor, and if ever there was a fearless critic in matters affecting the public weal it was Councillor Devine. During my short term of office he advocated to the greatest possible degree, and with all his power, whatever he thought to be right, even though he might be alone in his advocacy. I am certain this city has suffered a loss in the death of Councillor Devine. Nobody had a wider knowledge on anything pertaining to civic affairs. His knowledge was of infinite value to myself, and I received great help in regard to matters that were in train before I became Mayor. I have been much indebted to Councillor Devine. His death is the city's loss and the City Council's loss.' The motion was passed, the Council and officers standing.

Nelson

At the fortnightly session of the Nelson Debating Society, held on August 24, the subject for debate was 'Home Rule for Ireland.' The very large attendance was evidence of the great interest manifested in the subject under discussion.

Mr. A. T. Maginuity presided, and in his introductory remarks (says the *Evening Mail*) stated that it had been decided that the religious element was to be kept out of the debate. The subject allowed proper thoughtful and able reasoning without injury to the susceptibilities of anyone.