

committee. Mr. and Mrs. Peters take with them to their new home the good wishes of a large circle of friends.

Last Saturday (January 28) St. Anne's Defence Cadets held a shooting competition for the company belt and trophies presented by Mr. Missen (jeweller), Mr. Gower, and the Marist Fathers. Conditions were ten shots, one sighter, at 200yds, and ten shots, one sighter, at 500yds. The following were the principal scores:—Sergt. J. Carroll, 71; Corp. Heavey, 65; Pte F. O'Driscoll, 58; Col.-Sergt Gould, 55. On Monday the company fired at Polhill's Gully, for trophies presented by the officers of the company. The winners were—Pte. F. O'Driscoll, won Captain Martin's trophy; Pte. Mason, Lieut. Hornig's trophy; and Bugler Hopkins wins Lieutenant Clementson's trophy.

In the Third Class Cricket Competition the Catholic Club beat North by 54 runs on the first innings. In their first attempt the Catholic Club made 125 and 47 for three wickets in the second. North made 71 in their first innings and had four wickets down for 61 runs in the second. The best scores on each side were:—Catholic Club: Toms 42, McGrath 20, Leydon 19 and 26 (not out), Carroll 15. North: Thompson 20, Hamilton 16, Bedley 11 and 27 (not out). Bowling for Catholic Club, Toms (four wickets for 20 runs) and O'Dowd (four wickets for 35) had the best averages. With the ball for North, Road (five wickets for 43 runs) and Thompson (three for 36) were the most successful.

The following changes in the secular clergy of the archdiocese is announced:—The Rev. Father Golden, who succeeded the late Rev. Father O'Meara at Feilding last year has resigned, and the Rev. Father O'Dwyer has been appointed to succeed him. Rev. Father Kincaid, who arrived recently from Ireland, will proceed to Feilding to take up the duties of assistant priest in place of Rev. Father Daly. The Rev. Father Cronin has been appointed assistant priest at Westport, whilst the Rev. Fathers Harnett and Dore assume similar positions at Masterton and Palmerston North respectively. The Upper Hutt, which has formed part of the Lower Hutt parish for many years, has been made a separate parish, and the Rev. Father Daly, from Feilding, will be the first pastor.

It is with regret I record the death of Sister Mary Xavier (Doherty), which occurred at St. Mary's Convent of Mercy, Hill street, on January 31. Sister Mary Xavier was born in Belfast, was professed in 1867, and after spending a short period in Scotland, came to New Zealand some 40 years ago. The deceased Sister who was of a very retiring disposition, had suffered, with Christian resignation, from heart trouble for the past 25 years, which eventually caused her death. The funeral took place on the Thursday. Requiem Mass was celebrated in the Convent Chapel by the Rev. Father Hickson, S.M., Adm., after which the funeral procession was formed, the coffin being borne by the officers of the Hibernian Society. The Rev. Father Hickson, assisted by the Rev. Fathers Murray and Lynch, of the Redemptorist Order, officiated at the grave-side at Karori.—R.I.P.

### Wanganui

(From an occasional correspondent.)

Among the successful candidates in the recent Junior Civil Service Examination were the following pupils of the Convent High School:—Eileen Tompsett, 45th on credit list; Kathleen McKenna, credit list; Madge Guylee, pass. This is another evidence of the good work done in our Catholic schools.

Mary Ahearn, of Otaki, is the winner of this year's scholarship which is granted annually by the Sisters. The tenure of the scholarship is two years at the boarding school.

### Napier

(From our own correspondent.)

February 3.

The H.A.C.B. Society's banquet last night to the members and their friends, in the Forester's Hall, Napier, was a very pleasant function. The president of the society, Bro. B. J. Dolan, occupied the chair. Those who were fortunate enough to receive invitations turned up in force, about 160 ladies and gentleman being present.

The toast of the evening, 'H.A.C.B. Society,' was very aptly proposed by Bro. J. Downey, of Hastings.

Mr. B. J. Dolan replied to the toast. He congratulated the members on the very successful condition of the society, which was largely due to the capable organisation and untiring energy of the secretary, Bro. Cummings. The H.A.C.B.S., he said, was the only practical benefit society supported by the members of the Catholic Church. During the past year the amount paid out a sick pay was £201 10s 10d, for medical attendance and medicine £102 2s 3d, and for funeral allowance £60. The receipts for the same period had just about balanced expenditure; the membership had increased 30 per cent., and the amount now standing to the credit of the sick fund is £501 3s 4d. It was a good thing, the chairman observed, to have a balance at the bank. He appealed to the ladies to join the society, and pointed out that they could either form a branch of their own or join the existing society. He

emphasised the good work done by ladies, and described them as lamps of the church and lamps of the nationality.

Other toasts which were honoured during the evening were 'The King and Pope,' proposed by the chairman; 'Our Medical Officer and Dispenser,' proposed by Bro. M. Murray; 'The Ladies,' proposed by Bro. J. W. Coe, responded to by Bro. C. Cunningham; 'Kindred Societies,' proposed by Bro. C. S. Toley; 'Our City,' proposed by Bro. John Higgins, responded to by Bro. W. J. McGrath; 'The Press,' proposed by Bro. J. P. Kenny, responded to by the Hawke's Bay *Tribune's* representative. Interspersed with the toasts were several pleasingly-rendered vocal items. Misses Rosengrave and Mitten and Messrs. Yates and O'Connor sang a quartette, which was greatly appreciated, as was also a duet by the above-named gentlemen. Others who contributed to the evening's enjoyment were Mrs. C. R. Allen, Misses Neilsen, Miss May Higgins, Miss Madge Higgins, Messrs. F. O'Shaughnessy, A. Scott, J. Flanagan, and Bros. M. Treston and T. G. Liddle.

The secretary, Bro. Cummings, was the recipient of a token of appreciation of his good work as secretary. In making the presentation, which was a gold medal presented by Bro. John Higgins, Mr. Dolan stated that there had been a record increase in the membership during Bro. Cummings' secretaryship. In responding Bro. Cummings dwelt on the amicable relations that existed between himself and the members, and said he had never had so much as a cross word with any of them.

The banquet, which had been greatly enjoyed by all present, terminated shortly before midnight with the singing of 'God Save Ireland.'

### Timaru

(From our own correspondent.)

The Rev. Father Aubrey, of Waimate, has just been paying a short visit to the parish. He preached a fine sermon on Sunday night to a well-filled church, taking for his subject, 'Frequent Communion.'

Mr. Patrick Augustin Ardagh has just received word that he has passed his final medical examination held by the Otago University. Dr. Ardagh is in all probability the youngest member of his profession in New Zealand, being only twenty-two years of age. He is a native of Oamaru, and is an old boy of the Waitaki High School. He is a son of Mr. J. J. Ardagh, late of Oamaru and Glenavy, who is now in business in Timaru.

A pretty wedding was celebrated in St. Joseph's Church, Morven, recently, by the Rev. Father Burger, the contracting parties being Mr. William Devlin, of Redcliffe, and Miss Elizabeth Hyland, fourth daughter of Mr and Mrs. Maurice Hyland, of Glenavy. The wedding breakfast was laid at the residence of the bride's parents; Rev. Father Burger presided, and several toasts were suitably honored. The happy couple left by the afternoon's train for Dunedin.

The Very Rev. Mgr. Fowler, from the United States, was the guest of the Rev. Father Tubman at the Priory for a few days last week. On Friday evening he gave an eloquent sermon on the greatness and antiquity of the Church, to a crowded congregation. Short notice was given as to his sermon, but the fame of his eloquence lent wings to the news, and it certainly travelled far and quickly.

Mr. W. J. Doyle, of the Justice Department, Nelson, son of Mr. D. Doyle, of Timaru, was united in the bonds of wedlock to Miss E. Smith, of the Thames, in the Thames church, on January 1, by the Rev. Father Tigar. Mr. D. Doyle, jun., acted as best man, and Mr. T. Doyle as groomsmen, Miss F. Smith being bridesmaid. The happy couple spent their honeymoon at Rotorua. A large number of wedding presents were received.

Mr. Michael Mahoney, solicitor, an old pupil of our local Catholic School and a graduate of St. Patrick's College, Wellington, has just severed his connection with the legal firm of Messrs. Smithson and Raymond, of Timaru, with whom he has been for the past eleven years, to enter as a partner the well known legal firm of the Auckland province of Messrs. Hall and Skelton. Mr. Mahoney will take charge of the head office at Pataroa. Mr. Mahoney's numerous friends scattered throughout South Canterbury are all highly pleased at his advancement, and a brilliant future is predicted for him. He is the son of Mr. D. Mahoney, and like his father has always been identified with all matters pertaining to the Church and Ireland.

One of the happiest little gatherings that has ever been held by the Hibernian Society here took place in the branch room recently. The occasion was a presentation to the popular secretary of the branch, in connection with his marriage. The president of the branch (Bro. W. Gillespie) presided, and in asking their guest to accept of a silver tea service on a silver-mounted oak tray (inscribed), referred to the good work done by him during his two years as secretary of the branch. He (the speaker) only voiced the opinions of the Hibernians scattered throughout the Timaru district when saying that Secretary Bro. P. Mahoney was one of the keenest and most energetic officers the branch had had. Members one and all endorsed the president's remarks, and a pleasant social evening was terminated by three cheers for Mr. Mahoney and the future (at that date) Mrs. Mahoney.