

The Wadestown Church committee are organising a social, which is to take place at the Sydney street school-room on Wednesday, June 21. The proceeds will be devoted towards the extinction of the debt on St. Brigid's Church-schoolroom, Wadestown.

The monthly meeting of the St. Vincent de Paul Society (Particular Council) was held on last Tuesday evening. Very satisfactory reports from the Conferences of the circumscription were received.

Now that the winter has set in the members of the St. Vincent de Paul Boys' Club, under the management of Mr. D. R. Lawlor, are attending in large numbers. All kinds of indoor games and competitions have been arranged, and are proving very interesting.

Under the compulsory training scheme the membership of the St. Anne's, St. Vincent's, and Thorndon Senior Defence Cadets is rapidly increasing, and it is anticipated that each company will have the maximum strength of 120 in a very short period.

Taking advantage of the concessions granted to school parties by the Exhibition authorities, the pupils of the Thorndon Convent School visited the Exhibition, accompanied by the Sisters. The children were much interested in what they saw and appreciated the kindness shown by the officials.

The confraternity of the Sacred Heart Society for Ladies at St. Anne's, Wellington South, recently reorganised by the Rev. Fathers Creagh and Whelan, C.S.S.R., during the mission, met for the first time last Friday evening, when there was a large attendance of members.

St. Joseph's Christian Doctrine Society and St. Joseph's Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society joined forces and held a very successful card party at Carroll's on last Wednesday evening. The proceeds will be devoted to two very worthy objects—viz., prizes for the Sunday school children and to augment the funds of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

A retreat for men will commence in St. Patrick's College on June 30. Judging by the success of the retreat held last year it is anticipated that there will be a record attendance this year. No invitation is necessary. All those wishing to take part should send in their names to the Vice-Rector of the college (Rev. Father O'Reilly, S.M.), as soon as possible.

In Association football the Marist Brothers' School representatives were victorious in two divisions. In the Fifth A they defeated Swifts by 2 goals to 1, and in the Fifth B they defeated Y.M.C.A. by 3 goals to 1. The Sixth division boys, however, were defeated by Y.M.C.A. by 3 goals to nil.

At a full attendance of members of the French Cercle last evening the Rev. Father Schaefer delivered a lecture on 'La Fontaine.' The address was listened to throughout with the greatest attention, and an interesting discussion followed, in which M. Dufrou, the Hon. J. Rigg, Rev. Father Gondringer, and Mr. Hudson took part. Miss G. Lockie read 'Le Requiem de Mozart,' Miss Putnam played a pianoforte selection, Madame Dufrou, the Hon. J. Rigg, and M. Dufrou gave French recitations.

A team representing St. Anne's Junior Club journeyed to Palmerston North on Saturday morning to play a match against a team from the Palmerston Catholic Club. They were met at the station by Rev. Father Hoare and some members of the team and were conveyed to the Empire Hotel in a drag, where they were entertained at dinner. The match resulted in a win for St. Anne's by 33 points to nil. After the match the visitors were shown around Palmerston, and returned to Wellington by train after an enjoyable day.

At the meeting of St. Patrick's branch of the H.A.C.B. Society, motions were passed conveying the condolence of members with his Lordship the Bishop of Christchurch and the priests and people of his diocese, at the loss sustained through the death of the Very Rev. Dean Ginaty, S.M., V.G.; with Bro. Nerheny, P.D.P., Auckland, on the death of Mrs. Nerheny; and Bro. Fitzgerald, on the death of Mrs. Fitzgerald. It was also decided to take part with the other friendly societies in the procession on Coronation Day. Six new members were initiated; and sick pay amounting to £11 10s was passed for payment.

The debating branch of the ladies' Hibernian Society, formed recently, has become very popular with the members. Last Tuesday, at St. Anne's Hall, Wellington South, a very interesting subject was discussed, 'Should women have equal rights with men?' The Rev. Father G. Mahony, S.M., was in the chair, and the affirmative side was taken by Misses F. O'Flaherty, A. McAleer, and A. Gregory, whilst Misses A. McLoughlin, K. Robinson, and N. Boyce took the negative. On being submitted to the vote the negative supporters were declared winners by 12 to 7.

At St. Patrick's Church, Masterton, Mr. Frank Siemonck, son of Mr. Jacob Siemonck, of Masterton, was married to Miss Ellen Curley, daughter of the late Mr. John Curley, of Gort, Ireland. The bride, who was dressed in blue striped silk voile, was attended by Miss Mary Gill (niece) as bridesmaid, the latter being attired in champagne crystallene. Both bride and bridesmaid carried dainty bouquets of lilies. Mr. J. Rzoska was best man, and Mr. R. Miller groomsman. The ceremony was per-

formed by Very Rev. Dean McKenna, assisted by Rev. Father Michael. A reception was subsequently held in the Exchange Hall, and the usual toasts were honored, and felicitous speeches made. In the evening a ~~was~~ was given in the Exchange Hall.

The monthly meeting of the Newman Society was held at St. Patrick's College on last Sunday, there being a good attendance, including the Very Rev. Dr. Kennedy, S.M., the faculty of St. Patrick's College, and a number of the local clergy. The chief item on the order paper was the reading of a very interesting and able paper, entitled, 'The oldest laws of the world,' by Mr. S. J. Moran, LL.B. A letter was received from Rev. Father Bartley, S.M., M.A., embodying a report of the recent conference of the Newman Societies at Auckland at Easter time. Miss Mellisop, who has been secretary of the Wellington Society since its inception, has reluctantly been compelled to relinquish the duties owing to pressure of private business. Mr. T. Boyce was elected to the vacancy. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Very Rev. Dr. Kennedy for the use of the college for the meeting.

It is with regret that I have to record the sudden death of one of the students of St. Patrick's College in the person of Master Raymond Darby, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Darby, of Christchurch, and grandson of Mr. Martin Kennedy, K.S.G., which occurred at his grandfather's residence last Monday evening. Requiem Mass was celebrated at St. Joseph's Church, Buckle street, on Wednesday by the Rev. Father J. Tymons, S.M., Rev. Father Bartley, S.M., M.A., being deacon, and Rev. Father A. Venning, S.M., subdeacon, and Rev. Father Hurley, S.M., master of ceremonies. The music of the Mass was rendered by the students of St. Patrick's College, and Very Rev. Dr. Kennedy, S.M., preached a short sermon. The interment took place at Karori, the students of St. Patrick's College making a very large funeral procession. Very Rev. Dr. Kennedy officiated at the graveside.—R.I.P.

Westport

(From our own correspondent.)

June 6.

On Sunday last at the 8 o'clock Mass over ninety children made their First Communion. After Mass the little ones marched to the convent, where breakfast, provided by the Sisters of Mercy, was partaken of.

DIocese of Christchurch

(From our own correspondent.)

June 12.

His Lordship the Bishop leaves this (Monday) evening to attend a meeting of the Bishops in Wellington.

A much appreciated gift of a ton of coals has been made by Mr. S. Flood to the Marist Brothers' School. As the school is a free one, and without any incidental revenue for contingencies, this instance of thoughtfulness is all the more welcome.

Mr. A. T. Donnelly was on last Friday admitted by Mr. Justice Denniston as a barrister and solicitor, on the motion of his father, Mr. M. Donnelly. His Honor, in admitting Mr. Donnelly, congratulated him, and said that he was the youngest man ever admitted to the Bar in New Zealand. Mr. T. A. Donnelly is a Christchurch boy. He finished his law course, both for barrister and solicitor, in three years, instead of the customary four or five years. He came of age only this week, and on the first day after attaining his majority he swore his papers and was proposed and admitted on the following days. Mr. Donnelly is at present in his father's office.

Among the proposals to fittingly commemorate the Coronation of King George V., is that of planting a Coronation oak in the Christchurch Domain, and the fact occupied the attention of the controlling board at its last meeting. A member suggested that three oaks should be planted in different parts of the Domain, so that from the number at least one would grow. The chairman said that the oak would not be likely to die, but if it did another could be planted at dead of night, and nobody would be any the wiser.

The first match in the primary schools Rugby football competition was played on last Friday week, when the Marist Brothers' boys met Elmwood School and defeated them by 25 to 3 points. Tries were scored by Burns (3), Dobbs, J. Hood, Jenyns, J. Dowd. Burns converted one and Dowd one. As there are only three of last year's team playing this season the team is almost entirely a new one. The second match was played last week, when the Marist Brothers' school team met and defeated the Lyttelton School by 15 points to nil, tries being secured by Burns, J. McCormick, Crooke, Meyer, and Dobbs. Half an hour's play sufficed to win the game.

DIocese of Auckland

(By Telegraph from our own correspondent.)

June 12.

The devotion of the Forty Hours' Adoration will commence at St. Patrick's Cathedral after last Mass on Sunday.

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