

fast in the Catholic club rooms, where they were attended by a committee of ladies who had arranged the breakfast. The boys appreciated the good works of the ladies referred to, especially that of Miss Kane, who was responsible for the excellent arrangements.

Diocesan News

ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

July 1.

About eighty children from the Dixon Street School (Sisters of Mercy) made their First Communion at St. Mary of the Angels' Church last Sunday.

The date for the banquet to be tendered to the Irish envoys by the Hibernians of Wellington has been fixed for July 20.

The retreat for men commenced at St. Patrick's College yesterday, under the direction of the Rector, Very Rev. Dr. Kennedy, S.M.

A concert is being arranged to take place at St. Thomas' Hall, Wellington South, on August 2, in aid of the recently-established St. Anne's Drum and Fife Band.

A very successful cndre party, organised by the Children of Mary, Wellington South, in aid of their library, took place at St. Anne's Hall last Monday evening.

Messrs. R. and D. Wallington, of the Sheffield Choir, were the guests of his Grace Archbishop Redwood during their stay in Wellington.

His Grace the Archbishop left to-day for Te Horo, where he is to bless and open the recently-erected church to-morrow.

In Association football last Saturday, Brooklyn defeated St. Anne's by 11 goals to 2; Marist Brothers defeated St. David's by 5 goals to nil, and the Marist Brothers' No. 2 drew with Swift's, neither side scoring.

Mr. John Coyle, J.P., of Wellington South, secretary to the Wellington Hospital and Charitable Aid Board, is acting as one of the representatives of the board at the Conference of Hospital Boards, which is being held here.

Miss Hodgins, daughter of Mr. M. J. Hodgins, P.P. of the H.A.C.B. Society, Lower Hutt, has been appointed typist to the Town Clerk's staff of the Lower Hutt Borough Council. There were about nine applications for the position.

The following Sisters of Compassion have been awarded five years' certificates from the St. John Ambulance Association:—Sisters Mary Claver, Mary Gerard, Mary Gabriel, and Mary de Sales.

Mr. C. J. Gamble, well known in Catholic Club and Hibernian circles, was very successful as a performer in the Victoria College University capping entertainment in the Town Hall on last Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. Mr. Gamble cleverly impersonated three well-known celebrities, which drew forth from the large audience well merited applause.

Owing to the large increase in the number of children attending the school at Island Bay, conducted by the Nuns of the Sacred Heart, it is found necessary to considerably enlarge the building. The contractors, taking advantage of the midwinter vacation, are now busily engaged making the necessary additions.

The parishioners of Island Bay held a very successful social at Tutaneikai Hall, Berhampore, on last Tuesday evening. The proceeds are to be devoted towards the extinction of the debt on St. Francis' Church, Island Bay. Mr. T. J. McCosker acted as secretary to the committee.

A very successful reunion of the members of the St. Anne's and Wellington Catholic Club took place at St. Patrick's Hall on last Thursday evening. A feature of the evening was a programme of fine gramophone selections, the machine being manipulated by Mr. John Parker, of the Dresden Piano Company.

Ladies who intend taking part in the retreat, which is to be conducted by one of the Redemptorist Fathers at the Island Bay Sacred Heart Convent, are reminded that the date of commencing the retreat has been altered from the 3rd July to the 10th July. All ladies desirous of taking part should notify the Rev. Mother at once in order that the necessary arrangements may be made.

The ladies' branch of the Hibernian Society held their quarterly meeting at St. Patrick's Hall on last Wednesday evening, there being a large attendance of members, over which Sister K. Robnson presided. Nominations were received, and there was keen competition for the various offices. Very Rev. Dean Regnault, S.M. (Provincial) addressed the meeting, and congratulated the branch on its progress. Mrs. Martin Kennedy was duly elected and initiated as a life honorary member.

The St. Vincent's Boys' Club, Te Aro, were the guests of the St. Aloysius Boys' Club at Wellington South last Friday evening. This interchange of visits is conducive to a lot of good, and the officers of the clubs are to be commended for their interest and zeal.

The Sheffield Choir reached here on Thursday, and were accorded a hearty reception. There was a packed audience at the Town Hall in the evening, and it is interesting to note that their first performance in Wellington was thoroughly Catholic in nature, and any Catholic who attended must have felt thoroughly at home with such items.

The ceremony of starting the Arch-Confraternity of the Holy Rosary duly took place at St. Anne's Church, Wellington South, on last Sunday evening, and despite the inclement weather there was a large attendance of parishioners. In connection with this confraternity the Catholics of Wellington are reminded there can be only one confraternity in a town, therefore those desirous of joining the confraternity must be duly enrolled at St. Anne's, and that the last Sunday of each month has been set aside for this purpose.

DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

July 3.

There was exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from the 11 o'clock Mass in the Cathedral on Sunday. After Vespers there was the usual procession, followed by Solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, at which his Lordship the Bishop officiated.

Messrs. W. A. Redmond, M.P., and J. Donovan sent a telegram from the West Coast to Sir James Carroll, congratulating him on the recognition of his services to the Maori race, and the Acting Prime Minister has replied thanking them for their kindness.

A social gathering in aid of the funds of the Halswell Catholic School took place on the evening of last Friday week, in the local public school room. Despite the inclement weather there was a large attendance, and the event proved very enjoyable.

The Month's Mind of the late Very Rev. Dean Gimaty, S.M., is to be observed on Wednesday, July 5, at St. Mary's Church, Manchester street. In making the announcement in the Cathedral on Sunday, his Lordship intimated that a large number of the clergy would be present, and he trusted many of the faithful would attend the last solemnities for the repose of the soul of the late Dean, who for over forty years had labored unremittingly for the eternal salvation of the people of this city and beyond its confines.

In honor of his feast day his Lordship the Bishop and a party of the clergy who accompanied him were entertained at Mount Magdala on last Monday afternoon. An artistic and enjoyable programme was rendered by the children, and was greatly appreciated. In honor of the same festive occasion his Lordship the Bishop, a number of the clergy, and Messrs. W. A. Redmond, M.P., and J. Donovan visited Nazareth House on the following afternoon, where a very pleasant entertainment was given by the orphan children. The Bishop and Messrs. Redmond and Donovan warmly complimented the children and their devoted teachers on the excellence of their endeavours, and in laudatory terms generally of the institution and its successful results.

A quarterly meeting of St. Patrick's branch H.A.C.B. Society was held in the Hibernian Hall on Monday of last week. Brother G. Getson, B.P., presiding over a good attendance of members. Sick pay for £8 10s was passed for payment to eight members. One candidate was elected. Reports were received from the delegates to the United Friendly Societies' Dispensary Board and hall committee. The president reported having visited the New Headford branch in company with a number of members on the occasion of the annual social gathering, when the party received a cordial reception. Another visit was arranged to New Headford for next month, when a card tournament will be engaged in. The best wishes of the branch were extended to Brother E. Power on his contemplated trip to Ireland, and a hope was expressed that he would return restored to health. Officers for the ensuing term were nominated. Accounts for £63 10s 2d were passed for payment. The receipts for the evening were £145 7s 4d.

At a public meeting last week in the Choral Hall, convened in the interests of a creche and kindergarten sought to be established, his Lordship Bishop Grimes was one of the selected speakers. In seconding the motion favorable to the scheme his Lordship spoke in part as follows:— 'There were,' he said, 'two great blots on the present century which should make people ashamed of it, despite modern achievements in science and civilisation. The one was the brutality and cruelty of race suicide, and the other was the high rate of infant mortality. In New Zealand 68 children out of every 1000 died under the age of one. In Ireland the rates was 97, in Scotland 120, Switzerland 121, and Prussia 173. In New South Wales the rate was 86. New Zealand compared favorably with other countries in this respect, but even in New Zealand the rate of mortality was too high. There were many ways in which the waste of infant life could be remedied. He thought the establishment of a creche would be a means of educating mothers in the management of children. The Plunket nurses and the District nurses were doing excellent work in the community already, and the work of the district nurses especially was not receiving anything like adequate recognition and support. Anything which he or his priests could do to forward the movement would be done heartily and willingly.'