

morning, leaving SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Lower Hutt, for the cemetery, Karori.—R.I.P.

The Women's Confraternity of the Sacred Heart Society met on Friday evening at St. Anne's Church. There was a very large attendance of members who were solemnly consecrated to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus by the Rev. Father G. Mahony, S.M., spiritual director of the confraternity.

A pleasant little 'social,' arranged by the ladies of the Dominion Stall at the forthcoming local Catholic bazaar, was held in St. James' Hall, Lower Hutt, last Friday evening. There were about 160 guests present, these including many from Wellington and Petone. Mr. Bridger and Mr. Bates were joint secretaries.

On Friday Mr. R. O'Connell, of Te Kuiti, was married to Miss Ellen Keaney. The Rev. Father Venning, S.M., celebrated the Nuptial Mass, and performed the marriage ceremony, after which a reception was held at the residence of Mrs. John McWilliam, sister of the bride.

A most successful social in aid of the St. Francis' Church, Island Bay, was held at the Tutanekai Hall, Berhampore, last Wednesday evening. There was a large attendance, among whom were the Ven. Arch-deacon Devoy, S.M., and the Rev. Fathers Mahony and Herring. The committee, with Mr. T. J. McCosker as secretary, are to be congratulated on the success of their efforts.

On Wednesday, at St. Mary of the Angels', Boulcott street, Miss Margaret A. Noon, second daughter of the late J. Noon, Wellington, was married to Mr. Patrick J. O'Neill, eldest son of Mr. M. O'Neill, Blenheim, by the Rev. Father Venning officiating. The bride was attended by Misses L. and Eily O'Neill as bridesmaids, the bridegroom being supported by his brother, Mr. J. W. O'Neill, as best man. Mr. and Mrs. O'Neill received many presents.

A very pretty wedding was celebrated at SS. Peter and Paul's, Lower Hutt, on Wednesday afternoon. The ceremony was performed by Very Rev. Father Lane, and the contracting parties were Miss Ivy France, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. France, of Lower Hutt, and Mr. James Cottrill, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cottrill, of Wellington. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Rubi France. Mr. Charles France was best man. After the ceremony a reception was held at the residence of the bride's parents. The bridegroom's present to the bride was a diamond ring, and to the bridesmaid a ruby ring. The bride's present to the bridegroom was a gold Albert.

At the last meeting of the St. Patrick's branch of the H.A.C.B. Society the Very Rev. Dean Regnault, S.M. (Provincial), who has just returned from the South, addressed the members and complimented them on their progress, and on the successful financial result of St. Patrick's Day celebrations. He had, he said, already complimented them on the moral success of the celebrations, and he prophesied still greater successes in the future if the matter was taken up with the same enthusiasm as this year. He referred to the progress of the Christchurch branch, and to the efforts of the Rev. Fathers O'Connell, Kimbell, and McCarthy, the Marist missionaries, for the cause of Hibernianism in Tasmania. He concluded by assuring the members of his whole-souled support of the society, which was doing so much good all over the Dominion. The Rev. Father Venning, S.M. (chaplain), also addressed the members, and reminded them of the keen interest displayed by the Dean in Hibernian matters, and how fortunate the society was in having such an influential priest as one of their staunchest supporters. He trusted the members would evince the same interest, make the society a strong one, and a power for doing good.

I regret to record the death of several parishioners of Te Aro during the week. Mrs. Eliza Collins, relict of the late M. A. Collins, of Timaru, passed away at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. J. C. Quinlan, on August 27. The funeral took place on the 29th, after a Requiem Mass had been celebrated by the Rev. Father George Mahony, S.M. The remains were interred at Karori, Very Rev. Dean Regnault, S.M.

(Provincial), officiating at the graveside. The deceased, who was 72 years of age, leaves three sons and five daughters to mourn the loss of a loving mother. Mrs. Catherine Bergin died on August 28, at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. George Lambert, Queen street. The funeral took place on August 30. The Rev. Father Venning, S.M., officiated at St. Mary of the Angels' and at the cemetery, Karori. Mr. Matthew Moynihan, proprietor of the Clarendon Hotel, died after a long illness. He was buried at the Pahautanui cemetery, prior to which a Requiem Mass was celebrated by the Rev. Father J. Goggan, S.M., at St. Mary of the Angels', Boulcott street. The funeral service at the cemetery was conducted by the Rev. Father Walsh, of Lower Hutt.—R.I.P.

### Hastings

(From our travelling correspondent.)

Not the least brilliant of the many victories scored during the past week at the Napier Competitions was that obtained by the Hastings Catholic Choir in the competition in sacred music. Nearly all the churches in Hawke's Bay were represented, and the decision of the judge (Dr. Bradshaw) was awaited with great interest, which was followed by the heartiest congratulations when it was announced that the choir, under the leadership of Mr. Hudston, had won by a substantial margin of points. This is the second time that the Hastings choir has occupied that enviable position (last year being its first time competing, when it also secured first place). The choir and its conductor are to be heartily congratulated on its success, which speaks volumes for their attention to practice and their knowledge of music.

### Wanganui

(From our own correspondent.)

September 1.

At the usual weekly meeting of St. Mary's Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, held on August 28, the opening of a Sunday school in the rapidly-growing suburb of Gonville was discussed. This will be the fourth class opened by the Wanganui Conference since its inception a little over twelve months ago, the others being at Castlecliff, Mosstown, and Fordell. The management of the Fordell class has now been taken over by St. Joseph's Conference, Aramoho.

A meeting of about fifty intending members of the H.A.C.B. Society was held in St. Mary's Hall on Sunday evening, Rev. Father Holley being in the chair. A working committee, consisting of Messrs. Power, Granville, Keogh, McLachlan, Gleeson, McTubbs, McWilliams, and Wilson (secretary), was formed, with the object of making a thorough canvass for members throughout the district. Over fifty names are on the roll, and the opening of the Wanganui branch is expected to take place in about a fortnight.

A meeting to consider the formation in Wanganui of a senior cadet corps, was held in St. Mary's Hall on Tuesday evening, August 29. There was a good attendance, including Rev. Father Moloney, Captain Bourke (Marist Brothers' Cadets), Lieutenant Cameron (Irish Rifles), Col.-Sergeant Roche (Irish Rifles), and Sergeant Lloyd (Irish Rifles). Captain Bourke briefly outlined the position of the Catholic youths under the new defence regulations, and Lieutenant Cameron and Col.-Sergeant Roche also spoke to the young men in encouraging terms.

Rev. Father Moloney, after thanking the young men for the good attendance, and Captain Bourke for his efforts in bringing the young men together, put the following motion to the meeting:—'That the Catholic young men of this parish form themselves into a senior cadet corps or portion thereof.' The motion was carried, and at the enrolment which took place afterwards, forty-five names were handed in.

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