

bank, £25 17s 4d, and cash in hand, £11 12s 2d. The liabilities are £27 3s 6d. The balance of assets over liabilities is therefore £416 18s 6d, a really creditable position to be in, and one of which members may justly feel proud. In conclusion we desire to place on record our appreciation of the good work being done by the band's conductor, Mr. A. R. Wills, whose musical ability, untiring energy, and zeal have mainly been responsible for the popularity and success of the band since its inception four years ago.

The chairman in moving the adoption of the report congratulated the band on the position it had attained during its short existence of four years. The motion was seconded by Mr. R. Waterston and carried unanimously.

The election of office-bearers resulted as follows:—Patrons, Sir J. G. Ward, K.C.M.G., Bart., and Very Rev. Dean Burke; president, Mr. H. Searle; vice-presidents, Mr. R. Waterston (active), W. A. Ott, D. McFarlane, D. Roche, J. Shepherd, J. Collins, A. Fitzgerald, C. S. Longuet, F. E. Morton, M. Stanton, J. McDonough, T. McGrath, C. Matheson, T. Pound, J. McNamara, G. W. Woods, J. Mulvey, C. Tulloch, W. Hinchey, H. Wilkinson, P. Thorpy, J. Collins (Dunedin); bandmaster, Mr. A. R. Wills; deputy, Mr. P. Kimble; committee, Messrs. A. McIntyre, A. Earsman, J. Durham, H. Grace, T. Cavanagh; secretary, Mr. J. Mahoney; treasurer, Mr. N. Grace; auditors, Messrs. T. Pound and F. E. Morton; librarian, Mr. E. Horan; custodian, Mr. J. Derry; drum-major, Mr. T. Daniels.

Master Rex Wills, who had attended 151 practices during the year, was presented with the president's prize for the best attendance.

After the business part of the meeting had concluded the members and supporters passed a couple of hours socially together. Congratulatory speeches were

the order of the night, and songs and recitations were contributed at suitable intervals. A most successful function closed just before midnight.

**Ashburton**

(From our own correspondent.)

November 13.

The Catholic Young Men's Club's weekly meetings continue to be well attended. The programmes, taking the form of a parliamentary debate on a Bill introduced by Mr. F. K. Cooper and an editor's box, have been the means of providing interesting and instructive evenings for members. Mr. M. J. Burgess (president) occupied the chair at each meeting.

His Lordship Bishop Grimes opened and dedicated the new Catholic church at Hinds on Sunday last. Notwithstanding the very wintry-like weather, the church was crowded, many coming from a distance to witness the ceremony. His Lordship preached an appropriate and eloquent sermon, congratulating the residents of Hinds on the erection of such a desirable and pleasing building for the worship of God. A collection was taken up, and a goodly sum realised towards the extinction of the debt on the church. Very Rev. Dean O'Donnell assisted his Lordship.

In connection with the recent examinations conducted in Ashburton by the representatives of the Trinity College and Royal Academy of Music, London, the following pupils presented by the Sisters of the Mission were successful:—Trinity College.—Certificated pianist—K. Nealon. Advanced division (senior)—M. Fitzgerald, K. Bree, and M. Soal. Higher division (intermediate)—M. Quigley, L. Bishop, N. Small, and M. Langley. Preparatory division—A. Bradley, A. Ward, E. Ward, and L. Holland. Preparatory

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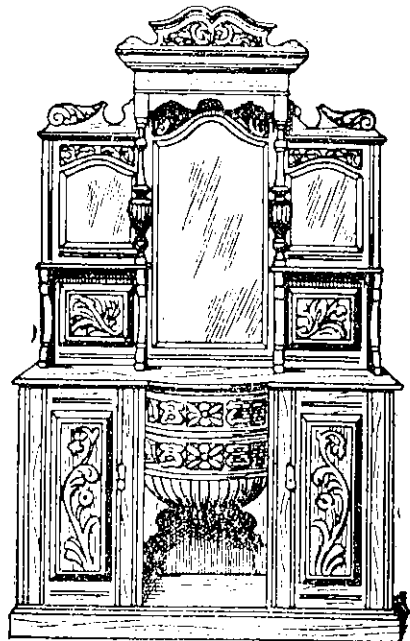
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