

honeymoon tour, taking with them the best wishes of their many friends for a happy and prosperous future. The bride's travelling dress was of fawn color cloth with hat to match.

## H.A.C.B. SOCIETY

### TRIENNIAL MOVABLE MEETING

(From our special correspondent.)

Napier, April 12.

The triennial movable meeting of the New Zealand district of the H.A.C.B. Society was opened in St. Patrick's Hall, Station street, Napier, at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, April 9. The roll having been called, the following officers and delegates answered to their names:—District president, Bro. Joseph M. Foy; district vice-president, Bro. Daniel Flynn; past district-president, Bro. Hon. William Beehan, M.L.C.; district treasurer, Bro. Michael J. Sheahan; district secretary, Bro. William Kane; Greymouth, Bros. P. Smyth and M. Keating; Charleston, Bro. C. Reynolds; Grahamstown, Bro. J. McAnteer; Dunedin, Rev. Father Coffey, Adm., and Bros. J. A. Hally and J. J. Marlow; Auckland, Bros. J. Smith, J. Corbett, and P. J. Nerheny; Christchurch, Bro. M. Grimes; Onehunga, Bro. A. J. Martin; Napier, Bros. P. Cunningham and C. Colhoun; Wellington, Bros. E. Carrigan, J. J. L. Burke, and J. W. Callaghan; Blenheim, Bro. A. J. Curry; New Plymouth, Rev. Father Ormond; Waipawa, Bro. S. McGreevey; Hastings, Bro. G. O'Shea; Leeston, Bro. J. O'Brien; New Headford, Bro. P. F. Ryan; Timaru, Bros. J. Sullivan and P. Mahoney; Masterton, Bro. B. Chapman; Milton, Bro. F. Calvey; Oamaru, Bro. D. McCarton; Waimate, Bro. M. Lyons; Denniston, Bro. J. Moye; Westport, Bros. F. O'Gorman and J. Lambert; Gisborne, Bro. A. J. Smith; Reefton, Bro. A. M. Carroll; Wellington South, Bros. T. Pender and J. B. Stead; Palmerston North, Bro. M. J. Kennedy; Waihi, Bro. J. Patterson; Kaiapoi, Bro. W. McGrath; Lower Hutt, Bros. M. J. Hodgins and C. J. O'Brien; Hawera, Bro. L. Hooker; Taihape, Bro. McLauchlin; Mania, Bro. J. Bourke; Invercargill, Bro. T. Pound; Gore, Bro. M. T. Francis; Geraldine, Bro. C. J. Murphy; Thorndon, Bros. G. J. Sellars and R. P. Flanagan; Petone, Bro. R. Moore; Opunake, Bro. E. J. O'Hanlon; Port Chalmers, Bro. F. J. Doolan; Wanganui, Bro. W. R. Setter; Inglewood, Bro. E. Dane; Levin, Bro. R. A. MacDonald; Millerton, Bro. P. Duffin; Kaponga, Bro. J. C. Crowley; Eltham, Bro. N. Reardon; Otahuhu, Bro. J. C. Griffin; Sancta Maria (Auckland), Sister V. Walsh; St. Mary's (Wellington), Sisters D. McGrath and G. O'Flaherty. The following branches were unrepresented—Ashburton, Otautau, Meanee, and Wairoa.

Rev. Father O'Sullivan, S.M. (Napier) and Rev. Father Bergin, S.M. (Waipawa) were present at several of the sittings. Greetings were received from the National Directory of the H.A.C.B. Society (Western Australia), St. Patrick's branch (Christchurch), Very Rev. Dean Regnault, S.M. (Provincial), Very Rev. Father O'Connell, S.M. and Mr. D. Mahoney (Timaru).

#### The Holy Father's Blessing.

His Lordship Bishop Cleary wired that through the Rev. Father Holbrook a message had been received bestowing upon the Conference the blessing of his Holiness Pope Pius X.

Rev. Father Coffey moved, and it was carried by acclamation, that the following cable be despatched to Monsignor O'Riordan, Irish College, Rome, for transmission—'The Hibernian Australasian Catholic Benefit Society, representing over 3000 members, sitting at Napier, New Zealand, tender respectful homage to his Holiness the Pope, thank him for his Apostolic Benediction, and assure him of our prayers.—Joseph M. Foy, president.'

Rev. Father Coffey also moved the following resolution—'The triennial movable meeting of the Hibernian Australasian Catholic Benefit Society, held at

Napier, April 9, 1913, and thoroughly representative of the Society in this Dominion, desires to heartily congratulate the Irish Parliamentary Party through its incomparable leader, Mr. John Redmond, M.P., upon the passing of the Home Rule Bill through the House of Commons; and the meeting expresses the cherished hope that the measure will soon reach the Statute Book, when a new and brighter era will dawn upon Ireland.'

Bro. J. B. Stead, in seconding the motion, said that as an Englishman it gave him very great pleasure to do so.

The motion was carried without dissent, and permission was granted to cable Home a digest of it.

#### Financial Position.

The minutes of the previous meeting were then read and confirmed. The district officers' report and balance sheet disclosed the following interesting items: Benefit members, 3096; honorary members, 321; district funeral fund, £10,123 at credit; district management fund, £571; district guarantee fund, £573; sick fund in branches (returns from eight branches still to come), £16,291; branch management funds, £1776; branch benevolent funds, £480.

A resolution of condolence with the relatives of the late Rev. Father C. J. Venning, S.M., was moved by Bro. J. W. Callaghan, seconded by Rev. Father Ormond, supported with many feeling references by Sister McGrath, Bro. Hon. W. Beehan, Bro. R. P. Flanagan and Bro. M. J. Sheahan, and carried in silence, all the delegates standing.

#### The Banquet.

The Napier, Hastings, and Waipawa branches had set apart Wednesday evening for a banquet to the district officers and delegates in the Gaiety Skating Rink. The building was excellently lighted, and decorative flags of many hues formed a pleasing canopy over the bountifully laden tables. Bro. D. J. Cummings (Napier) presided, and was supported by the clergy above mentioned with Very Rev. Father Keogh and Rev. Father Goggan, Mr. J. Vigor Brown, M.P. (Mayor), and Mr. John Payne, M.P. After full justice had been done to the ample spread provided, the following lengthy toast list was honored:—'The Pope and King' (the chairman); 'The H.A.C.B. Society,' proposed by Bro. J. W. Callaghan, and responded to by Bro. J. M. Foy, D.P., and Bro. W. Kane, D.S.; 'The delegates,' proposed by the chairman, and responded to by Bros. P. J. Nerheny and J. J. Marlow; 'N.Z. Catholic Federation,' proposed by Rev. Father O'Sullivan, and responded to by Bro. J. L. Burke; 'Our medical officers and dispenser,' proposed by Bro. W. J. McGrath; 'The commercial progress of Napier,' proposed by Bro. Hon. W. Beehan, and responded to by the Mayor of Napier (Mr. J. Vigor Brown, M.P.) and Councillors McGrath and M. Treston; 'Our chaplains and clergy,' proposed by Bro. J. Cunningham, and responded to by Rev. Father Goggan; 'Parliament of New Zealand,' proposed by Mr. J. Higgins, and responded to by Messrs. J. Vigor Brown and J. Payne, M.P.'s; 'Kindred societies,' proposed by Mr. M. Murray; 'The ladies,' proposed by Bro. T. Pound, and responded to by Sisters McGrath and O'Flaherty; 'The press,' proposed by Bro. D. Flynn, and responded to by Rev. Father Coffey. Pleasing vocal items were rendered by Mrs. C. R. Allen, Miss Walsh, Messrs. Flanagan, F. O'Shannessey, M. Treston, J. Madigan, Luke, and Hooker. The singing of 'God save Ireland' brought the proceedings to a close.

A resolution, which had for its object the restoration on the order paper of certain motions by Wellington branches and ruled out of order by the D.P., was moved by Bro. J. B. Stead, and seconded by Bro. O'Gorman. The following took part in the discussion which followed:—Bros. J. M. Foy, Smythe, Doolan, Kane, Sellars, Marlow, Flynn, Ryan, Curry, Hooker, A. J. Smith, Moore, Carroll, J. L. Burke, J. Bourke, Mahoney, Martin, Dane, Lambert, Setter, Callaghan, Patterson, Nerheny, Flanagan, Sister O'Flaherty, and Rev. Father Coffey. The motion was lost, 24 being for it and 45 against.

A motion to establish a district sick fund, comprising the whole of the moneys at credit of branch

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