

very large attendance of members, presided over by Sister D. McGrath, B.P. Final arrangements were made in connection with the annual social to be held on June 18. Six candidates were proposed. After the business had been concluded the usual session of the social club was held, and items were given by Sisters A. Lyons, I. Clisby, Henry, Beary, Curtis, M. Griffin, D. McGrath, G. O'Flaherty, and N. Bell.

The quarterly meeting of the Wellington Catholic Education Board took place on last Thursday evening. His Grace the Coadjutor-Archbishop presided, and the Ven. Archdeacon Devoy and Rev. Father Hickson were also present. Accounts totalling over £180 were passed for payment. The first year of the Board closes on June 30. Meetings of parishioners will therefore be called under the constitution to hear the report of the first year's business, and to elect fresh committees and representatives to the Board for the coming financial year. His Grace Archbishop O'Shea, who was the recipient of congratulations on his elevation, briefly returned thanks.

Rev. Father A. T. Herring, S.M., of St. Anne's, who is shortly to join the Marist missionary staff, is at present engaged in actively endeavoring to increase the membership of St. Aloysius' branch of the H.A.C.B. Society. At the 7.30 and 9 o'clock Masses a few Sundays ago he made a special appeal to the congregation on behalf of the Hibernian Society. He eulogised its work, especially its recent work in connection with education and Catholic Federation. He also dealt with its aims and objects, which were purely Catholic, and defended the title of the society. What better name (he said) could Catholics select? Was there not something noble and glorious in the traditions and faith of the country which it honored, and which has given so many of her children to the Church? Should they not be just as proud of the name of Hibernian as were non-Catholics of the titles 'Druids,' 'Oddfellows,' etc? Surely Catholics, if they but thought, would realise the difference—the title Hibernian, therefore, was a very poor excuse for Catholics to offer for not entering its ranks. The membership of the society was restricted to practical Catholics irrespective of their nationality. The appeal had its effect, and a good number handed in their names for membership.

### Woodville

A most successful social in connection with St. Columbkille's Church, Woodville, was held on Wednesday evening, June 4. There was a large attendance, and a most enjoyable time was spent. Everything possible (says the local *Examiner*) was done to ensure the enjoyment of those present, and a most dainty supper was provided. The decorations, though perhaps not as elaborate as on other occasions, looked very well, the large shamrocks and harp at the back of the stage proving most effective. Mr. Cronin thanked all those who had assisted in any way, and apologised for the absence of Father Long. Musical items rendered by Mrs. Vogt, and Misses Hebditch and Miller, and Messrs Vogt and Martin, a hornpipe by Mr. Fahey, and recitations by Mr. Haybittle, were all appreciated. The accompaniments were played by Mrs. Vogt, Misses Cooper, Miller and Murphy and Mr. Savage. Mrs. Scally was in charge of the supper, and with a number of assistants gave the greatest satisfaction. The undoubted success of the function must have been very gratifying to the secretary (Mr. P. Cosgrove) and the committee.

### Wanganui

(From our own correspondent.)

June 14.

A very enjoyable evening was spent at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Neylon, Mathieson street, on Thursday evening, by a very large number of friends of Mr. T. Boyle, who leaves on Tuesday next for Sydney, to study for the priesthood. Songs were contributed by Mr. L. Loftus and Rev. Father Moloney, and a recitation by Mr. T. Souter, who gave as an encore 'The Irish

brigade.' During the evening Mr. W. Neylon spoke of the many good qualities of the guest of the evening, and, in wishing him every success, presented him with a silver-mounted umbrella.

A very successful social was held in the Aramoho Catholic Schoolroom on Thursday evening, June 5. Mr. Tait gave some clever exhibitions of conjuring, and rendered two comic songs in good style during the evening. Miss Melody and Master Stroombant gave a duet, their singing being very good. The ladies provided an excellent supper. Very Rev. Dean Holley and Rev. Father Moloney attended during the evening. The St. Joseph's conference, St. Vincent de Paul Society, had the management of the social.

### Westport

(From our own correspondent.)

June 6.

The Allen Doone Company concluded on June 3 a most successful season of three nights, the house being crowded each evening. On Monday evening Mr. Doone was entertained at a banquet in the club room by the members of the H.A.C.B. Society and St. Canice's Catholic Club. Mr. J. Matthews (president of the club) was chairman, and Mr. F. Calnon (president of the Hibernian Society) occupied the vice-chair. During the evening a number of toasts were honored, the speakers being the chairman, Messrs. Allen Doone, Doyle and Kehoe (members of the company), A. M. Kirby, W. Terry, A. Galbraith, J. J. Molony, F. O'Gorman, N. Barry, M. Murphy, M. Honnessey, F. Calnon, H. F. Cotter, J. Pearce, and P. Murphy. The following contributed vocal and elocutionary items:—Messrs. Allen Doone, C. Rees, A. Galbraith, F. O'Gorman, F. Calnon. Mr. Kehoe presided at the piano.

### New Plymouth

(From an occasional correspondent.)

June 13.

The Taranaki Agricultural Winter Show, which is being held this week in the Coronation Hall, New Plymouth, is a great success, and deserves well the very liberal patronage that has been extended to it. The pupils of the Sisters of the Mission, New Plymouth Convent, show many very creditable exhibits, including some lovely specimens of art needlework. The following are amongst those who obtained prizes:—Noel Jackson, Mabel Francis (writing), Noel Jackson (1st sewing). Wood-carving (chip)—Eileen Mannix, 1; Lawrence Allen, 2; K. Rigg, 3. Wood-carving (junior class)—Greta Callaghan, 1. Poker work—Esther Fitzgerald, 2. Stencilled, painted, and lace cushions took second prizes, and were highly commended.

I understand that the refinery in connection with our local petroleum works is completed, and the process of refining the crude oil now in stock will be commenced next week.

### DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

June 16.

The Very Rev. Father Graham, S.M. (Rector of St. Bede's Collegiate School), and Rev. Father Hoare, S.M. (St. Mary's, Christchurch North), left last week on a round to the South Sea Islands.

A week's retreat for members of both divisions of the arch-confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament, to be conducted by the Rev. Father Creagh, C.S.S.R., is to commence in the Cathedral on next Sunday evening.

Taking advantage of the mid-winter vacation, Rev. Brother Clement, Principal of the Sacred Heart College, Auckland, passed through Christchurch last week on a brief visit to the various communities of his Order in the South Island. It will be very pleasing to the many friends of the Marist Brothers in the Dominion to know that their fine institution in the northern city is experiencing a record year in point of numbers of students, over ninety boarders being in residence at the college, with a splendid spirit of industry and progress prevailing.



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