

sick visitors, Bros. L. Swan, M. McKinney, and V. McKeown; delegate to Friendly Societies' Dispensary Board, Bro. M. McGahey; representatives on the H.A.C.B. Society's Council, Bros. J. A. Humphrey, Rev. Father Hickson, R. P. Flanagan, and the secretary; school committee, Bros. R. P. Flanagan, Thos. Tiller, M. Murphy, and L. Blake; Catholic Federation (parish committee), Bros. R. P. Flanagan and J. W. Callaghan; auditors, Bros. G. J. Sellars, sen., and T. Darby. An earnest appeal was made to the members to support the Wellington Catholic Education fund. The installation of the officers was held over until the next meeting. Prior to the opening of the half-yearly meeting, a special meeting was held to consider the motion to secede from the Auckland district, and after a good debate the motion was carried by eighteen votes to three.

Wanganui

(From our own correspondent.)

July 4.

Mr. J. Moriarty left on Monday for Waverley. He reports that the circulation of the *Tablet* has been doubled in this district.

Work on the new presbytery is progressing steadily. His Grace Archbishop Redwood will lay the foundation stone on Sunday, July 27.

The most successful euchre party that has ever taken place in Wanganui was held in St. Joseph's Hall on Thursday evening, when the building was crowded. Prizes were won by Mesdames Lintz and T. Wilson, Miss N. Meehan, and Mr. T. Morgan. Great credit is due to these ladies, who provided such a capital supper. Among those present were the Very Rev. Dean Holley, S.M., and Rev. Father Moloney, S.M.

The quarterly meeting of the Hibernian Society was held last Tuesday evening, when there was a large attendance of members. The nomination of officers for the ensuing term was the most important item on the order paper, and, judging by the number of nominations received, there will be keen competition for the various offices. The secretary and treasurer were returned unopposed. The members heard with sincere regret of the illness of the warden (Bro. J. Cronin). They trust that he will soon be able to attend the meetings.

New Plymouth

(From our own correspondent.)

July 4.

On Monday, July 7, the Convent schools will re-open after the midwinter holidays.

The Rolland Hall was very prettily decorated on Wednesday evening, July 2, when the ex-pupils of the New Plymouth Convent Schools held their annual reunion. A large number of invitations were issued, and though the weather was most unfavorable not a great many missed the opportunity of being present. The front portion of the stage was furnished as a drawing-room, nicely arranged supper tables making an effective background. During the evening some of the guests contributed vocal items which were very well received. All the arrangements were carried out by the Children of Mary, Miss M. Jones acting as secretary; and much credit is due to them for providing such an enjoyable entertainment.

DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

July 7.

The Rev. Father Creagh, C.S.S.R., left towards the end of last week for the south for the purpose of conducting retreats at Oamaru and Ashburton.

The first grain elevator erected in the Dominion on the lines of those which form so conspicuous a figure on the American and Canadian landscape is now in operation at Addington.

In the Cathedral on last Tuesday evening, the Rev. Father Creagh, C.S.S.R., addressed a combined meeting

of the arch-confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament. There was a very large attendance and many new members were received.

Incidentally touching upon educational matters in his discourse at Mass at Sumner on Sunday last, the Very Rev. Chancellor Price, Adm., said that in view of the travesties of religion so painfully observable, it was little wonder that Catholics were such ardent sticklers for the education of their children in their own schools as a necessary safeguard.

The confraternity of Ladies of Charity of the Cathedral and St. Mary's parishes are represented by Mrs G. Buchanan and Miss L. Johnson respectively on the Mayoral Coal and Blanket Fund Committee, which is now in full operation for the winter in relieving the discomfort of many poor people. These ladies will see that the deserving ones among our Catholic population receive a fair share of the benefits distributed.

The members of the Marist Brothers' Old Boys' Association and Cadet Corps marched to the Cathedral on last Sunday morning, for the half-past 9 o'clock Mass celebrated by the Rev. Father Murphy, B.A. (chaplain), and approached the Holy Table in a body. At the conclusion of Mass all returned to the boys' schoolroom, where breakfast was laid and attended to by young lady friends of the association. A lengthy toast list was duly honored. The cadets were under the command of Lieutenant Thoms, and mustered about eighty, making a very fine showing.

Hokitika

(From an occasional correspondent.)

June 28.

At the meeting of St. Mary's Club last Tuesday evening, the first of the medal speech competitions was held. The president (Mr. Neil Warren) was in the chair. Mr. A. E. Lawrence (the donor of the medal) acted as judge, and made the following awards:—Mr. J. Hanrahan ('Robert Emmet'), 100 points; Mr. G. Wormington ('The value of debating societies'), 98 points; Mr. J. Downey ('Socialism'), 91 points. Mr. Warren proposed, and Mr. Wormington seconded, a vote of thanks to the judge, after which refreshments were handed round. There are seven more items to be competed for, and the winner must obtain the highest aggregate of marks during the session.

Temuka

(From our own correspondent.)

The Marist Missionary Fathers returned home on Saturday after three months' arduous labors on the West Coast. From an interesting conversation with one of the Fathers I learn that they began their missions at Greymouth. This mission lasted three weeks, and was attended by a large concourse of people. Every portion of the parish was visited, and missions were given in the following places:—Barrytown, Dunollie, Rewanui, Cobden, Brunnerton, and Paroa. Over two thousand confessions were heard and Holy Communion was given about twelve thousand times. The arch-confraternity of the Most Blessed Sacrament was established, and the membership of the various societies and confraternities was increased.

In Hokitika a fortnight's mission was given, and a week at Kanieri. Seven hundred confessions were heard in this parish and Holy Communion was given about five thousand times. A branch of the arch-confraternity of the Most Blessed Sacrament was established, also a branch of the Hibernian Society.

In the Ahaura parish, the following places were visited, and missions given:—Blackball, Nelson Creek, Ahaura, Totara Flat, Moana, Rotomanu, Te Kinga, Ruru, Aratika, Maori Gully, Maori Creek, Kokiri, No Town, Ngahere, and Marsden. In this very scattered parish, which is worked with great difficulty, 505 confessions were heard, and all who could received Holy Communion each day of the mission.

The Ross parish, which comprises Ross, Rimu, and Ruatapu, with many outside stations in South Westland, was visited, and 330 confessions were heard. The

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