

J. J. L. Burke. The principal business discussed was the report of the district half-yearly meeting, especially on the proposed sub-district legislation, announced at that meeting by the district-president. In view of the announcement, it was agreed to recommend branches to withhold, in the meantime, the secession notices pending further information as to the District Executive's intentions. The members of St. Patrick's and St. Mary's branches of the H.A.C.B. Society will approach the Holy Table in a body at the 7.30 o'clock Mass at St. Joseph's Church, Buckle street, on Sunday, September 28.

An enjoyable evening was spent in St. Patrick's Hall on last Thursday night by the Children of Mary, Te Aro. Among the visitors present were Very Rev. Dean Regnault, S.M. (Provincial), Rev. Fathers Hurley (director), Barra, Schaefer, and Tymons. A splendid musical programme was contributed to by Misses Jansen, B. and M. Lawlor, M. Griffin, Clisby, Curtis, O'Sullivan, and Murphy. Advantage was taken of the occasion to present Miss B. Lawlor (past-president) with an afternoon tea set, in view of her approaching marriage. Rev. Father Hurley made the presentation, and in doing so referred to the great services rendered to the sodality by Miss Lawlor, particularly during her term as president. In conclusion, he extended to her the best wishes of the members. Miss Lawlor suitably responded.

I very much regret to chronicle the death of Mrs. Connor, of Northland, which occurred last Tuesday evening. The deceased lady was a noted Church worker, and she was indefatigable in her efforts to secure a school-chapel for Northland. She endeared herself to a large circle of friends and acquaintances by her winning and gentle ways. For the past six months Mrs. Connor had been confined to her bed, but this did not prevent her from working for the cause she loved so dearly, and she spent the long period she was in bed in dressing dolls and arranging toys for a monster Christmas tree which she proposed erecting on the lawn in front of her residence. The interment took place on Wednesday, prior to which the Rev. Father Hickson, S.M., Adm., celebrated a Requiem Mass in the little school-chapel on the Hill for the first time—a fitting tribute to one who had done so much in securing its erection. Mrs. Connor leaves a husband to mourn her loss, and to him is extended the sincerest sympathy of a large circle of friends in his bereavement.—R.I.P.

DIocese OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

September 22.

A successful entertainment was given on last Wednesday evening in the Hibernian Hall in aid of the funds for furnishing the H.A.C.B. Society's and Marist Brothers' Old Boys' combined section in the projected Cathedral carnival. There was a large audience, and the well-selected programme was much enjoyed. Two selections in good style were given by the M.B.O.B.'s orchestra; the Marist Brothers' junior pupils contributed an excellent exhibition of club and dumb-bell drill; Miss Egan and Master Darragh danced a sailor's hornpipe and an Irish jig; the Convent pupils sang a chorus, and Misses Wacked and O'Brien a duet; vocal solos were given by Miss W. Brick, Messrs W. McKay, and W. Bell, and Master R. McLaughlin. Mr. M. Grimes and Mr. W. P. Daly shared the secretarial duties.

On last Thursday evening the Marist Brothers' Old Boys gave a reception in the Brothers' school to the Catholic members of the Australian Rugby football team, there being a very large attendance to honor the guests of the evening. Amongst those present were the Rev. Fathers O'Boyle, Long, Murphy, B.A. Mr. Morgan (manager), Mr. Fahey (vice-captain), and several members of the New Zealand team.

On behalf of the M.B.O.B., Mr. Smythe cordially welcomed the visitors to Christchurch, and hoped that

their visit would be one of pleasure. Rev. Brother Calixtus, on behalf of the Brothers and present pupils, also extended a very hearty welcome, and sincerely hoped that their visit would be profitable and enjoyable.

Mr. Morgan, on rising to reply, was received with prolonged applause. He thanked one and all for their kind words of welcome, and said that everywhere they had been in the Dominion they had been overwhelmed with kindness. The members of the team were fine fellows, which made his work as manager one of very great pleasure. They would all carry back to Australia happy recollections of their visit to New Zealand, but especially of their sojourn amongst the people of Christchurch.

Light refreshments were then handed around, after which several games were indulged in, concluding with an excellent programme of music to which the following contributed:—Piano solo, Mr. P. Augarde; songs—Misses F. Gardiner and I. Main, Messrs. R. Moloney, W. McKay, Johnston, Jamieson, and C. Lawrence; recitations, Miss O'Donnell. The accompaniments were played by Mr. P. C. Augarde.

The Rev. Father Murphy, B.A., goes this week from the Cathedral parish to assist in the wide parochial district of Ahaura, Westland.

On the occasion of the recent visit to Christchurch of Sister G. O'Flaherty and Sister D. McGrath, president and past-president respectively of St. Mary's (ladies') branch of the H.A.C.B. Society, Wellington, every attention was extended to them by the members of St. Patrick's branch in this city. Among other means promoted for their enjoyment was a very pleasant drive through the suburbs to Nazareth House and Mount Magdala. In a four-in-hand drag, supplied by the Rink Stables, Misses O'Flaherty and McGrath, a large party of members and their lady friends, and the branch chaplain (Rev. Father O'Boyle), participated in the outing, the visitors being much impressed with these admirable institutions. The party were entertained at afternoon tea by the Nuns of the Good Shepherd, whilst they and the Sisters of Nazareth were cordially thanked, on behalf of the company, by Bro. H. A. Sloan, B.P., for their kindness and hospitality. The return drive to the city concluded a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon.

Christchurch North

September 15.

Very Rev. Dean Binsfield is at present the guest of the Very Rev. Dean Hills, S.M., V.G.

The enrolling of members of the Catholic Federation took place at all the Masses on Sunday, and will be continued for the next few Sundays. The secretary, Mr. T. Cape-Williamson, was in attendance at all the Masses.

The solemnities in connection with the Feast of the Holy Name of Mary, and patronal feast of the church, were held on Sunday afternoon, and consisted of Rosary, sermon, procession in honor of our Lady, and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. There was a very large congregation. The Children of Mary, numbering about 50, took part in the procession. An eloquent sermon was preached by the Rev. Father Quinn, S.M. (St. Bede's), who took for his text 'Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou amongst women.' Very Rev. Father Graham, S.M., assisted by the Rev. Fathers Hoare and Dignan, S.M., officiated at Benediction, the Very Rev. Dean Hills, S.M., being present in the sanctuary.

Ashburton

(From our own correspondent.)

An 'At home,' under the auspices of the Catholic Young Men's Club, was held in the Catholic boys' schoolroom on September 17, Mr. T. M. Brophy presiding. The usual procedure was followed—progressive euchre, musical programme, and supper. The progressive euchre prizes were won by Miss T. Hicks and Mr.

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