

Federation had secured a boardroom and secretary's office in Lower Cuba street, and the office would be open all day, so that no Catholic who came to Wellington need be without a word of cheer and a friend.

Father Hurley, who was greeted with applause, traced the history of the guilds, from the apprenticeship period up to that of employer. He showed that many of the reforms which workmen were now agitating for existed in those so-called 'dark ages,' such as limitation of apprentices to the number of journeymen employed, the provision of baths for the workmen, arbitration and conciliation. Indeed, in the rev. lecturer's opinion, the only way to get rid of the present unrest, and the grinding of the unfortunate work-people by greedy capitalists, particularly in older countries, was to return in some modified way to the methods of the Mediaeval trade guilds, whose watch-words were 'Justice and Charity.' The lecturer indicated how bad work and dishonorable actions were rendered almost impossible by the rules of the guilds, and no workman could rise to the rank of employer till he had proved his fitness for the position. Hospitals, churches, and other charitable institutions were built and endowed by the guilds. There was no pauperism in those days. Various hostels were provided for the needy, and workmen in search of employment had the right of putting up at these hostels for a night or two. 'Pauperism was not a relic of the so-called dark ages,' said the rev. lecturer. 'That came after the Reformation had destroyed the guilds and confiscated their properties.'

On the motion of Archbishop O'Shea, and Mr. J. J. L. Burke, a hearty vote of thanks was passed to Father Hurley for his lecture. His Grace also spoke briefly as to the objects of the Federation.

Master O'Brien played a violin solo, 'The last rose of summer,' during an interval of the lecture, and was warmly applauded for his clever execution.

Wanganui

(From our own correspondent.)

October 10.

St. Mary's Church and the Marist Brothers' School are at present being renovated.

A most successful concert was given by the members and friends of the Aramoho conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society at the Jubilee Home on last Thursday evening. The following contributed to the musical portion of the programme:—Misses M. Lacy, E. and N. Dowling, L. Roche, Melody, and Houlihan, and Messrs. F. J. Shanley, Litchwark, Nicholson, A. McWilliam, and Masters Sussmilch, and Duigan. The supper, which was provided by the ladies, was all that could be desired. The old people thoroughly enjoyed the evening's programme, and Messrs. E. Provost and Louisson are to be congratulated on its success.

DIocese OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

October 13.

Mrs Arthur Mead, of Christchurch, has been engaged for the leading soprano rôle in the Wellington Choral Society's production of the oratorio, 'Judas Maccabeus,' next month.

This week the H.A.C.B. Society are giving another 'social evening' to aid in the accumulation of funds for furnishing their stall at the Cathedral carnival. A similar entertainment is being arranged for next week in the Oddfellows' Hall by the Children of Mary and Ladies of Charity, to help in a similar object.

St. Mary's Tennis Club met last week preparatory to the present playing season. The Rev. Father Hoare, S.M., presided over a good attendance of members. Mr. J. Devonport was elected secretary, and other offices were also filled. The asphalt court has been greatly improved, and is now in a good condition.

The Marist Missionaries—Very Rev. Father O'Connell (Superior) and Rev. Fathers McCarthy and Herring—are now engaged preaching missions at St. Mary's Church, Manchester street. A children's mission was begun on last Wednesday, and concluded with the usual ceremonies on Sunday afternoon. At the 11 o'clock Mass on last Sunday, the mission for women was begun.

A social gathering, successful in every respect, was held in the Art Gallery on last Tuesday evening. The event was promoted by Mrs. W. Hayward, jun., and Miss Johnston, stallholders representing St. Mary's at the projected carnival in aid of the Cathedral fund. All sections of the building were thrown open, the large crowd being entertained in a variety of ways. Progressive euchre occupied attention at the outset, and an excellent supper was served. Among those present was the Rev. Father O'Boyle of the Cathedral.

Among diploma winners at the recent arts and crafts exhibition in connection with the Canterbury Art Society were several talented pupils of the Sisters of Mercy, of St. Mary's Convent, Colombo street. These include Misses Winnie Barcock, Vera Wilson, and Kathleen O'Donohue. A press descriptive note stated: A special little stand shows the fine and varied work of Miss W. Barcock, a centrepiece in fawn and blue, and two exquisitely-worked collars in point lace holding the place of honor. The practical side of dress embroidery is displayed at the adjacent table. Miss V. Wilson shows a prettily-worked silk blouse. Miss K. O'Donohue's drawn-thread tablecloth is worth inspection, as are pillow-shams worked in Mountmellick by Miss W. Barcock.

A really fine entertainment, organised by Mr. Frank McDonald, was given in the rooms of the Christchurch Catholic Club on last Monday evening. The promoters were fortunate in securing the best local amateur talent for the occasion. The object was to help the club to furnish its stall at the Cathedral carnival, each patron being expected to donate a gift for the purpose. There was quite a large and appreciative audience, and the response was a generous one. The concert programme included a pianoforte solo by Mr. A. Weir, songs by Messrs. Greig Russell, B. Pannell, Gladstone Ward, V. Rodgers, T. Charters, Misses Marjorie Saunders, and Stella Murray; recitations, monologues, or dramatic scenes by Miss Alice Saunders, Messrs. Lyon, McD. Vincent, Frank McDonald; violin solo by Mr. J. Mercer, and conjuring by Mrs. Les. Cookson. At the conclusion the performers were heartily thanked for their efforts, and entertained by the club.

Christchurch North

October 13.

The appeal made by the Very Rev. Dean Hills, S.M., V.G., towards the cost of erecting the new fence and gates, which amounted to over £90, has met with a ready response.

The mission for the children was concluded on Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, the children renewing their Baptismal vows. The mission for women was opened after the 11 o'clock Mass. At the evening devotions Very Rev. Father O'Connell, S.M., preached to a crowded congregation.

DIocese OF AUCKLAND

(By telegraph, from our own correspondent.)

October 13.

An entertainment in aid of the Cathedral building fund will take place on the 16th inst. in St. Benedict's Hall.

Rev. Father O'Sullivan, C.S.S.R., addressing the members of the Holy Family Confraternity last evening, said one would judge, from the news that floated through the cables to these countries, that there were no Catholics in Belfast, whereas they numbered 98,000 in that great city.

Langford and Rhind

(Late W. & H. LANGFORD), FUNERAL FURNISHERS & EMBALMERS
LONDON STREET. Phone 689. Box 523.

Address—HERBERT LANGFORD, 19 London St., Richmond (Phone 689).

TOWN OFFICE—104 O'Connell St. (Phone 812).

JOHN RHIND, 106 Montreal St., Sydenham (Phone 1809).