

Ricketts replied. The evening closed with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" and the college song. Mr. Finer made a very able accompanist.

St. Mary's dance, which proved a great success, was held in Scott's Hall last week, and a very big crowd of dancers assembled to enjoy the function. The dance music was played by an excellent orchestra. Miss Snedden (secretary) is to be congratulated on her capital arrangements, which contributed so largely to the evening's enjoyment.

St. Benedict's Tennis Club held a very successful dance on Thursday evening, the 13th August, at the club rooms. The energetic efforts of the committee were reflected in the tasteful way the hall was arranged, the splendid attendance, and the amusement provided for those who participated in the various games during the evening. It was really a very enjoyable function, and as a series are being held the success of the one under notice promises well for the remainder. An inviting supper was provided by the ladies' committee. Misses K. O'Leary and B. Heaton and Mr. J. Hand were responsible for the excellent dance music.

The parishioners of the Church of the Assumption, Onehunga, assembled at St. Mary's Hall last week to welcome their new pastor, the Very Rev. Mgr. Cahill. The hall was very tastefully decorated for the occasion and was packed to the doors, not even standing room being available. Mr. J. Sutherland presided, and on the platform were Rev. Fathers O'Byrne, Skinner, Kearin, Brennan, Dougherty, and the guest of the evening. An address of welcome was read by the chairman, and complimentary remarks were made by members of the clergy present. Mgr. Cahill was received with pronounced applause, and expressed his pleasure at the hearty welcome accorded him. He said he would do his utmost in the interests of the parish, and would expect the hearty co-operation of the parishioners. During the evening items were rendered by Miss Myra Rae, the pupils of the Convent School, Messrs. Stan Pritchard, Wright, McKenna, Jones (violin solo), and Master Thomas. The accompaniments were very tastefully played by Miss M. Higgins, L.T.C.L., and a very inviting supper, provided by a ladies' committee, completed a most enjoyable function. The opportunity was also taken to make a small presentation to the Rev. Father Dougherty, who has filled the position of curate for the past twelve months. Mr. O. McCarten made the presentation—a wallet of notes. Miss Kearin also presented the Rev. Father with a travelling rug, the gift of the Children of Mary. Father Dougherty thanked the parishioners very feelingly for their presentation and kind wishes.

August 20.

One of the most notable gatherings that has yet taken place in St. Patrick's Cathedral was witnessed last Sunday when probably 800 officers and men of the American Fleet attended High Mass which was celebrated in their honor. The cathedral was packed to the doors, hundreds of parishioners being unable to obtain seating accommo-

modation. The Rev. Dr. Buxton was celebrant. His Lordship Bishop Cleary, who wore his war decorations, was attended at Mass by Captain Chaplain Brodmann, the senior Catholic chaplain of the United States Navy. Chaplain Brodmann delivered in person a message from Cardinal Hayes of New York. In doing so, he said that it was a source of great pleasure to him to convey publicly to the Hierarchy and people of New Zealand a message from Cardinal John Hayes. When informed that the United States Navy was making a cruise to the antipodes the Cardinal decided to send a letter of greeting.

In replying to the message Bishop Cleary welcomed the members of the Fleet as men holding the same faith as those who discovered the colonised their great continent over 400 years ago, and who first spread the gospel of Christ there. He also welcomed them as members of the household of the Faith and living emblems of the world wide unity of the Church. Their great northern Republic was founded by Protestants and Catholics who were united in making good the corner stone of the nation; in placing His Holy Name on its coinage, and regarding moral values as the highest ones and high personal character the real strength of a people. The Bishop also welcomed the Fleet, not as an instrument of war but as a guarantee of peace, and he expressed the belief that the Great Northern Republic would take an honorable part in promoting disarmament and universal peace as it had taken the honorable part in the war that, it was hoped, would end all war. Finally, the Right Rev. speaker regarded the true and solid foundation of permanent peace the one described and based on Christian principles—"The peace of Christ in the Kingdom of Christ."



Diocese of Christchurch

(From our own Correspondent.)

August 15.

The Children of Mary held their annual dance in the Hibernian Hall recently, and it proved a great success. Bloggs' band supplied excellent music, and Miss K. Kiely and her energetic committee have received sufficient encouragement to warrant another venture.

The Druids' Hall at Woolston was largely attended on the occasion of a carnival dance organised by Mrs. Rich in connection with the garden fete to be held in St. Anne's grounds on the last Saturday in November. Rev. Father Timony attended, and the programme was in the capable hands of Mr. Lanyon.

St. Mary's branch of the H.A.C.B. Society held its ordinary meeting in the Ozanam Lodge the other Monday evening. Following are the office-bearers:—President, Bro. S. N. Hooper; vice-president, Bro. F. Wilson; secretary, Bro. J. H. Johnston; treasurer, Bro. D. A. Roche; warden, Bro. W. Bean; guardian, Bro. W. L. Smith; assistant secretary, Bro. G. P. Anderson; past president, Bro. W. L. C'Sullivan; sick visitors, Bros. J. Ormandy and P. Gunn, P.P.'s. Two new members were received,

and sick allowance passed for payment. The "question box" recently instituted for the wind-up of meetings proves interesting and instructive. It is having a beneficial influence on the younger members from the standpoint of impromptu speaking.

After Vespers at the Cathedral the other Sunday evening, the choir met to say farewell to Miss Florrie Gardner, who is leaving for the North Island. Rev. Father Lordan, Adm., on behalf of the members, in presenting Miss Gardner with a handsome music case, asked her to accept it as a small token of appreciation of her keen interest in and devoted service given to the work of the choir. He expressed the regret of all concerned at Miss Gardner's departure, and wished her every success in the future. Miss M. O'Connor spoke of the loss sustained by the choir in the departure of so enthusiastic a member, thanked Miss Gardner for her valuable assistance, and assured her that in the event of a return this way, she would receive a warm welcome. Miss Gardner suitably replied.

Some short time ago Rev. Father J. Hanrahan, Papanui, inaugurated weekly euchre parties in aid of his parish fund. These have proved popular attractions, and the second six weekly aggregate is now in progress.

Rev. Father Timony, Woolston, expresses his gratitude to those who showed their practical interest in the two functions held recently in aid of the church funds.

A produce stall, conducted on a recent Saturday morning by Mrs. L. Williams at Everybody's Theatre, in aid of the Riccarton presbytery fund, realised £22. Father T. Hanrahan is grateful for the support accorded. A dance held in "Dixieland" for the same object was well patronised. A garden fete in connection with the Riccarton parish, which was postponed owing to the prevalence of infantile paralysis, is now to be held in the grounds of "Villa Maria," Lower Riccarton, on November 21.

Rev. Brother Basil, who has been an inmate of Lewisham Hospital, will shortly resume his collecting work for the Marist Brothers' novitiate.

Rev. Father J. O'Connell, S.M., whose health has greatly improved, is expected back at St. Mary's in September.

With deep regret the death is announced of Mr. Percy Augarde, a well-known teacher of music. St. Mary's parishioners particularly will miss his generously given services as an accompanist. He was the sole support of his widowed mother, and to her a wide circle of friends extend their sympathy.—R.I.P.

Two parishioners of the Cathedral—Mrs. Nelson, of Hawdon Street, and Miss G. Sloane, Mowbray Street—passed away recently.—R.I.P.

It has been decided to hold the long-deferred garden fete in aid of Nazareth House on Saturday and Monday, October 24 and 26.

The second offertory in aid of the Cathedral schools which is taken up on the second Sunday of each month, is being generously responded to. For the six collections now made the sum realised exceeds £250.

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