

evening was devoted to progressive euchre, the prizes being won by Mrs. G. Brady and Mr. W. McGrath, while the consolation awards went to Miss K. Cassidy and Mr. W. Coleman. After a dainty supper Miss Cassidy, on behalf of the party, made a presentation to Mr. and Mrs. Reidy. Mr. L. P. Devlin also spoke, and Mr. Reidy suitably replied. Musical items were given by Mr. G. Hutchison and Mr. S. Devlin. The singing of "Auld Lang Syne" brought an enjoyable evening to a close.

Gore Notes

(From our own Correspondent.)

October 1.

Arrangements are well in hand for the forthcoming bazaar which is to be held this month to raise funds for the building of a new convent. The various stallholders have held several entertainments, dances, pictures, etc., in the endeavor to raise funds for the stalls. The functions have been well patronised and for this the local congregation deserve credit, there being so many calls. The nuns are sadly in need of more spacious accommodation, and it behoves all to help as much as possible in this good cause and do their utmost to see our good Sisters comfortably housed and provided for.

The recently formed Gore Catholic Debating Club held a mock banquet at the Federal Cabaret on Monday evening last, the 28th inst., which was largely attended by ladies and friends of the members. Mr. R. Fraser occupied the chair, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. Considering this was the first appearance of the club in public, the members did full justice to themselves and some good speeches were heard, especially from among the younger members, the majority of whom, with a little more experience, will make real good speakers and should have no qualms about voicing their convictions at any public function. The musical and elocutionary items given by the ladies and members of the club were greatly appreciated. At the close of the banquet dancing was indulged in until midnight, good music being supplied by Miss M. Cronin, Mr. B. Ferguson (piano), and Messrs. E. Cronin, J. J. Casey, and R. L. Stevenson (jazz effects). A toast list was duly honored, the loyal toast being proposed by Rev. Father Lennon; "The Clergy" by Mr. J. Columb, and responded to by Father Lennon (in the unavoidable absence of Very Rev. Father O'Donnell); "Parliament of New Zealand" by Mr. M. Fitzgerald, and replied to by Mr. M. Daly; "The Guests" by Mr. R. Fraser, and replied to by Mr. M. Roche; "The Ladies" by Mr. J. B. Kerr, and replied to by Messrs. W. Duggan and J. Fleming; "Sporting Bodies" by Mr. F. Columb, and replied to by Messrs. G. T. Adamson, J. J. Casey, and E. Fitzgerald; "Our Defenders" by Mr. E. Columb, and replied to by Messrs. J. Mallon and R. Frazer; "The Club" by Mr. M. Roche, and replied to by Messrs. E. Hickey and C. Duncan; "The Press" by Mr. A. H. Smith, and replied to by Mr. P. J. Fotheringham; "The Chairman" by Mr. A. H. Smith, and replied to by Rev. Father Lennon. Musical and elocutionary items were kindly contributed by the following: Misses V. Inder and M. Cronin (songs), S. Inder (recitation),

Messrs. R. L. Stevenson and M. Cronin (songs), A. H. Smith (recitation).

Greymouth Notes

(From our own Correspondent.)

October 4.

Last Tuesday evening the Convent Ex-pupils' Association held a variety entertainment in St. Columba Hall. The proceeds were £30 12s, which has been donated towards a new motor car for the priests.

Euchres and socials in aid of the new convent continue to be well patronised and very hard work is being done by the different stallholders at the coming bazaar. The convent itself is nearing completion. Standing as it does, facing one of the main streets of Greymouth, it is a great acquisition to the town, and is a fine example of how the Catholics can work for their church.

Father McMonagle is away on a short holiday.

Last Thursday a Children's Mission began. This was very well attended, and at the closing exercises to-day, the Missioners expressed themselves as very pleased with the children.

To-day the Redemptorist Missioners—Fathers McLaughlin and Glover—commenced a mission for adults. This was opened at the ten o'clock Mass this morning. This evening Father McLaughlin preached an eloquent sermon on "What doth it profit a man." The church was crowded, and it is to be hoped the good attendance will continue for the week of the mission.

Napier Notes

(From our own Correspondent.)

October 5.

After what has been a most successful dancing season for this town, the curtain was rung down on Wednesday night last, and it was left to the ever-popular Wembley Club

to stage the "grand finale." That the club's effort to do so was a success is easily understood from the large and happy crowd of dancers present. Decorations that were the last word in tastefulness, a sumptuous supper and the haunting music played by the orchestras of Mrs. Keane and Mr. W. Mitchell, all went to make up what has been the most enjoyable ball held in Napier for some years. Much praise is due to this social club for its efforts to raise parish funds, and I am sure that all will join in congratulating the members of the Wembley Club on their splendid endeavors, knowing full well that the dances that have been held are only forerunners of more joyous functions to come.

At present those masters of song the Sistine Soloists are amongst us, and the music-lovers of Napier, in their splendid reception to these grand exponents of the vocal art, have disproved the accusations that have from time to time been hurled at them, concerning their amazing lack of enthusiasm and inability to appreciate selections from the classics. On Sunday evening, St. Patrick's Church was packed, when these singers rendered the music for Benediction; their glorious voices blending in beautiful harmony. To listen to some of the opinions with regard to these soloists the average person is rather inclined to think that his credulity is being somewhat taxed, but to listen for oneself all doubts immediately vanish, and the Napier audiences will regret the conclusion of their season.

Parishioners and friends of Mr. W. J. McGrath will be gratified to learn that he is gradually recovering from his long illness. Mr. McGrath has been a prominent and popular parishioner and citizen for a number of years, and the residents of Napier as a whole will be pleased to hear of him being well and about and able to take his position on the various public bodies in this town.

Catholic University Students' Guild, Wellington

The Catholic University Students' Guild closed its lectures for 1925 on September 27. His Grace Archbishop O'Shea presided at the last meeting and there were 80 members present. An address on "The Humanity of Christ" was given by the secretary, Rev. B. J. Ryan, S.M. The annual report was then read as follows:—

The rev. president and committee have much pleasure in presenting the fourth annual report of the C.U.S.G. After some delay due to the epidemic of infantile paralysis, the guild held its first meeting for the year 1925 on April 5. At this meeting the following office-bearers were elected:—President, Very Rev. T. A. Gilbert, S.M., M.A.; vice-president, Mr. F. Grogan; secretary and treasurer, Rev. B. J. Ryan, S.M., M.A.; committee, Miss O'Connell, Messrs. Cleary, LL.B., Ruck, and Dr. Lyuch. The president spoke on the object and purposes of the guild, dwelling on the results of the past three years and on the opportunities of the 1925 session.

The meetings were held fortnightly at St. Patrick's College. Twelve meetings in all were held between April 5 and September 27, a number which has been the average since 1922. These meetings took place dur-

ing the three terms at Victoria University College. The attendance has shown marked advance on that of previous years. In the early years there was an average of 60; in the third year this number reached 70; in the present year it has been 80. At several meetings there were over 90 present, at one over 100, and at the special meeting of August 23 some 250, including friends of the members and of the guild.

The programme of lectures is as follows: 1—"Purposes, History, and Prospects of the Guild," Very Rev. T. A. Gilbert. 2—"Catholic Contemporaries at Oxford," Mr. G. von Zeddlitz, M.A. 3—"Greek Religion," Prof. J. R. Brown. 4—"Struggle for Religious Education in France (1800-1870)," Very Rev. Dean Regnault, S.M. 5—"The Spirituality of the Soul," Right Rev. Mgr. Power. 6—"Folk Poetry of England, Ireland, and Scotland," Miss E. Duggan, M.A. 7—"The Religious Struggle in France (1870-1925)," Very Rev. Dean Regnault, S.M. 8—"The Bolshevik Persecution of Christianity," Very Rev. T. A. Gilbert, S.M., M.A. 9—"Difficulties of Catholic Students and Teachers in the Study of History," Rev. B. J. Ryan, S.M., M.A. 10—"The Position in Russia," Mr. Francis McCullagh. 11—"The Modern

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