

mock parliamentary election will take place. The period is supposed to be A.D. 1950, and the candidates' addresses are to be framed accordingly.

A meeting, called by the executive of the Catholic Young Men's Club, was held in St. Patrick's Hall on Tuesday evening to consider what steps should be taken to perpetuate the memory of the late Rev. Brother Mark. The chair was taken by Mr. J. J. Callaghan. After several suggestions were considered, it was decided on the motion of Mr. P. J. Nolan, seconded by Mr. D. Ryan, that subscriptions be canvassed for throughout the Colony, and that, if possible, a scholarship be founded. The executive of the Catholic Young Men's Club were appointed a committee, with power to add to their number, for the purpose of making the initial arrangements. A report is to be furnished to a general meeting of friends, etc., about a month hence. About £20 were collected in the room. It is expected that there will be a liberal response to the appeal throughout the Colony.

Carterton

(From an occasional correspondent.)

October 28.

A very successful concert under the auspices of the Catholic Church was held here on October 18. The programme was contributed to by local vocalists, as suggested by performers from Greytown and Masterton. Miss H. E. Tansley, of Dannevirke, who is a most accomplished vocalist, was a great attraction. Miss H. France, of Wellington, danced an Irish jig, and Mr. Donald Scott, of Gladstone, played a very stirring march on the bigpipes. All the items were very well rendered, and much appreciated by the large audience. The ladies of the congregation provided a liberal supply of refreshments. Mr. P. Hurley made a capable hon. secretary.

On the following night (Wednesday) a concert was held in Greytown for the same object, and was even more successful than that at Carterton. The performers were Miss Annie Gallagher, Mr. Sheehy, Miss H. France, Miss H. E. Tansley, Mr. H. E. Cameron, Mrs. Welch and Mr. Andrews. The great feature of the entertainment was the staging of an Oriental comedy, 'The Crystal Heart,' written by the 13 year old daughter of Dr. Deamer, of Featherston, and formerly of Christchurch. The writer took part in its production, the other performers being Mrs. Deamer, Miss Deamer, and Miss Williams. Undoubtedly, Miss Deamer possesses literary ability and histrionic talent of a high order. The Greytown orchestra kindly gave their valuable services. A farce entitled 'Oysters, a Shilling a Bucket,' staged by Mr. H. E. Cameron, brought the second part of the programme to a close. The ladies of the congregation treated their guests in a very hospitable manner. Miss Maguire was a most energetic and successful secretary.

The next night (Thursday), a concert was held at Martinborough. The performers were the Martinborough Glee Club, Miss W. J. Martin, Miss O'Brien, Miss Tansley, Mr. Hickson, Miss C. Gibbs (Wellington), Miss May Sullivan (Wellington), and Mr. Cutayne. The newly-formed brass band kindly offered their services. Every item was encored, the programme being very highly appreciated. It was the unanimous verdict that it was the best concert ever held in Martinborough. The Catholics of Martinborough are naturally very delighted with the success of their efforts. Miss O'Brien, Mrs. Pain, Mr. Kiely, and Mr. Cutayne (hon. secretary) did all that was possible for its success, and they were well supported by the generous non-Catholics of the town and district, amongst whom Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Martin deserve special mention. The Rev. Father Cahill briefly thanked the audience, the performers, the press and the hon. secretary (Mr. Jas. Cutayne). The Carterton Catholic Church will benefit by these three entertainments to the amount of about £70.

A very handsome pair of iron gates was recently presented to the Carterton church by Mr. Humphrey O'Leary, of Masterton, and Mr. M. Riley, of Carterton, has presented the gate posts.

DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

October 31

The Rev. Father Mahony is at Waimate temporarily relieving the Rev. Father O'Connor, who is taking a brief holiday in the city. Father O'Connor assisted in the Pro-Cathedral on Sunday.

The Christchurch 'Truth' writes thus on the address delivered by his Grace Archbishop Carr at the opening of the Catholic Congress: 'At the R.C. Congress in Melbourne Archbishop Carr, a venerable prelate of a venerable Church, delivered an inaugural address in which the following sentence occurred:—"While they defended their own belief and gave reasons for the faith

that was in them, they would not use the occasion to insult the beliefs of those who differed from them." That is a sentiment that ought to be printed in gold letters, framed in a diamond and ruby frame, and placed in the most conspicuous position in every Bethel, big and little, throughout the length and breadth of this controversial country. Live and let live is a good motto for every parson to paste in his hat, but it is regarded with deep aversion by the average New Zealand cleric. The dogmatic denominations who imagine that theirs is the only creed worth considering, and that the other 291 brands of doctrine are pernicious and evil doctrines, which shall get their believers into great trouble hereafter, are the most striking feature of the colonial landscape. There is always an indiscreet and narrow-minded parson of some faith or another making rude interjections about the beliefs of the rest of the public in some part of the Antipodes. What is wanted is a parsonical Inague Conference, and articles of international religious law, the foremost of which shall read: 'Any priest, rabbi, clergyman, or other religious teacher found heaving scornful remarks at anybody else's religion shall be marooned on a desert island until he learns tolerance'."

A number of musical friends are this week tendering a benefit concert in St. Mary's School Hall, Manchester Street, to Mr. R. Petersen, who is slowly recovering from a severe and protracted illness. Mr. Petersen has always been to the fore in Catholic and charitable entertainments, and it is safe to anticipate that the efforts of those who are now giving him a helping hand will be successful.

DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

(From our own correspondent.)

October 27.

Rev. Father McGuinness is, I regret to say, in indifferent health.

After Benediction at St. Patrick's last Sunday evening the Dead March from 'Saul' was played in memory of the late Rev. Brother Mark.

The principal topic of conversation here last week was the 'Order of the Good Shepherd,' a community of women established under the control of the Anglican Bishop of Auckland. Its constitution is a vow of celibacy, yielding obedience to the Bishop, who alone has power to release the members from their vows. The Order was fiercely assailed by a motion of censure proposed by a layman and supported by Canon Beatty at the meeting of the Anglican Synod.

Last Thursday evening the Marist Brothers' Old Boys' Association held a most successful euchre party, the proceeds of which are to be handed to the Marist Brothers. Fully 100 players took part, and two hours were devoted to play and the remainder to music, social intercourse, and refreshments. The gentlemen's first prize, a very handsome pair of gold sleeve links, kindly presented by Mr. Maurice O'Connor, was won by Mr. Sherry, Mr. Lunning being second. For the ladies' first prize three drew—Misses Staunton and Flynn (2). On playing off the Misses Flynn secured both first and second, which comprised a very handsome gold medalion and a silver pin-box. The ladies' prizes were donated by the Electric Tramway Company, and Mr. Walsh gave one of the gentlemen's prizes. The following ladies successfully carried out the arrangements: Mesdames Mahoney and Dunn, Misses Donovan, Reidy, Grace, Mahoney, Bryant, Koelord, Melhorne, and Knight.

At St. Benedict's Hall last evening a very fine concert was given in aid of the organ fund for St. Benedict's Church. The attendance was excellent. Miss Mary Cooper sang nicely 'Waiting' and 'It was a dream.' Miss M. Somerville contributed 'Maori canoe song' and 'Sleep.' 'Let me like a soldier fall' and 'There is a flower that bloometh' were capitally rendered by Mr. Walter Whyte, who, with Mr. E. Farley, took part in the duet, 'The moon hath raised.' Mr. Farley gave 'The tempest of the heart' and 'Qui vive.' Mr. J. P. Whelan was successful in his bass solos. Two violin solos were given by Mr. Herbert Bloy. 'The happy Jap' and 'Alhambra Club march' were contributed on the banjo by Mr. Chas. Macfarlane. Two pianoforte solos 'Alice' and 'Minuet celebre' were capitally played by Mr. H. A. Lamb, and an item by the pupils of Misses Knight was heartily applauded. The accompaniments were played by Mrs. S. Jackson, Miss A. M. Sayers, Messrs. G. K. Shorland, and H. A. Lamb. The entertainment was in every way a success.

Waihi

(From our own correspondent.)

October 24.

Though the success of any function held in Waihi under the auspices of St. Joseph's Church Committee