

Rev. Father Lewis and Mr. M. Kennedy; 'The Catholic Young Men's Club,' by Mr. Martin Kennedy; and replied to by the secretary, Mr. J. P. McGowan; 'Kindred Societies,' by Mr. J. J. Callaghan, and acknowledged by Messrs. H. McKeown and Foley (president of the H.A.C.B.S.); 'The Literary Society,' by Mr. T. F. Leihy, acknowledged by the chairman (Rev. Father Kimbell, S.M.); 'The Ladies,' by Mr. P. J. McGovern, and responded to by Mr. J. Coyle. Songs were given by Messrs. Twohill, Taylor, Leihy, Lawless, Guenett, McGovern, and Flanagan. Mr. H. McKeown contributed a recitation. During the evening Mr. Martin Kennedy announced amidst enthusiasm that he would donate the sum of £500 to the club for the purpose of erecting suitable premises. This offer is a most generous one, the members are deeply grateful to their benefactor, who has at all times taken a kind and practical interest in the doings of the club. It now remains for the young men to consult the ecclesiastical authorities, place their shoulders to the wheel, and endeavor to secure the erection of a hall worthy of the Catholics of the city. Such a desirable end could be easily attained if all the Catholic young men of Wellington joined the club, and gave their hearty support to the undertaking.

The fourteenth half-yearly meeting of the Catholic Young Men's Club was held on Tuesday evening. There was a large attendance of members, and the president, Rev. Father O'Shea, S.M., occupied the chair. The secretary's report disclosed that the affairs of the club were in a highly satisfactory condition. The number of members was on the increase, but means must be taken to secure an improvement even in this direction. The finances of the club were on a solid basis. The treasurer's report showed a credit balance of over £15, while the assets amounted to over £200. The report of the secretary referred in pleasing terms to the progress of the Literary Society under the able direction of Rev. Father Kimbell, S.M. Hopes were expressed that members would for the future avail themselves to a greater extent of the advantages offered by the meetings of the Literary Society. The various social functions arranged by the club during the season had proved very successful, and had resulted in promoting a healthy intercourse between members. Owing to certain difficulties the Brother Mark Memorial could not take the shape originally decided upon, and after consultation with the clergy it was decided to devote the proceeds to the erection of a new wing to the Brothers' school in Boulcott street. The amount available for this purpose is £80 9s 6d, while a sum of over £74 is available for renovating the school. The outgoing executive strongly recommend the revival of the annual picnic and sports gathering, and this will probably eventuate at an early date in the summer. The rev. president, in moving the adoption of the report and balance sheet, expressed his great pleasure at hearing of such a satisfactory state of affairs. He expressed the hope that members would endeavor to get other Catholic young men to join in order that the club should be really representative of the Catholic young men of the city. He urged them to prove themselves worthy sons of the Church by taking a keen and practical interest in any works undertaken by her. He especially desired that all should attend the Literary Society's meetings, so that they might fit themselves to take their proper place in public life. The election of officers occasioned considerable interest, and resulted as follows—Patron, his Grace the Archbishop; president, Rev. T. O'Shea, S.M.; spiritual director and chairman of the Literary Society, Rev. E. Kimbell, S.M.; vice-presidents, Very Rev. Father Lewis, Ven. Archdeacon Devoy, Rev. Fathers Holley, Venning, Moloney, and Messrs. C. P. Skerrett, O. McArdle, M. Kennedy, J. J. Devine, P. S. Garvey; hon. secretary, Mr. J. McGowan; hon. treasurer, Mr. H. McKeown; committee, Messrs. Leydon, Hamilton, Dee, McGovern, Casey, Lawless, Callaghan, T. O'Sullivan, and Pfaff; hon. auditors, Messrs. E. Fitzgibbon and F. P. Kelly.

Wanganui

(From our own correspondent.)

August 26.

It is with sincere regret that I have to record the death of Mrs. Leydon, of Harrison's Place, Wanganui, who passed away at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Fitzpatrick, on the 16th inst. The deceased, who had attained the age of 79 years, was a native of County Roscommon, Ireland, and ar-

rived in the colonies 44 years ago, settling first in Melbourne. Afterwards the late Mrs. Leydon, in company with her husband, Mr. James Leydon, who predeceased her by a quarter of a century, came to the Wairarapa, finally settling in Wanganui, where she resided until the time of her death—a period covering over thirty years. The late Mrs. Leydon was noted for her exceptional kindness of disposition and devotion to her religious duties. Her figure was a familiar one at St. Mary's, and it is worthy of note that for eighteen years, in sunshine or rain, she was a regular daily attendant at early Mass. Of late her failing health forbade her continuing the exercise of this devotion, which was to her a source of real pleasure and comfort. During her illness she deceased was attended by the Very Rev. Dean Grogan and Rev. Father O'Sullivan, and died with all the safeguards that Holy Church affords the departing soul. Four sons and three daughters are left to mourn the loss of a devoted mother. Her daughters are Mrs. E. Cullinan (Hawera), Mrs. Fitzpatrick, and Miss M. Leydon, of Wanganui. The funeral services were attended by a large number of relations and friends of the deceased lady. The Very Rev. Dean Grogan conducted the services in the church, and Rev. Father O'Sullivan officiated at the graveside.—R.I.P.

Meane

(From an occasional correspondent.)

August 25.

On Sunday, August 20, his Grace Archbishop Redwood held an ordination service at St. Mary's Scholasticate, Meane. The following were ordained deacons: Rev. R. Hoare, Rev. A. Herring, Rev. B. Gendringer, Rev. T. McCarthy, Rev. P. Smyth.

In the afternoon the Archbishop, after delivering an appropriate discourse, blessed a life-size statue of the Blessed Virgin and Child, which has been erected in the garden in front of the Scholasticate. At night, after Benediction, the statue and grounds were beautifully illuminated, and the students gave an open air sacred concert, consisting of hymns and motets in honor of Our Lady, at which a large number of the congregation assisted.

DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

August 28.

His Lordship the Bishop was on an episcopal visitation at Rangiora on Sunday.

At Vespers in the Cathedral on Sunday evening 21 aspirants were received into the Confraternity of the Children of Mary by the Very Rev. Vicar-General (chaplain).

There was a meeting of the Cathedral choir after Vespers on Sunday, when proposals made by the conductor, Mr. H. Rossiter, for greater regularity of attendance at practices and more systematic record of membership, were considered and adopted.

Before leaving the Burnham Industrial School last week his Lordship the Bishop expressed in the visitors' book his impressions of the institution, the pleasure experienced by the visit, and the conduct of the boys; and added that the motto evidently followed by the manager was 'suaviter in modo, fortiter in re.'

Mass will be celebrated at the Church of Our Lady, Star of the Sea, Sumner, on Sunday next at half-past nine o'clock by the Rev. Father O'Connell. He will also attend there on the evening previous for the convenience of the Catholic residents who may be desirous of performing their religious duties. The Christian doctrine class, which numbers upwards of twenty children, will assemble on Sunday afternoon for instruction.

A great many people with an inclination for art—an unmistakable indication of latent ability—are asking themselves, 'How can I learn to draw? How can I become a successful illustrator for newspapers and magazines, and learn to do commercial work?' The Canadian School of Illustration was founded for the benefit of such people, for those who are ambitious of becoming illustrators by devoting to this art such leisure time as they have at their homes. The Canadian School teaches illustrating by the correspondence system in all parts of the world, and has lately established an office at 10 Rattray street, Dunedin....

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