

A most enjoyable evening's amusement was afforded in St. Patrick's schoolroom on Thursday evening by the members of the Catholic Girls' Club (says the "Tuapeka Times"). The evening was opened with a pianoforte solo by Miss Lucy Leslie. The games then commenced, all the young people taking part in some favorite pastime. At intervals during the games items were contributed by Mrs. Murray (a visitor from Invercargill), Misses Moloney, and Brosnan, and the Girls' Club, Messrs. Mullins, O'Connell, and Fahey, Misses Hart and Moody also playing pianoforte solos, and Mr. M. Fahey dancing a hornpipe. Needless to say, all the items were much appreciated. The Girls' Club deserve great credit for the way in which they carried out their duties in making everyone heartily welcome and thoroughly enjoy themselves with the evening's amusement.

DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

(From our own correspondent.)

September 7.

The Onehunga branch of the H.A.C.B. Society held a most successful meeting last Tuesday evening. The district officers and several members of the Auckland branch attended. After the meeting a supper was provided at which Rev. Father Mahoney spoke. Bro. Crisp (president) was in the chair. The gathering was very successful. This branch is going ahead steadily, and will soon rank amongst the foremost in the district.

At an entertainment, given by the members of the musical branch of the Marist Brothers' Old Boys' Association in aid of St. John the Baptist's Church Parnell, the following contributed to the programme: Misses M. Knight, P. Dempsey, and C. Taylor, Messrs. F. Simpson, P. Delahanty, T. Pound, J. Geary, J. Loneragan, P. Brennan, W. Griffith, W. Thorne, T. Guscott, C. Mulholland, E. Casey, P. S. Donnelly, P. Gunn, A. Dolan, A. A. Brooks, J. Walsh, and A. Watts. The accompaniments were played by Miss M. Anderson and Mr. P. Brennan. Mr. F. Simpson was stage manager, and Mr. T. Guscott was musical director.

At St. Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday morning at the 11 o'clock Mass, in the presence of his Lordship the Bishop, the mission by the Redemptorist Fathers was opened. His Lordship briefly explained the nature of a mission, and then handed over the parish for the next three weeks to the Rev. Father Clune and his confreres, Rev. Fathers McDermott and McGrath. Rev. Father Clune, after the first Gospel, preached the opening sermon of the mission. In the evening the church was packed, there not being even standing room. Rev. Father Clune again preached an impressive and instructive sermon. Masses are at 6, 7, and 9 o'clock. In the evening the devotions began at 7.30. All are well attended, and the very best results are sure to ensue from the work of the good Fathers.

The half-yearly meeting of the New Zealand District of the H.A.C.B. Society was held in the Hibernian Hall last Wednesday evening, Bro. John Patterson, J.P., D.G., presiding. There were also present Bros. P. J. Nerheny, J.P., D.V.P. (an apology was received for the absence of the district treasurer, Bro. M. J. Sheahan, J.P.); C. Little, P.D.P.; Rev. Father Cahill, chaplain; the D.S., Bro. W. Kane; and the following delegates:—Bros. John Harvey (Thames); D. Flynn, P.D.P. (Christchurch); J. Furlong (Auckland); E. Daze (Onehunga); O. Kieley (Napier); Jas. Stead, P.D.P. (Wellington City); Thos. Pound (Blenheim); C. Mulholland (Hastings); Geo. Patterson (Leeston); A. C. Stead (New Bedford); F. J. Buxton and E. G. Loneragan (Timaru); Jas. A. Carran (Masterton); H. Duffin (Oamaru); A. P. Walsh (Dunedin); Jas. McVeagh (Gisborne); T. Horace (Reefton); F. J. O'Meara (Ashburton); C. B. Irvine (S. Waihi, also present Bro. W. J. Sullivan, president of Waihi branch); P. Corbett, P. (Newton); J. Carter (Kaipoi); J. F. Mahoney (Lower Hutt). Apologies were received from delegates unable to attend. The D.P. accorded a hearty welcome to the visiting delegates, and expressed the hope that the deliberations of the whole would be beneficial to the society. The district secretary read the balance sheet for the half-year, showing the credit balance to the funeral fund to be £5456 17s 5d; general fund, £107 6s 5d; and guarantee fund, £174 18s 9d—an increase on the previous balance in each fund of £77, £34, and £10 10s respectively. Of the £5456 17s 5d to the credit of the funeral fund, £5305 is lent on freehold security, and £151 17s 5d is in the bank; £270 was paid in funeral allowance. Of the guarantee fund, £170 is lent on freehold security, and the balance is in

the bank. It was decided to submit to the branches for consideration a table of clearance values recommended by the Executive Directory, Sydney, to districts for their adoption. Bro. Little, P.D.G., obtained leave to withdraw a motion to appoint a district secretary, to give the whole of his time and attention to the business of the society, at a salary of £150 per annum. A motion was carried affirming the principle of wearing a pendant symbolical of the society, to be submitted to the Executive Directory, with a view to making it general. It was decided to empower a branch to provide its chaplain with a suitable regalia. It was resolved that branches collect a sum of one shilling from each member towards the Irish Parliamentary Fund, payment to be voluntary.

TEMUKA

(From our own correspondent.)

September 11.

The Ven. Archdeacon Devoy, who has been assisting in the parish during the last few weeks, will leave for Wellington this week.

On September 19 the members of the Catholic Club are to have the pleasure of hearing Mr. O. T. J. Alpers, of Timaru, deliver a lecture on 'Queen Alexandra's Land.'

The proposal to enlarge the presbytery here is now beginning to take active shape. Already plans and specifications have been drawn up and tenders are to be called for the work immediately. The house to house canvass has been agreed to, and it is the intention of Rev. Father Kerley to commence with it immediately.

Wednesday week, being the anniversary of the death of the late Rev. Father Fauvel, a Solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated in St. Joseph's Church, Temuka. The Rev. Father Le Monant des Chesnais, V.G., was celebrant, Very Rev. Father Marnane deacon, and Rev. Father Regnault sub deacon. Rev. Fathers Tabman (Timaru), and Kerley (Temuka) were also present in the sanctuary, whilst Rev. Father Finnerty, of Timaru, assisted the choir in rendering the appropriate music.

The members and friends of the Catholic Young Men's Club had an intellectual treat on the night of their last meeting, the occasion being the delivery of an illustrated lecture, on Ireland, by the Rev. Father Regnault, of Waimate. The rev. lecturer commenced by showing some views of Timaru, which place he took as his port of departure, and from thence he, by the aid of the lantern, showed his hearers many of the beauty spots and places of interest in Ireland. The different pictures shown, graphically described as they were by the rev. lecturer, were greatly appreciated and elicited the heartiest applause, and it was with a distinct feeling of regret that they heard the announcement of 'this is the concluding picture.' Mr. J. McAuliffe proposed, and Mr. Beri seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to Father Regnault for his entertaining and instructive lecture. The vote was carried enthusiastically, and Father Regnault briefly acknowledged same. During the evening Miss C. Beri rendered the solo, 'Why did they sell Killarney.'

There was a fair attendance of young men at the special meeting held last Tuesday for the purpose of considering the advisability of forming a Hibernian Society in Temuka. The Rev. Father Kerley occupied the chair, and the Ven. Archdeacon Devoy was also present. After explaining the objects of the meeting the rev. chairman asked those present to express their views on the matter. Mr. P. Sullivan (Timaru), who has always taken a keen interest in matters Hibernian, addressed the meeting on the subject, pointing out the good such a society would be both from a Catholic and from a social point of view to those joining. He urged all those who wished to help in perpetuating love for their faith and for the country of their fathers, to hand in their names at once and start a branch of the society. The Ven. Archdeacon Devoy addressed a few words to those present and traced the growth of the society in this Colony. He characterised it as being about the finest institution which it was possible for Catholic men to associate themselves with, and he hoped that Temuka young people would grasp the opportunity now presented to establish a branch. After other speakers had referred in eulogistic terms to Hibernianism, the rev. chairman asked those present who were willing to become members to hand in their names. A fair number did so, and it was decided to hold another meeting in about a fortnight to report progress on the matter.

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