

Mr. J. Shanley, of Christchurch, a well known member of the Catholic Young Men's Club, arrived in Wellington this morning to start in business. Mr. Shanley will be a valuable acquisition to the local Young Men's Club.

For some time past the parishioners of Wellington South have been working very hard to raise funds for the schools of the local Sisters of Mercy. A social for the purpose was arranged by the ladies, and took place on Wednesday evening in the Victoria Hall. The weather was most unfavorable, but the hall was crowded. An enjoyable concert programme was provided. A considerable sum should be handed to the Sisters as a result of the social, which was a credit to the zeal and energy of the ladies of the parish. The canvass arranged by the gentlemen, under Mr. John Guthrie, has, I am pleased to note, realised close on £40.

A wedding of considerable interest was celebrated at Ohingaiti a few weeks ago, when Miss Beattie Coyle, youngest daughter of the late Mr. John Coyle, was married to Mr. S. Davison, the local stationmaster. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father Le Croix. The bride was given away by her brother, Mr. John Coyle, of Wellington, and was attended by her sister, Miss Elsie Coyle, as bridesmaid. Mr. J. J. O'Shea, of Wanganui, acted as best man. A reception was afterwards held, at which a large number of guests sat down to the wedding breakfast. Quite a number of congratulatory telegrams were received from various parts of the Colony. The happy couple left by train for Wanganui en route to Rotorua, where the honeymoon is to be spent. A large crowd assembled at the station to see them off. Among the numerous valuable and useful presents were gifts from the young men and young women of the district.

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(From our own correspondent.)

September 25.

The duties in connection with Nazareth House have so increased that the Rev. Mother de Pazzi (Superior) has cabled to the Mother-General, at Hammersmith, London, for two additional Sisters, who may be expected to arrive at an early date.

St. Patrick's branch of the H.A.C.B. Society intend celebrating the 32nd anniversary of the founding of the society in this city on Wednesday, October 4. On next Sunday week the members of the branch will approach the Holy Table in a body at the Cathedral.

An entertainment which the Catholic Club are promoting to form a fund for the purchase of prizes in connection with the Cathedral Christian Doctrine Confraternity, will be given in the club rooms on Thursday, October 5.

The Rev. Mother de Chantel, Mother-Superior of Nazareth House, Ballarat, is a passenger by the 'Wimmera,' which left Melbourne last week, to confer with the Rev. Mother-Superior of Nazareth House, Christchurch, on matters of interest in regard to extension of operations in this city.

On last Sunday week his Lordship the Bishop made a pastoral visitation to the parish of Darfield. The Church of the Holy Angels was crowded, there being a large attendance of parishioners from the outlying districts. His Lordship, attended by the pastor, the Rev. Father Ahern, administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to 31 candidates. On the following Tuesday the Bishop proceeded to the West Coast.

Miss Nellie Dwyer, a pupil of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Nazareth of the Wanganui Convent, has been awarded first prize by the 'Austral Light' (Catholic magazine) proprietary, Melbourne, for a competitive essay on Home Rule. This talented young lady, daughter of Mr. Sub-Inspector Dwyer of this city, is only sixteen years of age, and has already achieved distinction in other studies, notably music. The devoted Sisters will naturally feel proud of their promising pupil.

On last Tuesday evening the members of the Christchurch Catholic Club assembled in the rooms to say good-bye to Mr. J. F. Shanley, prior to his departure for Wellington. Mr. J. R. Hayward (vice-president) presided, and at some length referred to Mr. Shanley's connection with the club and the amount of good work done by him. On behalf of the club the chairman presented Mr. Shanley with a handsome travelling rug. Eulogistic speeches regarding the services of the departing member were made by the Rev. Father Mahony, Messrs. J. C. Chase, M. O'Reilly, J. J. Canavan, G. Dobbs, D. Edmonds, R. Beveridge, and others. The Rev. Father Mahony next presented Mr. Shanley with a gold pencil case and sleeve links, which constituted the

first prize for the club's eighth billiard tournament. Mr. Shanley, in responding, expressed his extreme pleasure at the warmth of the reception accorded him, and to the knowledge that the work he had done in connection with the club had been so much appreciated. Songs and other entertaining items were contributed by many present.

Despite the exceedingly tempestuous weather prevailing the Alexandra Hall was crowded on last Thursday evening on the occasion of an entertainment promoted to aid the Cathedral parish girls' school renovation fund. The event itself, under the original title of a 'Festa Oriental,' was of a novel and attractive nature. The hall interior was artistically and appropriately decorated by A. J. White and Company, in which Japanese lanterns, fans, and umbrellas figured prominently, supplemented by a profusion of palms, flowers, and foliage, kindly supplied by Mr. W. Jones, Exeter Nurseries, Papanui. An entertaining programme of musical and other items was contributed as follows:—Instrumental overture, Geoghegan's String Band; song, 'The trumpeter,' Mr. A. Medhurst; recitation, 'The road to heaven,' Miss Rima Young; song, 'Klick, klick,' Miss T. Casey; instrumental quartette, Mrs. J. Wright, Miss M. Frances, Messrs. Sheffield and Wright; song, Mrs. T. Costello (encored); song, 'Yeoman's wedding song,' Mr. H. Schwartz; recitation, 'The yarn of the Nancy Bell,' Mr. A. Dudley Ward; song, 'Fiddle and I,' Misses M. O'Connor (piano), C. Barker (violin), A. Rantin (encored); song, 'Under the sunset,' Miss C. Barrow; banjo solo, Mr. J. Wright. As a memory test little Rima Young's recitation (apart from its artistic excellence) was a feat of exceptional merit, and well deserved the plaudits accorded by the audience. Mr. H. Rossiter very capably filled the position of musical director, Mr. R. Beveridge that of stage manager, while to Miss Murray and Mr. M. O'Reilly, as hon. secretaries, much of the success of the entertainment was due. After the musical programme a corps of about twenty amateur Japanese, attired in strict conformity to the fashion prevailing among the ladies of the land of the Mikado, dispensed choice refreshments among the audience. Guessing competitions for valuable prizes, presented by Messrs. Stewart Dawson and Co. and the Dresden Piano Company and others, added to the pleasure of the occasion, the proceedings being enlivened by selections by Mr. Geoghegan's band, The Very Rev. Vicar-General and a number of the clergy were present.

The Cathedral choir celebrated on last Thursday evening at the Royal Cafe the first of what is intended to be an annual social re-union. As a prelude to the evening's enjoyment the choir's affairs, from a business aspect were first dealt with. The Rev. Father S. Mahony (president of the choir) presided. The Rev. Father Peoples was present, and quite a representative gathering, despite the boisterous nature of the weather. Apologies for absence were received from his Lordship the Bishop, the Very Rev. Vicar-General, and Rev. Father O'Connell. The balance sheet submitted by the secretary, Mr. J. F. Shanley, showed the receipts to be £38 16s 3d, and expenditure, £35 7s 0d; cash balance in hand, £3 9s 3d. The principal expenditure was on account of the re-instatement of the organ in its permanent position in the Cathedral, a work solely undertaken and successfully accomplished by the choir. The total credit balance, including assets, over liabilities was shown to be £8 9s 3d. Owing to the retirement of Mr. Shanley, Mr. D. Edmonds was appointed to the position of secretary. An excellent supper was supplied by the Royal Cafe in the first-class style so striking a feature of this splendid establishment. A musical programme and toast list occupied the evening. Miss Katie Young was accompanist, and songs were contributed by Mrs. T. Costello, Rev. Father Mahony, Messrs. R. Beveridge, J. F. Shanley, D. Edmonds, J. J. Canavan, and Hallen. During the evening the conductor of the choir, Mr. H. Rossiter, presented on behalf of the members, as a parting gift prior to his leaving the city, a case of pipes to the retiring secretary, Mr. J. F. Shanley. Mr. Shanley suitably responded. Responding to the toast of the choir, proposed by Mr. R. Beveridge, Mr. Rossiter attributed much of the success attained financially to the energy and hard work of the late secretary; and musically to the talented organist, Miss Katie Young. He was afraid the members as a body did not fully realise the advantages they enjoyed and the privilege of a good training and musical education so easily accessible. He also thanked the librarian, Miss Bowler, for her valued services.

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