

## DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

(From our own correspondent.)

August 31.

The work of demolition of the old portion of the Cathedral has been begun by the contractors.

The Very Rev. Father Clune, C.S.S.R., arrived from the south last Thursday for the purpose of giving missions at Ngaurawahia and in various other parts of the diocese.

At the Federal Hall last evening a most successful euchre party and social gathering was held by the Children of Mary in aid of the convent schools of St. Patrick's parish. The hall was packed, and a most enjoyable time was spent. Very Rev. Father Brodie and Fathers Cahill and Holbrook were present. Miss Julia Rist was secretary, and much of the success was due to her untiring efforts.

A special meeting of the Old Boys' Club took place last evening. His Lordship the Bishop was present, and heartily welcomed Mr. Robert Hayward, president of the Catholic Young Men's Club of Christchurch. The Bishop alluded to the great services rendered to the Church in Christchurch by the members of Mr. Hayward's family, and in particular to the interest taken in the Young Men's Club by Mr. Hayward. Mr. Hayward thanked his Lordship the Bishop for his kindly references to his family and himself. He then dealt with the Young Men's Clubs, and of what they were capable in effecting for those who joined them. Mr. Hayward spoke at some length, and was listened to with deep interest.

A pleasant evening was spent at the Star of the Sea Orphanage, Ponsonby, the occasion being the 24th anniversary of his Lordship Bishop Lenihan's ordination to the priesthood. The stage was handsomely decorated. In the front were the words, 'Patriae Infelici Fidelis,' the Bishop's motto, and at the back of the stage, the inscription, 'Many happy returns of the day.' There were present his Lordship the Bishop, Very Rev. Father Clune, C.S.S.R., Very Rev. Father Brodie, Rev. Fathers Buckley, Duffy, Holbrook, and Murphy, Rev. Brother George, and visitors from all parts of the city. The programme was as follows:—Chorus, 'Many happy returns'; followed by an address to the Bishop; part song, 'Guardian angels; dance, hornpipe, by two diminutive orphans; cantata, 'Fairies of the seasons.' Very Rev. Father Brodie, on behalf of the clergy, congratulated the Bishop on attaining his 24th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. He echoed the sentiments of his fellow-priests when he expressed the fervent hope that their good Bishop would be spared to govern them for many years to come. To his priests he was always the kind father. Their cares and necessities were at all times sure to engage his earnest attention. He continually studied them. In return they felt for him the warmest gratitude and loyalty. His work for the little orphans was well known. It was, therefore, befitting that this annual celebration should be held in the midst of the orphans. He wished the Bishop once more a long reign over the diocese, the evidences of his beneficent rule being apparent on every hand.

The Very Rev. Father Clune re-echoed the sentiments expressed by Father Brodie, and on behalf of his Order joined with the priests and people of Auckland in wishing every happiness and success to their good Bishop. To the Redemptorists he was a kind and consistent friend, and they always looked forward to the pleasure of a visit to Auckland.

His Lordship replied in most feeling language. He thanked the orphans and the kind Sisters for their nice entertainment. He, on his part, was delighted to be with them, and he hoped to do so, God willing, for many anniversaries. He thanked Fathers Clune and Brodie for their very generous references to himself. The former was always a welcome visitor. His work in the diocese was bearing abundant fruit. It was a pleasure to feel that his work was appreciated by his priests, as he recognised that their hearty co-operation was so essential. He thanked his kind friends for their presence that evening, and concluded by granting the orphans a holiday in commemoration of his anniversary.

Those of our readers interested in photography will do well to study the price list of cameras, photographic goods, chemicals, etc., at Messrs. Wallace and Co., Chemists, Christchurch.

Last year we imported into New Zealand over 2,600 tons of tea, among which was a large quantity of the popular Hondai-Lanka brand—a tea which is growing in favor year after year, and is highly prized by all who appreciate a pure article.

## HIBERNIAN SOCIETY

## DISTRICT MEETING

(From our Auckland correspondent.)

The half-yearly meeting of the N.Z. District No. 3, of the H.A.C.B. Society was held last Wednesday evening in the Hibernian Hall, Bro. P. J. Nerheny, District President, in the chair. Also present: Bros. J. Corbett, D.V.P.; Patterson, D.V.P.; Kane, D.S.; M. J. Sheahan, D.T. Bro. the Very Rev. Father Brodie represented the Waihi branch. Other branches were represented as follows:—Greymouth, Bro. Thos. Stephenson; Charleston, Bro. Maurice Carmody; Thames, Bro. J. T. Dwyer; Dunedin, Bros. Jas. Smith, J. J. Furlong, C. Mulholland; Auckland, Bros. J. O'Brien and T. Pound; Christchurch, Bro. D. Flynn; Onehunga, Bro. E. Dane; Napier, Bro. Rev. Father Cahill; Wellington, Bro. J. B. Stead; Blenheim, Bro. A. P. Walsh; New Plymouth, Bro. C. Little; Waipawa, Bro. McGreevy; Hastings, Bro. Jno. McCartney; Timaru, Bros. Jas. Shaldrick and E. Casey; Masterton, Bro. Jos. Cartin; Milton, Bro. A. P. Walsh; Oamaru, Bros. H. Duffin and Fred. Connell; Denniston, Bro. E. Loneragan; Westport, Bro. Rev. Father Holbrook; Gisborne, Bro. J. P. Hegarty; Reefton, Bro. W. Wade; Wellington South, Bro. J. F. Mahoney; Palmerston North, Bro. Jno. McNamara; Ashburton, Bros. F. J. O'Meara and Gregory Lee; Kaiapoi, Bro. Owen Kiely; Hawera, Bro. W. Perkins; Taihape, Bro. M. Dempsey; Maniaia, Bro. T. Crisp; Stratford, Bro. R. Donovan.

The officers' report was read and warmly received. The funds all round showed profits for the half year. The funeral funds, after the payment of funeral claims, amounting to £140 for the half year, showed a profit of £214 9s 5d. The general fund showed an increase of £106 5s 10d. Four new branches were opened during the half-year, viz.: Hawera, Taihape, Maniaia, and Stratford. The district secretary opened the above branches, and also visited Blenheim branch in the South Island. A representative attended the Friendly Societies' Conference held in Wellington. Votes of condolence had been sent to the family of the late Premier, and also to the family of the late Michael Davitt.

The balance shown in the funeral fund was £5903 17s 6d; in the general fund, £314 10s; loans on mortgage, freehold security, £5800.

The Wellington branch gave notice of motion to remove the head quarters of the Society from Auckland to Wellington.

The D.P. presented to Bro. C. Little, F.D.P., a medal in the form of a shamrock bearing a cross and heart. Bro. Little suitably responded and thanked the president and members for the very nice present, which he would always appreciate.

The following officers were nominated:—President, Bro. J. Corbett; vice-president, Bro. C. Dane; treasurer, Bro. M. J. Sheahan; secretary, Bro. W. Kane; district auditors, Bros. F. J. O'Meara and J. B. Stead.

During the meeting a discussion took place on the following motion by the delegate from the Onehunga branch: 'That a scheme be formulated by which it would be possible to make our primary Catholic schools free throughout New Zealand, such scheme to be undertaken by the New Zealand District of the H.A.C.B. Society.'

Very Rev. Father Brodie warmly supported the proposal, which, he said, did infinite credit to the Onehunga branch which brought it forward. It would require a capital sum of £30,000—a big undertaking. He sincerely hoped that a means would be devised whereby the scheme would prove successful. He moved, 'That a committee be formed to consider the question in the interim and report upon it at the triennial meeting, to be held in Auckland next February.'

The Onehunga delegate withdrew his motion in favor of Father Brodie.

Rev. Father Cahill seconded the motion. Bros. Kane, Stead, and Carmody also spoke in support.

The executive were directed to select the committee to report upon Father Brodie's motion.

**For Children's Hacking Cough at Night, WOODS' GREAT PEPPERMINT CURE, 1/6 and 2/6 per Bottle.**

The business of funeral furnishers and embalmers carried on in Christchurch for so many years by W. and H. Langford has recently been taken over by Messrs. Herbert Langford and John Rhind, whose advertisement appears in this issue.