

path of progress. After an interesting discussion the report and balance sheet were adopted. Eighteen new members were elected at the meeting. Trophies for the several branches of the club were donated by Messrs. H. McKeowen, T. F. Leihy, A. C. Bretherton, and E. J. Fitzgibbon. The Ven. Archdeacon Devoy, Provincial, wrote to say how pleased he was with the progress of the club, and wished it continued prosperity. The Ven. Archdeacon, who has taken a particular interest in the club ever since its inception, sent a cheque for a guinea as a contribution towards the funds. The election of officers resulted as follows:—Patron, his Grace Archbishop Redwood; president, Rev. Father O'Shea; vice-presidents, Ven. Archdeacon Devoy, S.M., Very Rev. Father Lewis, Rev. Fathers Moloney and Venning, and Messrs. M. Kennedy, J. J. Devine, C. P. Skerrett, O. McArdle, M. O'Connor, and E. J. Fitzgibbon; hon. secretary, Mr. J. McGowan; hon. treasurer, Mr. M. McKeowen; executive, Messrs. A. H. Casey, W. Hamilton, R. H. Williams, M. O'Kane, J. Davis, A. C. Bretherton, M. O'Connor, jun., G. Dee and P. McGrath; hon. auditors, Messrs. E. J. Fitzgibbon and F. P. Kelly. The Rev. Father Kimbell has been appointed spiritual director.

Wanganui

(From our own correspondent.)

February 28.

The Lenten devotions are well attended at St. Mary's Church, especially on the Wednesday and Friday evenings.

In the teachers' examinations two old pupils of the convent obtained partial passes in Class D—Misses Margaret McCullough and Mary C. Robson.

On Sunday last a number of members of St. Mary's Catholic Club received Holy Communion, which they offered for the repose of the soul of the late Mr. C. Wixcey. At the annual meeting of the Wanganui Orchestral Society feeling mention was made of the late Mr. Chas. Wixcey. He was one of the most promising and attentive members of the society.

The dramatic branch of the St. Mary's Club journeyed to Marton at the invitation of the Rev. Father Molloy, and produced 'The Ticket of Leave Man' before a large and appreciative audience. All the performers acquitted themselves admirably. It is expected that £25 will be realised for the benefit of the Marton parish.

Napier

(From our own correspondent.)

Tenders will soon be called for the painting and renovating of St. Patrick's Church.

A social gathering is to be held in the Garrison Hall in connection with St. Patrick's Day.

An expert is at present in Napier, under engagement to the City Council, to report on an electric light and power generation scheme for Napier.

Much interest is being taken here in the proceedings before the Chief Justice, Sir Robert Stout, re the Waimarama Native Lands.

The foundations of the new brick technical school, which is to cost some £4500, have now been laid. The building is being erected immediately opposite St. Patrick's Church.

Up to the present the men at the big freezing works at Tomoana (Nelson Bros.) or Paki Paki (Borthwick and Sons), have not shown signs of striking. A demand for 25s per hundred sheep slaughtered has been made by the men at the North British works. The demand was followed by the immediate dismissal of the spokesman of the men.

DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

March 4.

The new convent at Akaroa, erected for the Sisters of Mercy, recently blessed and opened by the Very Rev. Vicar-General, is situated on the church grounds, near St. Patrick's Church and the Catholic schools. It is described as a large, compact building erected at a cost of about £6000. Of this sum two-thirds has already been subscribed, and the balance is expected to be realised by means of a bazaar to be opened at Easter. The Very Rev. Vicar-General in the course of his address to the assembled parishioners, and general public, eulogised the good work done by the Sisters of Mercy in the parish and in educational matters.

A feature of the illuminations on the evening of his Lordship Bishop Grimes's return was the fine search light from the turret of the Adams Cycle Co.'s building in High street, which, through the kindness of the proprietary, was trained during about two hours on the Cathedral and grounds, with remarkably good effect. I also inadvertently omitted to mention last week the valued services rendered by a party of the H.A.C.B. Society, who took charge of the gate and controlled the grounds. They also lined the main entrance to the episcopal residence as a guard of honor.

His Lordship—the Bishop, accompanied by a number of visiting and resident clergy, was present at a welcome reception and charming entertainment tendered by the Sisters of the Missions and their pupils on last Monday afternoon at the Convent of the Sacred Heart Barbadoes street. His Lordship was presented with a magnificent banner representing St. Joseph and the Infant Jesus, worked by the Sisters for the Cathedral, and also a beautifully engrossed mounted and suitably framed address containing few but appropriate words. His Lordship expressed his sincere gratitude for the warmth of the welcome accorded him, and the accompanying gifts, which he would greatly prize. After complimenting the children on their excellent rendition of the programme, his Lordship interested them by recounting some experiences and adventures of his recent journeyings.

Mrs. Arthur Mead made her first appearance on the concert platform, since her return from England, last week, being the selected vocalist in a high-class programme at the Exhibition concert hall. She made a most successful debut, and met with a very gratifying reception. Of her singing the 'Press' says: 'This lady has a soprano voice, which, though not powerful, is of much sweetness, and is also admirably trained. Mrs. Mead sang Sullivan's pretty song, 'Orpheus with his lute,' with much artistic effect. At times the orchestral accompaniment was somewhat too heavy. Mrs. Mead was encored and repeated the item. In her second solo, the more florid 'Should he upbraid,' an opportunity was afforded Mrs. Mead to display the flexibility of her voice. The runs were taken with accuracy and decision, and the solo as a whole was sung with a sweetness of tone and general finish that made it exceedingly successful.

On the day following his return the 'Lyttelton Times' had the following complimentary editorial on his Lordship Bishop Grimes:—The whole-hearted spontaneity with which his people have welcomed Bishop Grimes on his return from an extended visit to the Old World will appeal more to his Lordship than will their substantial token of goodwill. The ordinary man, like Charles Kingsley, 'hates overdoing anything, especially religion,' but last night's gathering was much more a social demonstration than a religious one. As a people, the Roman Catholics have a singularly strong quality of thoroughness in all their doings, and this characteristic of their creed is reflected in their social and political life. Bishop Grimes has been so long a broad-minded and open-handed worker in Christchurch that his people have grown not only to esteem him in common with the rest of the community, but also to love him, and the spirit which induced them to voluntarily elect to make his home-coming the occasion for an enthusiastic reception was simply an expression of their estimate of his personal worth. It is, of course, the proper thing nowadays for members of the various professions to pay periodical visits to the centres of civilisation for the purpose of revising their standards of criticism and their standards of performance, and there is no doubt that Bishop Grimes, during his tour, has heard and seen much that will be of benefit to the members of his flock. Whilst the reception last night was confined to the people of his own Church, and was not in any sense a measure of his widespread popularity, the whole community will share in the gratification at his return and in the recognition of his disinterested services to the city and the province.

We have pleasure in drawing attention to Messrs. S. Kirkpatrick and Co.'s advertisement announcing that the new season 'K' Jam and Preserves are now ready. Messrs. S. Kirkpatrick and Co. claim that if every housewife could visit the 'K' Factory and personally follow each of the simple homelike, cleanly details of preparing 'K' Preserves there would be no room to question why they possess 'that fine fruity flavor,' why they are the goods to buy. Nelson is noted as the leading fruit-growing centre, and with abundant superfine orchard fruitage at their command, Messrs. S. Kirkpatrick and Co. are enabled to manufacture Jams and Preserves of the highest quality....