

The bazaar in aid of the Muritai Catholic church was brought to a close on Wednesday evening, when there was a record attendance. The drawing of the art union was supervised by his Worship the Mayor. It is estimated that there should be realised the sum of over four hundred pounds as a result of the bazaar. This is highly creditable to the ladies and gentlemen concerned.

There was a good attendance of young men at Holy Communion in the Church of St. Mary of the Angels' last Sunday morning. Mass was celebrated by the Rev. Father Kimbell, S.M., who delivered an earnest and forceful address. Catholic young men (said Father Kimbell) had a noble mission in the world, and could exercise on non-Catholic opinion a healthy and elevating influence. He pleaded with them to be men of prayer. Prayer and the Sacraments were the aids they needed. By means of the confessional they learned in what they were weak, and this knowledge was half the fight. After Mass breakfast was partaken of at Searle's, where the president of the club, the Rev. Father O'Shea, S.M., presided. The Rev. Father delivered a brief but telling address in which he urged the young men to continue doing the good work in which they were engaged. They should feel the dignity of being members of a Church that had so many centuries of glory behind it. It was the proud boast of the Roman of old to say, 'Civis Romanus sum' (I am a Roman citizen); and so to-day our proud boast should be 'I am a Catholic.' Mr. J. J. Devine also spoke a few words of congratulation and exhortation to the young men. He hoped they would always be ready to help forward any undertaking which the Church promoted. Short speeches were made by Bros. Nolan and O'Brien, representing the city and Hutt Hibernians, and by Mr. D. Jones, representing the Petone Catholic Young Men's Club. Mr. McGowan, the city club's secretary, briefly acknowledged the several references to his society.

Wanganui

(From our own correspondent.)

April 12.

Mr. Andrew Mack, the famous Irish comedian, will appear at the Opera House in the 26th and 27th of this month.

The bazaar held at Raetihi, and which was brought to a close on April 3, was a great success. The funds will be augmented by about £200.

Our sculling champion, Mr. W. Webb, has, through his backer, Mr. W. R. Tuck, deposited £100 with the editor of the 'Herald' to bind a match with C. Towns, of Sydney.

I am pleased to see that the late treasurer of St. Mary's Catholic Club, Mr. P. F. Thorpey, has become a member of the committee of the Invercargill 'Catholic Club.

Mr. J. Markham, the delegate of St. Mary's Football Club, has been chosen to represent the Thursday clubs on the management committee of the Wanganui Rugby Union.

The Besses o' th' Barn Band made its appearance at Wanganui on April 11 and 12 before crowded audiences. The band played on both days superbly, and the anticipations regarding this splendid body of musicians were fully realised.

On Sunday there was Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from the half-past ten Mass until Vespers at St. Mary's Church. During the afternoon a great number of the parishioners made their usual visit of adoration. In the evening there was the customary procession.

At the half-past seven o'clock Mass in St. Mary's Church last Sunday the members of the St. Mary's Catholic Club, numbering about seventy, approached the Holy Table. Very Rev. Dean Grogan congratulated the members on their display of faith, and trusted that those who were unavoidably absent would receive Holy Communion next Sunday.

At the usual monthly meeting of the Wanganui Hospital Board the chairman (Mr. W. Ritchie) moved the motion of which he had given notice, viz., that the Board consider the advisability of increasing Miss McKinery's (the matron) salary. He said he had come to the conclusion that she was the worst-paid member of the hospital staff. She had a very onerous position to fill, and the salary should be such as to attract a good matron and keep her when she was secured. He explained that the matron had not spoken to him on the subject. It was then agreed to that the matron receive £130 a year instead of £100, the increase to take effect from April 1. Miss McKinery is an esteemed member of our congregation.

The St. Mary's Catholic Club intend opening their newly renovated premises—the Assembly Rooms—on Thursday, April 18, with a social gathering. The executive are now busy drafting new rules for the management of the club, which will be submitted to members after being placed on the notice board for a week.

Manaiia

(From an occasional correspondent.)

April 8.

The Hibernian Society's first annual social took place in the Town Hall on Friday night last, and was a very great success. The supper, which was supplied by the ladies, was excellent, and was presided over by Messrs. Mourie, Bolger, McVicar, J. Mourie, and Leydon, Misses Mourie (2). The committee of ladies worked very hard and deserve every credit for their effort. Instrumental items were played by Misses Carroll, T. O'Donnell, Knowles, and Duncan. Two songs given by Miss M. Ulinberg (Stratford) were encored. An Irish jig by Mr. Duncan was very much appreciated. Mr. J. Hunt, chairman of the Town Board, in a delicious speech thanked the assembly on behalf of the society for their liberal patronage. On the whole the function was a pronounced success, and the officials have every reason to be pleased with their first annual social.

Palmerston North

(From our own correspondent.)

April 7.

It has been decided to hold the largest bazaar yet held in Palmerston in Show Week, next November, when no doubt another record, for which the Catholics of this parish are noted, will be put up.

The total receipts for the St. Patrick's Day sports and social will probably reach £150—a very creditable result for the association's first attempt. The result reflects much credit on Mr. J. G. Fake and his indefatigable body of lady and gentlemen workers. The proceeds of the social goes to the support of the parish school. A new feature at the late social was a marquee erected as a supper room, where a strong body of the Children of Mary under Miss D. Aramburn, presided.

On Thursday last after evening devotions the members of St. Patrick's Choir were entertained by the Rev. Father Costello in the presbytery. Advantage was taken of the occasion to make a presentation to the organist, Miss Stagpoole, who was to leave on the following day for Rotorua. The present took the form of a handsomely appointed silver-mounted dressing case in leather. Father Costello, in making the presentation, spoke of the untiring zeal in all choir matters and parochial work displayed on all occasions by Miss Stagpoole, and trusted that she would soon be able to return with renewed vigor to her place in the parish. Speeches eulogising her work were also made by Messrs. E. Hitchings (conductor), Hanly, Jewett, and Dallow, and replied to by Mr. L. Hanlon on her behalf. The ladies of the choir also expressed their appreciation through the medium of Miss Aramburn, the choir secretary, who, in a few well chosen remarks, also wished her complete restoration to health on behalf of them and the Children of Mary.

DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

April 15.

The Hon. L. F. Heydon, M.L.C., returned from the south on last Tuesday evening and left for Wellington on Wednesday evening. During his stay in this city he visited Nazareth House, Mount Magdala, and St. Anne's Church and Catholic school at Woolston. The church at Woolston is the practical result of the zeal and efforts of the Cathedral Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

His Lordship the Bishop visited the Christian Doctrine classes in the Cathedral on Sunday afternoon, and addressed the children on the subject of their studies. He impressed upon his hearers the difference between veneration and adoration, and gave some sound practical advice on the way to overcome difficulties that would have to be confronted, especially those of a controversial nature.

The chapel of St. Patrick in the Cathedral was opened on last Tuesday morning, the transferred feast of the Apostle of Ireland, when his Lordship the Bi-