

painting of the late Monsignor Paul. The thanks of the club were due to the Very Rev. Dean Hackett, Dr. Scott, Messrs. O'Donahue, B.A., and Kenny, as well as others, for lectures and readings given during the winter months. The club room had been enlarged by twenty-five feet, and a billiard table erected therein. In addition the club's appointments consisted of bagatelle table, and gymnasium while amusements were also promoted by chess etc.

The treasurer submitted a statement of accounts which showed the club to be in a sound financial position. The receipts were £40, while the disbursements amounted to £30, leaving a credit balance of £10, with which to commence the new year. The balance sheet and report were adopted. The billiard table accounts were submitted by the manager, and showed that the table was erected in February at a total cost of £120, and in the short space of nine months £93 had been paid, leaving a debit balance of £27 only. This statement was received with loud applause.

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:—President Rev. Father Mahoney; vice-presidents, Messrs. W. J. Wilson, W. J. Perkin, and H. L. Davies; secretary, Mr. L. Shaldrick; treasurer, Rev. Father Mahoney, executive committee, Messrs. J. Oates, F. Morris, A. Patten, M. Foley, J. McGuire, K. Bay, W. Wade, M. Hogan, L. Drager and P. Drew; auditors, Messrs. A. Patten and J. McGuire; custodian, Mr. L. Shaldrick; librarian, Mr. H. L. Davies.

The Rev. president announced that at a very early date, the club intended laying down a tennis court for the ladies who, during the past season, had materially assisted in the success of the club. Subsequently a small committee was appointed to proceed with the work, and arrangements were made to have it in playing order in January. Votes of thanks to the outgoing officers and the chairman, terminated a successful meeting.

Wrey's Bush

(From our travelling correspondent.)

A farewell social, organised by the people of the district as a send-off to Mr. and Mrs. P. Halloran, who are leaving Wrey's Bush for Invercargill, was held at Mr. Halloran's homestead on Monday night. Mr. Thos. Power occupied the chair, and there was a very large and representative gathering of the settlers. After the usual loyal and patriotic toasts had been duly honored, Mr. Power, on behalf of the residents of the district, presented Mrs. Halloran with a gold brooch, and handed to Mr. Halloran a well-filled purse of sovereigns and a handsome meerschaum pipe. In a characteristic and hearty speech Mr. Power recounted the good qualities that had endeared Mr. and Mrs. Halloran to all who had come in contact with them, and declared, amid enthusiasm, that they would be long remembered in the place as being the best of neighbors and the most loyal and faithful of friends. Speeches were also made by Messrs. P. McAnelly, M. Devany, M. Egan (Wairoa), Jas. Egan (Wrey's Bush), W. Doogan, J. Forde, jun. (Wairoa) and E. Sheehan (Opio).

Mr. Halloran feelingly returned thanks for the splendid present and for the good wishes that had been so cordially expressed on every hand. Mrs. Halloran and himself would never forget the people of Wrey's Bush and all their kindness. A capital musical programme was then gone through, songs being contributed by Mrs. Edmund Prendergast (Bayswater), Thos. Egan (Wairoa), W. Egan (Wrey's Bush), M. McMenamin, A. Valli, W. Egan (Wairoa), O'Kane, Thos. Power, F. Geary, and C. Church. Messrs. Egan Bros. (Wrey's Bush) supplied instrumental music. The affair was in every way a great success, and was a fitting tribute to a family who are held in universal respect and esteem throughout the district.

Palmerston North

(From our own correspondent.)

November 3.

The Dominion Bazaar was opened in the Zealandia Hall on Monday evening by Mr. W. T. Wood, M.H.A., in the presence of a large audience, and will be brought to a close to-morrow evening. Its success up to the present has fulfilled all expectations, being well patronised. Among the visitors were his Grace Archbishop Redwood, Sir Joseph and Lady Ward, and many of the clergy of the archdiocese. The following is the list of stall-holders:—Awarua—Mrs. M. J. Kennedy, assisted

by Misses Kennedy, Hodgins (2), Gibbs (2). Wellington—Mrs. D. Burke and Miss O'Reilly, assisted by Miss Bradley and others. 'West Coast'—Mrs. J. I. Fake, assisted by Mrs. Hill, and Misses Tuohy, Fallas, etc. 'Puti-Puti' (flower stall)—Miss Scanlon, assisted by Mesdames Scanlon, Devine, T. Rodgers, and Miss Wood. 'Produce stall'—Mesdames Hickey and McWilliam, assisted by Misses Hickey (2). Bournville (sweet stall)—Misses Aisher and Greaney, assisted by Miss Casey. Mrs. Oakley's stall, in which the lady was assisted by Misses Oakley (2) Mrs. Duffou, and others. 'Marlborough'—Mrs. Waddy, assisted by Miss Waddy, and Mesdames Broad, Grant, and Sim. 'Palmerston'—Mrs. Hood, assisted by Mesdames Craven, and Misses Reid, Hood, and others. 'Bay of Plenty' (refreshments)—Miss Aramburn and the Children of Mary. Besides the stalls there were many other attractions.

A feature of the bazaar which attracted a good deal of attention each evening was the performance of Miss Beere's pupils in a number of character dances in fancy costumes. The Borough Band played items each evening. Nothing got up in the parish of late years has met with such whole-hearted support from one and all, and its success reflected great credit on the committee and stall holders alike, but more especially on the indefatigable secretary, Mr. W. Ryan, and his assistants, Messrs. E. Butler and C. McGrath.

His Grace Archbishop Redwood preached at the 11 o'clock Mass this morning on devotion to the holy souls in purgatory, and also again at Vespers.

Palmerston Show and carnival week has once more come and gone, and will be remembered this year for its almost unbroken record of fine weather throughout, save for a heavy shower as the people were leaving the ground on the last day. Each day has been a record in itself for attendance, culminating in a huge crowd of 25,000 on the people's day.

Rotorua

(From our own correspondent.)

It is intended to hold a bazaar and sale of work in aid of the church funds in February next. A strong committee of ladies are energetically at work making preparations.

Two of our local priests, Rev. Fathers Wientjes and Schoonhof, have been laid up with influenza, the former having to take a complete rest in Auckland. The Sisters of St. Joseph were also sufferers from the epidemic at the same time, necessitating the closing of the school for a day or two.

It is pleasing to note that the recent examination, held at the convent school by Mr. Grierson, proved highly satisfactory. Of a total of eighty pupils on the rolls, sixty-five were presented, of which number only one failed. This is very creditable, as more than half of the children attending the school are native children. Since the establishment of the school in Rotorua, some four years ago, the number on the roll has more than doubled, which speaks volumes for the good work done by the Sisters of St. Joseph.

Oamaru

(From our own correspondent.)

November 3.

The Very Rev. Father Clune, who had been conducting missions in the county townships, left for the south on Friday.

At the evening devotions at St. Patrick's Basilica on Friday last, the Rev. Father McDermott preached a short sermon on devotion to the Sacred Heart, and at the close initiated a large number of young people into the Sacred Heart Society.

A very pleasant evening was spent at the Catholic Club rooms on Friday evening. The first part of the programme consisted of a debate on the question, 'Should dancing be encouraged?' Mr. J. Wallace presided, and the speakers on the affirmative side were Messrs. Jas. Griffiths (leader), M. Hannon, J. Molloy, and T. Ford, while the supporters of the negative were Messrs. F. Mulvihill, F. Cooney, Wm. Griffiths, and E. Curran. A splendid debate resulted. The chairman awarded the victory to the speakers on the negative side. At the conclusion of the debate a 'question box' was instituted, and each member present was called upon to answer the question drawn by him. This proved an admirable way of bringing out young speakers, and some really clever replies were delivered. The club has lost, through removal to Wellington, a popular and useful member in Mr. H. Cartwright.