

thing substantial for presentation to the popular Rector of St. Patrick's College.

A social evening at the Cliff House, Island Bay, took place on Wednesday evening under the auspices of the Christian Doctrine Society of Te Aro. A very pleasant time was spent. The proceeds were in aid of the prize fund.

Kilbirnie's second social gathering, in aid of the new church fund, took place on Wednesday evening, and was just as successful as its predecessor. The people of Kilbirnie are determined to have a church as soon as possible.

I am pleased to write that since their inception the several branches of the St. Vincent de Paul Society are making splendid progress. The clergy are especially pleased with the work that is being done in so many directions by members of the society.

The annual football match between Wellington and St. Patrick's Colleges eventuated to-day. The game was played in a splendid spirit, and was very evenly contested. The St. Patrick's boys had the better of the play, and left the field victorious by 9 points to 6. Tries for the winners were scored by Cullen, Coakley, and Rochford.

It is my sad duty to record the death at Linton, somewhat unexpectedly, of Mrs. Fajre, a sister of Mrs. John Gallagher, of Hopper street. The deceased lady was of a bright and cheerful disposition, and was much esteemed by all who knew her. In her illness she was attended by Rev. Father Costello, of Palmerston North, and the Sisters of Mercy. She died fortified by the rites of the Church. The internment took place on Friday at Karori. The Rev. Father Bartley, S.M., officiated at the Sacred Heart Basilica, and also at the graveside. R.I.P.

The annual supper of the Catholic Club took place on Thursday evening, when there was a good attendance. The chair was occupied by the President (Very Rev. Father O'Shea, S.M., V.G.). In replying to the toast of his health, the Very Rev. President referred to the great growth of the Church in Wellington, and pointed out what wonders could be done by young men that were zealous and energetic. He exhorted them to strive to place their club on a sound basis and to push on until it embraced every Catholic man in the city. There was great room for development, and all they needed was the necessary energy. Past events had clearly proved that they possessed the requisite ability. The following toast list was honored:— 'The Pope and the King,' proposed by the chairman; 'The President,' proposed by Mr. H. McKeown, and responded to by Father O'Shea; 'The Vice-Presidents,' proposed by Mr. M. O'Kane, and responded to by Rev. Father Venning, Mr. Kennedy, and Mr. E. J. Fitzgibbon; 'The Wellington Catholic Club,' proposed by Mr. E. J. Fitzgibbon, and responded to by Mr. J. McGowan (hon. secretary); 'The Federated Catholic Club of New Zealand, and the Catholic Magazine,' proposed by Mr. J. J. Callaghan, and responded to by Messrs. A. H. Casey (president and editor) and P. J. McGovern (general secretary); 'The New Catholic Club,' proposed by Mr. W. Healy, and responded to by Mr. Martin Kennedy; 'The Club's Branches (senior and junior literary and debating society, amateur athletic club, and tennis club),' proposed by Mr. A. H. Casey, and responded to by Messrs. M. O'Kane, B. Leydon, P. McGrath, and J. O'Leary; 'The Ladies,' proposed by Mr. G. Schmidt, and responded to by Mr. F. Eller; 'The Chairman,' proposed by Mr. P. J. McGovern. Songs, etc., were rendered by Messrs. C. Hickmott, R. Sievers, D. and E. Toohill, T. O'Sullivan, F. Eller, and P. J. McGovern. The accompaniments were played by Mr. A. Amodio.

The club has had a very successful session, and in spite of a heavy expenditure it is anticipated that the credit balance will approximate £25.

The sum of £30 was realised by the sports gathering on St. Patrick's Day. One-half of this amount goes to the Catholic Club, the remainder to the Hibernian Society.

Mr. McKeown, in proposing the toast of the Very Rev. President at the annual supper of the Catholic Club, mentioned the fact that the club had now been in existence for ten years. He paid a special tribute to the interest taken in the club by the former president, Ven. Archdeacon Devoy, and the present occupant of that office, the Very Rev. Father O'Shea, S.M., V.G.

Blenheim

(From our own correspondent.)

After the 10.30 Mass on Sunday, August 9, a meeting of the parishioners was held in St. Patrick's Hall. The Rev. Father

Holley presided, and with him were Mr. C. O'Sullivan (church trustee), Mr. W. R. Allen (treasurer), Mr. H. V. Browne (hon. secretary) as representatives of the Father Lewis Memorial Committee. The meeting was called to hear a statement as to the amount in hand for this worthy object. The rev. chairman, having explained that at a previous meeting the parishioners had decided that the memorial should take the form of a new school, made a statement as to the amount in hand. Contributions amounting to £270 had been collected in the parish. The legacy bequeathed to St. Mary's Church by the late Mr. Maurice O'Shea, he (the chairman) proposed to put towards this object, which would bring the amount up to over £600. Plans and specification having been submitted, a resolution was carried unanimously that the action of the committee be approved in completing the arrangements so satisfactorily. The rev. chairman was eulogised by several speakers for his energy and whole-heartedness in connection with the memorial. Mr. C. O'Sullivan received a hearty vote of thanks for acceding to the rev. chairman's request for a loan to enable the work to be proceeded with, as it will be some time before the legacy is available.

Napier

(From our own correspondent.)

August 10.

The ladies of the parish are very busy working for the bazaar which is to take place next April.

The Marist Brothers' School is now almost completed, and Rev. Father Goggan announced on Sunday that he would communicate with his Grace the Archbishop on his arrival in Auckland for the purpose of making arrangements for the opening of the school, which will most likely take place about the first Sunday in September.

The Very Rev. Dr. Kennedy, of the Meance Seminary, has been very busy in the Observatory of late, and has secured some very fine photographs of spots on the sun. Some of the spots, he states, are visible with the naked eye through a piece of smoked glass. Altogether there are four groups of spots, and are 2000 million square miles in extent.

The Catholic Club Debating Society held its weekly meeting in the clubroom on August 6, the subject for debate being 'Should the Borough Council take over the recreation ground for the purpose of building workmen's homes thereon?' Mr. T. Liddle was leader for the affirmative side, while Mr. J. W. Coe took charge of the negative. The debate was a particularly good one, and at its conclusion the chairman (Mr. R. P. Clarkson, M.A.) awarded the honors to the affirmative side. During the evening Mr. B. J. Dolan, a recent arrival here from Masterton, was present, and was elected vice-president.

'Has New Zealand any cause to fear an invasion by the Japanese?' was the subject set down for debate by the Catholic Young Men's Club on the evening of August 13. The leaders of the negative and affirmative sides were Messrs. Doyle and P. Cunningham respectively. It was an excellent debate, and members are showing signs of great improvement. The president (Mr. Clarkson, M.A.) stated at the conclusion of the debate that on the arguments brought forward on the affirmative side he would have to award them the victory, although the speech of the leader of the negative side was most creditable.

DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

August 17.

The missionary Fathers of the Sacred Heart who have come to labor in the diocese will, I believe, have charge of Darfield and Lincoln parishes.

This (Monday) evening, at the Hibernian Hall, a complimentary farewell social is to be tendered to the Rev. Father Peoples, S.M., prior to his departure from Christchurch.

On Sunday next his Lordship the Bishop will make an episcopal visitation at Akaroa, and on the following Tuesday at Little River, administering the Sacrament of Confirmation at both places. On next Sunday week his Lordship is to be at Hawarden, at Cheviot on the following Sunday, and afterwards at Brackenridge.

At the special invitation of the resident priest at Akaroa, the Rev. Father O'Connell, S.M. (although with no intention of so soon commencing his missionary labors), is at present at Little River preparing candidates for first Communion and Confirmation. During the week he will be similarly occupied at Akaroa.