

consists of twenty-seven instrumentalists, is now firmly established, and is in the proud position of being able to hold its own in the musical world. The following was the programme of the evening:—Hibernian Brass Band—Killarney, 'Spartan,' 'Adoration,' 'Lead, kindly light'; songs—Miss Kirwán; Messrs. Griffiths, Couling, Churton, Richards; instrumental quartet, Messrs. H. W. Norris, J. W. Appleyard (violin), C. Campbell (viola), D. W. McKay (cello); flute solo, Mr. E. Le Pétit; trombone solo, Master Mills; cornet solo, Master Griffiths; recitation, Mr. T. Pound; vocal duet, Messrs. N. Churton and Richards; 'Scottish airs,' band. The accompaniments were played by Mrs. E. B. McKay and Miss Zela Norris. The band hopes to clear £25 from the concert.

The weekly meeting of the Catholic Club was held on Wednesday, the programme being a debate, 'Freehold versus Leasehold.' The leasehold was advocated by Messrs. Mulvey, Morton, and Sims, and the freehold by Very Rev. Dean Burke, Brother Alfred, and Mr. Maloney. The advocates of the leasehold were declared the winners of the debate.

St. Mary's Tennis Club will open their season by holding a conversazione in the Victoria Hall on Wednesday, September 9.

SILVER JUBILEE OF VERY REV FATHER KEOGH, S.M., B.A.

(By Telegraph from our Wellington correspondent.)

August 25.

The celebration of the Very Rev. Father Keogh's silver jubilee was an unqualified success. On Monday evening the students of St. Patrick's College presented him with a fine set of breviaries. This morning, in the presence of the visiting clergy, Solemn High Mass was celebrated in St. Joseph's Church, Buckle street, by the Rector himself, Rev. Father Quinn being deacon, Rev. Father McCarthy subdeacon. The occasional sermon, which was on the dignity of the priesthood, was preached by the Very Rev. Father Regnault, S.M. (Provincial). At 1 p.m. the faculty of the College entertained the Rector, the organising committee, and the visiting clergy at luncheon at the College. The Right Hon. the Premier was present, also his Worship the Mayor of Wellington, Mr. H. D. Bell, K.C., Hon. Mr. Fowlds (Minister of Education), and many prominent members of the Catholic laity of Wellington. The proceedings were most enthusiastic, and the Rector's health was enthusiastically honored. To-night a concert in honor of the occasion was held in the Town Hall, Dr. Thomas Cahill in the chair. There was a great attendance of citizens of all denominations. On the platform were a large number of local and visiting clergy, including his Grace Archbishop Redwood, Very Rev. Father Regnault, Very Rev. Father O'Shea, V.G., Ven. Archdeacon Devoy, Very Rev. Dean McKenna (Masterton). There were also on the platform the Jewish Rabbi (Rev. Van Staveren), Rev. J. K. Elliott and Rev. James Patterson (Presbyterian), Dr. Tudor Jones (Unitarian), Hon. T. W. Hislop (Mayor of Wellington), Mr. Martin Kennedy, Mr. L. Dwan, Mr. R. O. Collins, Hon. George Fowlds (Minister of Education), Mr. E. J. Fitzgibbon. An excellent concert programme was gone through, songs being rendered by Miss May Driscoll, Miss Violet Lamacroft, Mr. A. S. Ballance, Rev. Father Hills, S.M., and Miss McDonald delighted the audience with her exquisite violin playing. The audience was most enthusiastic, and every performer was heartily encored.

At the conclusion of the concert programme the Chairman, in an excellent speech, eulogised the work done by the Very Rev. Father Keogh, and, on behalf of his friends, congratulated him on the attainment of his silver jubilee and wished him a long and happy life. He also read a large number of apologies from people from end to end of the Dominion expressing regret at their inability to be present.

His Worship the Mayor of Wellington, in a singularly happy and appropriate speech, also congratulated the Rector, and said that he was pleased to be present as the Chief Magistrate and representative of the citizens of Wellington, and on their behalf to present the rev. guest with an address and a purse of 320 sovereigns. His Worship then read the following address, which will be illuminated and framed at a later date:—

'Very Reverend and Dear Father,—On this happy occasion, when you celebrate the 25th anniversary of your ordination to the sacred office of the priesthood, we desire to tender you an expression of our sincere appreciation and affectionate regard, so that the devoted service of a quarter-century may be crowned by a tribute of respect and esteem from your friends and admirers throughout the Dominion. The ability and success which

characterised your work as an educationist in the land of your birth have been manifested in the high standard of culture which obtains at St. Patrick's College to-day, and which is reflected in the splendid results achieved by pupils of the institution at the public examinations. But your influence has not been confined to your work as a teacher. Endowed with a broad-minded spirit, a kindly and generous nature, you have won for yourself many friends, amongst all classes in this country, and they join with us in wishing you a long and happy life.'

The address was signed by prominent citizens in various spheres of activity.

The Hon. the Minister of Education also spoke, and eulogised the work done by the Rector at St. Patrick's College not only in the classroom, but also in moulding the character of boys under his care, and made special mention of the interest he took in the outdoor life of the students.

Mr. E. J. Fitzgibbon, who spoke as the representative of the young New Zealanders, referred to the debt of gratitude due by young New Zealanders to those pioneers of learning, who by their efforts in the past and at the present time were laying the foundations of good citizenship of the future.

The Very Rev. Father Keogh, on rising to respond, was accorded a tremendous ovation, the applause lasting for several minutes and breaking out again and again when he attempted to speak. In the course of a very happy speech, the Rector gave several anecdotes, expressed his sincere thanks to all who had braved the inclemency of the night in order to be present, and to the subscribers for the testimonial they had given him. He also expressed his intention of spending the purse of sovereigns in the fitting up of an up-to-date chemical laboratory at the College, which statement was received with enthusiastic applause.

A hearty vote of thanks to the chairman concluded a highly successful function.

[Further particulars will appear in our next issue.—Ed. N.Z.T.]

DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

(By Telegraph from our own correspondent.)

August 24.

The erection of the new church at Avondale is rapidly progressing, and with the continuance of fine weather it will soon be completed.

The new church, just nearing completion in Raglan, will soon be opened by the Vicar-General. It is in Rev. Father Cahill's widely-scattered parish.

The Mayor of Auckland presided over the drawing of art union prizes connected with the Dominion Fair last Wednesday evening in the presence of Rev. Fathers Meagher, Holbrook, Murphy, Wright, and Williams.

Very Rev. Dean Hackett, on behalf of his Eminence Cardinal Moran, conferred with the officers of the American Fleet while in Auckland, and afterwards cabled to his Eminence concerning arrangements made for the Catholic reception in Sydney. When too late, it was discovered that in the American Fleet there was a nephew of the late Michael Davitt.

His Lordship Bishop Lenihan was accorded an enthusiastic welcome by the Irish Club, London, on July 8, at which nearly a dozen priests and members of Parliament attended. Mr. F. Hazleton, M.P., presented his Lordship with an address on behalf of the Irishmen in London. He eulogised the services rendered the cause of Ireland by Bishop Lenihan, whose presence at that meeting emphasised the strength and unity of purpose of our scattered race trained in free institutions and government. Our race abroad would never rest until Ireland was similarly governed. His Lordship, in replying, said he was proud to be the guest of the Irish Club, of which he had heard so much in New Zealand. In the Dominion of New Zealand they regarded with interest every move in the direction of autonomy for Ireland—which she demanded and had a right to expect. New Zealand refused to join the Australian Commonwealth, because she objected to become a vassal State, such as Ireland was. In the Irish Party were men of the highest intelligence and integrity, who would be a credit to any country. If he had been loyal to Ireland it was because he loved Ireland, and was anxious to follow in the footsteps of Cardinal Moran, a prince of the Church, and the greatest Irishman in the whole of Australasia. The address presented was beautifully executed and framed.

A list of new books, which can be procured from Messrs. Whitaker Bros., Wellington and Greymouth, appears on page 20 of this issue.