

Irish League (Mr. M. O'Kane) intends bringing forward at the next meeting of the league the advisability of allowing ladies to become members.

Two members of the Wellington Catholic Club Athletic branch (Messrs. Mulcahy and Fitzgerald) have been chosen by the Wellington Centre of the N.Z.A.A.A. to go into training for the forthcoming N.Z. Championship meeting to be held next month.

In aid of the funds for the erection of a church in Wadestown a successful euchre party and social were held in the Thorndon parish schoolroom on Friday evening. An energetic committee of ladies and gentlemen, with Mr. Leo Blake as secretary, worked hard and made the affair a great success.

At the Home of Compassion on Sunday afternoon the members of the committee that arranged for the Christmas tree and fete met to present Rev. Mother Mary Aubert with the sum of £107 4s 10d remaining over from the money collected for that purpose. It was presented to the Rev. Mother by Mrs. T. G. Macarthy in a very useful handbag which will serve as a memento of the occasion.

On Tuesday afternoon the ladies of the Petone Catholic Church held a 'kitchen tea' in the school building, to assist in the furnishing of the residence of the Sisters of the Missions in Richmond street. The gathering was successful beyond expectations. There were close on fifty ladies present, each of whom brought with her a household article of value, the presents ranging from a teaspoon to a large piece of furniture. There were also a number of cash donations. At the gathering arrangements were discussed re holding a euchre party to raise further funds. The furnishing committee is composed of Mesdames Brice (treasurer), Byford, Ellis, Isherwood, Levey, Reeve, and Ryder. The Sisters are expected to arrive on Saturday.

On Monday there passed away at her residence in Hopper street Mrs. Margaret McKeegan, a lady who was highly respected by all who knew her. She was born in Waterford, and came out to Wellington with her late husband, Mr. Chas. McKeegan, in the seventies. She has left four daughters (Mesdames C. Aamodt, S. Ross, and H. G. Smith, and Miss Rose McKeegan) and three sons (Messrs. Charles, James, and William McKeegan) to mourn their loss. The body was conveyed to St. Joseph's Church, where a Requiem Mass for the repose of her soul was celebrated by Rev. Father S. Mahony, S.M., who also officiated at the graveside at Mount street Cemetery. R.I.P.

It is with the deepest regret that I have to record the death of Mr. Robert Robinson, of Wallace street, Wellington, which took place at his son's residence at Rangiora on January 7, at the age of 56 years. The deceased was attended in his last illness by the Rev. Father Hyland, and died fortified by all the rites of the Church. The late Mr. Robinson was born at Porirua in 1852, but spent several years of his manhood at Wanganui. Later on he went to the Rangitikei district, and afterwards joined the armed constabulary, serving in the Waikato war. He was transferred to the Defence Department, and spent twenty years in the Depot, Buckle street. He was a most exemplary Catholic, and manifested the greatest interest in all movements in aid of church and school matters. He was always foremost in works of charity. He leaves a widow, two daughters, and two sons to mourn their loss. A Requiem Mass was celebrated by Rev. Father Hyland, who also officiated at the graveside.—R.I.P.

The secretary for the Home of Compassion Christmas tree and fete fund (Mr. A. Amodeo), on behalf of the committee desires to thank the ladies and gentlemen who so kindly collected and contributed towards brightening Christmas for the incurable children, and to thank the Battalion Band and those who contributed to the musical programme. A very pleasant afternoon was spent, each child receiving toys and sweets. The committee included Misses Eileen Ward, F. Guise, C. Guise, R. McElligott, and Messrs. C. McDonald (treasurer) and G. Weight. The surplus realised £107 4s 10d, and was handed to Mother Aubert on Sunday by Mrs. T. G. Macarthy in a very useful handbag. The amount was collected as follows:—Miss Eileen Ward, £12 6s 3; Miss McElligott, £3 5s 6d; Misses F. Guise and Stevens, £3 11s 9d; Miss C. Guise, £3 4s 6d; Mr. G. Weight, £1 17s 6d; Mr. C. McDonald, 12s 6d; Mrs. Gavin, £10 16s 6d; Miss T. Lawton (Taradale), £5 5s; Sacred Heart Church (Mr. B. Whitaker), £5 14s 2d; St. Mary of the Angels' (Miss McElligott), £5 13s; St. Ann's Newtown (Miss Walker), £4 0s 7d; St. Joseph's (Miss Jessie Weight), £3 4s 8d; St. Gerard's (Miss Guise), £2 12s 1d; Miss Jessie Weight, 14s; Miss Doris Guise, £1 0s 9d; Mrs. Rolleston, £1; Dresden Piano Company, 10s 6d; Sympathisers, 14s 6d; Royal Oak Hotel (Miss Comifort), £8 4s 7d; New Zealander Hotel, £1 16s 11d; Mr. Downes, 12s 3d; Miss Lawler, 5s; Mrs. Hayes (Lower Hutt), 10s; Mrs. Carroll, £1 6s 7d; Palace Hotel, 1s 1d; Britannia Hotel, 15s 6d; Grand Hotel, 1s 3d; Albert Hotel, £2 2s

2½d; Empire Hotel, £1 4s 8d; Barrett's Hotel, 4s 2½d; Occidental Hotel (Miss Barrett), £1 8s 5d; Miss Walker, 15s 3d; Mrs. Godber, 8s 4½d; Mrs. Devlin, 9s 6d; Miss Bourke, £3; Mr. B. Ward (Marlborough), £1 5s 6d; Mrs. N. Madden (Blenheim), £1; Miss Stricklyn, 4s 6d; Mr. J. Savage, £2 10s; Mr. Lyons, 11s 10d; Mr. Firth (Caledonia Hotel), £7 6s 6d; Tramway Hotel, £4 7s; Workingmen's Club, £2. Advertising and printing was gratis from the *Dominion*, *Evening Post*, *New Zealand Times*, and Mr. M. O'Kane. Cakes and confectionery from E. Carroll, S. Scott, J. Godber, H. G. Anderson, Aulesbrook and Co., W. Campbell, Pritchard, J. McIlrath, and W. Noad (late Mawson); toys from D.I.C.; Kirkcaldie and Stains, Economic, P. Hayman and Co., Dunbar Sloan, Mrs. Izard, Mrs. D. Nathan, Mrs. Quick, Mrs. Hales, Mrs. Younes, Mrs. Myers, and Mrs. Blundell.

Masterton

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

On Sunday, January 10, the new chapel erected in connection with St. Bride's Convent was dedicated by His Grace the Archbishop of Wellington. His Grace celebrated High Mass at 8 o'clock, in the presence of a large congregation, the music—the Mass of Cecilia in B flat—being rendered in a very creditable manner by a special choir of the advanced pupils of the convent. At 4 o'clock in the afternoon there was a very large assemblage of visitors, when the unveiling of the Commemorative tablet in the building took place. Among the clergy present were the Ven. Archdeacon Devoy, Very Rev. Father Clune, C.S.S.R., Very Rev. Dean McKenna, Rev. Father T. McKenna (Pahiatua), Rev. Father Bowe (Carterton), Rev. Father Kelly, and Rev. Father Delach (Otaki).

His Grace the Archbishop, in the course of his address, said he was extremely gratified at the large gathering present at the ceremony, as it showed the appreciation of the people at the work accomplished by the Sisters of St. Brigid. The chapel about to be opened was erected by the Sisters for their own use and for the use of the children who were educated in the convent. To the Sisters it would be a great boon, as their life—as was well known—was devoted greatly to prayer. Work and prayer constituted the life of the devoted Sisters, and when a chapel such as that attached to St. Bride's Convent was erected for their use it was a great factor of inspiration and devotion, and also a great source of consolation. The splendid chapel reflected the utmost credit on the Sisters, the architect, the builder, and all connected with it, and it was worthy not only of Masterton, but of the Dominion. It was a tribute to the power of Christianity in New Zealand, the power which made for a higher civilisation. His Grace expressed pleasure at seeing the Hon. A. W. Hogg present, and congratulated that gentleman on his recent advancement to Ministerial office.

The stone was then unveiled, the Archbishop formally declaring the chapel open, stating that the event would be a memorable one in the annals of the convent.

The Very Rev. Dean McKenna said that but for the function taking place on a Sunday many other clergy would have attended, but some very handsome donations from clergy in all parts had been received. Referring to the progress of the convent, the speaker said it was only eleven years ago that the site of the present beautiful grounds was a vastly different place. The Sisters had come to occupy a building which was then regarded as a very large place, whereas now that building was only a part of the convent. The fine chapel now being opened was the latest and most beautiful addition. Towards its realisation generous support was forthcoming, and the speaker read a list of donations totalling about £150, including numerous contributions from the ranks of the clergy and Sisters themselves. The Dean stated that as far as the general character of the building went it was a monument to the taste, skill, and good workmanship of the contractors, and he felt he could not say too much in their praise.

The Hon. A. W. Hogg complimented the Sisters on the good influence they were exercising not only with the young people of their own denomination, but also of the others. The convent was really not a sectarian institution at all, but in many respects secular, and it was a place where young girls finished off their education, and were taught accomplishments which fitted them for the multifarious positions in the ladies' circle both in the home and the social spheres. The moral and religious education, which was a leading feature of the convent's work, was one of its chief attractions, to the speaker's mind, and it was for this reason that he had always manifested great interest in the progress of the institution.

This terminated the unveiling ceremony, and the public were then invited to inspect the chapel inside and out, and an hour was spent by the Sisters in escorting the large gathering of people through the beautiful house

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