

C. Pfaff, Schmidt, Whitely, A. Amodeo, F. Eller, F. Hickmott, C. McKenzie, T. Tiller, and Master Mixner. Miss Casey acted as accompanist.

On Tuesday, at the Sacred Heart Basilica, Miss Isabel Mary Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Jones, was married to Mr. J. G. Fitzgerald, son of the late Mr. M. Fitzgerald. The Rev. Father Hickson, S.M., performed the ceremony. The Wedding March was played by Miss May Putnam. Misses Eileen Swift, Rosie Murphy, Nellie Jones, Roma Ross, and Eily Hunt acted as bridesmaids, Mr. Arthur Bretherton as best man, and Mr. Bernard Ryan as groomsmen. A reception was held afterwards at Godber's, when about one hundred guests were entertained by the bride's parents.

The St. Patrick's Day celebration committee have arrangements well in hand, and given fine weather it is anticipated that the celebrations will be a success. The following programme has been decided upon:—The children from the Newtown parish will attend the 8.30 o'clock Mass and embark on trams to Courtenay place, where they will proceed to Te Aro railway station. The children of Te Aro parish will attend the 8.30 o'clock Mass at St. Mary of the Angels, after which, headed by a band, with the members of the H.A.C.B. Society (in regalia) and the Wellington Catholic Club, they will march to Te Aro railway station, leaving by special train at 9.40 a.m. with the Newtown children. The children of the Thorndon parish will attend 9 o'clock Mass at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, and march to Lambton quay station, where they will proceed by the special train conveying the Newtown and Te Aro children. The committee have obtained first-class local talent for the concert in the evening.

The St. Anne's Catholic Club (South Wellington) held its first half-yearly meeting on Thursday evening. Mr. D. Moriarty, president, occupied the chair. The balance sheet showed that the total receipts for the half-year amounted to £89 3s 3d, and expenditure to £56 18s 3d, leaving a credit balance of £32 5s. The report and balance sheet were adopted. The following officers were elected for the ensuing terms:—Patron, Ven. Archdeacon Devoy, S.M.; president, Mr. D. Moriarty; vice-presidents—Rev. Fathers Herring, S.M., McDonald, S.M., Messrs. R. W. Collins, J. Gamble, E. Leyden; spiritual director, Rev. Father Herring, S.M.; Literary and Debating Society, Rev. Father McDonald, S.M., Mr. E. J. Fitzgibbon; hon. secretary, Mr. J. J. Butler; hon. treasurer, Mr. E. Foote; executive committee, Messrs. P. J. Peters, A. Guise, J. J. Fitzgibbon, A. Murdock, D. Strickland, J. Wareham, E. Reade, C. McErlean, Wickliffe; hon. auditor, Mr. E. J. Fitzgibbon.

The half-yearly meeting of the Wellington Catholic Club was held at St. Patrick's Hall on Monday evening, February 22. Mr. A. H. Casey (vice-president) was in the chair. The report and balance sheet were adopted. The receipts for the half-year amounted to £73 12s 2d, and the expenditure to £56 19s 8d, leaving a credit balance of £16 12s 6d. In the report it was mentioned that the cricket and athletic branches, also the Literary and Debating Society (senior and junior divisions), were in a satisfactory condition. The following officers were elected: Patron, his Grace Archbishop Redwood; president, Very Rev. Father O'Shea, S.M., V.G.; vice-president—Very Rev. Father Clune, C.S.S.R. (Superior), Rev. Fathers Venning, S.M., Kimbell, S.M., Goggan, S.M., Rev. Brother Justin, Messrs. A. H. Casey, M. Kennedy, M. O'Connor, C. P. Skerrett, K.C., and J. J. Devine; spiritual director, Rev. Father Venning, S.M.; hon. secretary, Mr. J. McGowan; hon. treasurer, Mr. M. O'Kane; executive, Messrs. J. J. Callaghan, J. W. Callaghan, J. Webb, W. Wright, P. J. McGrath, F. Hickmott, C. McKenzie, L. A. Frost, and J. Quinn; librarian, Mr. J. Webb; hon. auditors, Messrs. S. J. Moran, J. F. O'Leary.

(From an occasional correspondent.)

Mr. J. J. Bourke, who recently returned from a trip to Europe, was entertained at dinner at the Hotel Cecil on Tuesday evening. The function was organised by the personal friends of Mr. Bourke amongst the members of the St. Patrick's College Old Boys' Association, of which he has been a consistent supporter since its inception, to celebrate the occasion of his recent marriage in Ireland and his return to Wellington. The Very Rev. Father Keogh (Rector of St. Patrick's College and president of the association) occupied the chair, and had on his right the guest of the evening and on his left the Rev. Father Goggan (Vice-Rector of St. Patrick's College). A number of toasts were proposed and duly honored, including 'The guest of the evening,' 'Our Alma Mater,' and 'The Old Boys' Association.'

## DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

His Lordship the Bishop went to Hawarden on last Friday, and will probably remain some short while in that parochial district pending the return of the pastor, the Rev. Father Richards.

The Sisters of Nazareth acknowledged with sincere thanks additional subscriptions amounting to £17 2s 6d towards the building fund of Nazareth House.

The Sisters of the Good Shepherd at Mount Magdala have just received a letter from one of their sister homes in Messina giving particulars of the recent disaster there. All the inmates of the home escaped, with the exception of one Sister, who was in charge of the penitents. She, with all but four of her flock, was among the victims.

Members of the Christchurch Catholic Club attended in strong force at the Cathedral at the 7 o'clock Mass on Sunday last, and approached the Holy Table in a body in fulfilment of their Paschal duty, and in compliance with one of the most important rules of the Federated Catholic Young Men's Societies. The celebrant of the Mass, the Rev. Father Lee, M.S.H., in the course of his sermon, dwelt on the aims and objects of the association.

At the local Stipendiary Magistrate's Court Sub-inspector McGrath was officially welcomed on behalf of the Bench by Mr. H. W. Bishop, S.M., in the following terms: 'I am glad to see you, sub-inspector, in your new position, and I wish to welcome you on this your first appearance in this court. In the course of business you and I will be brought frequently in contact, and, from what I know of you, I have no doubt that your work will be efficiently performed. I am very glad to be able to congratulate you on your promotion.'

Matters in connection with what is to be known as the All Seasons Carnival, to be opened at Easter in aid of the Bishop's House extension and improvement fund, are progressing favorably, and with every indication of a successful season. The Very Rev. Father Price, Adm., is devoting much thought and energy to the enterprise, and with that hearty co-operation of his people which is so essential a feature and really so well deserved, success is assured.

A number of prominent personages have notified Mr. E. O'Connor, secretary of the St. Patrick's Day celebration, of their patronage to the Irish national entertainment on March 17, in aid of the funds of Nazareth House. Among these are his Excellency the Governor, his Lordship Bishop Grimes, Sir George Clifford, Bart., Hon. D. Buddo, his Worship the Mayor and members of the Christchurch City Council, Messrs. G. Laurenson, M.P., G. W. Russell, M.P., and T. E. Taylor, M.P. The programme committee have enlisted the interest and assistance of quite a number representing the best local musical talent.

The committee in connection with the Catholic excursion on Boxing Day met on last Wednesday evening at the presbytery, Barbadoes street, Rev. Father O'Hare presiding, to finally dispose of the business relative to the event. It was decided to place the credit balance accruing in the hands of trustees (Messrs. E. O'Connor and J. R. Hayward), as the nucleus of a fund for future operations. Satisfaction was expressed at the success of the fixture, much of the credit in this regard being due to the Rev. Father O'Hare, who not alone manifested a very keen interest in its promotion, but also expended a considerable amount of time and energy in the general work.

## Timaru

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Mr. B. B. de Looze has taken over the conductorship of the Sacred Heart choir.

A mission was opened in the Sacred Heart Church by the Rev. Father McDermott, C.S.S.R., at the 11 o'clock Mass yesterday. The first week is for the women of the parish and the second week for the men. Very Rev. Father Clune, C.S.S.R., is expected to arrive here to-day.

An open-air concert of more than usual excellence was given in the girls' school grounds on Tuesday evening last. The programme was thoroughly enjoyed. The entertainment consisted of a cantata, entitled 'The May Queen.' The school girls, brightly arrayed, were the exponents, and their singing was highly commendable. The chief solos were taken by Misses F. Kennedy, L. Leigh, N. Cunningham, and M. Dennehy, all of whom acquitted themselves well. The Garrison Band gave a couple of selections during the evening, and Mr. B. B. de Looze added a pianoforte solo. A comedietta, entitled 'The Haunted House,' brought the programme to a suitable close. Mr. B. B. de Looze conducted the singing, and Miss Atkinson played the accompaniments with taste.

## Invercargill

(From our own correspondent.)

I regret to have to announce the death of Mr. Patrick Boyle, which took place at his residence at Waikiwi on February 21. The passing away of deceased, who was 76 years of age, has still further diminished the list of the old identities of Southland. The funeral was one of the largest seen in Southland for some time.—R.I.P.

Everything points to a successful celebration of St. Patrick's Day. The Irish Athletic Society's sports promises to prove a record. The entertainment for the evening is being arranged by the following committee: Messrs. L. Morton (chairman), P. Thorpy (secretary), H. Grace, F. Byrne, and T. Pound.