

great applause from the spectators. He is a prominent member of the Wellington Catholic Club's athletic branch.

In all the Catholic Churches of the Wellington archdiocese collections for the sufferers by the Italian earthquake were made. Returns to hand from about half the churches give a total of £100 collected.

On St. Patrick's Night a social was held in the Drill Hall, Petone, under the auspices of the Catholic Club, when there were about 300 present. Musical and other items were contributed by the following:—Miss Levy, Messrs. Butterworth Bros., Coulson, G. Cronin, and Curnsty, Miss and Master Rowell. The committee, with Messrs. G. Gibbons, M. Ryan, and J. Sherlock, worked hard to make the gathering a success.

On St. Patrick's Night a concert in aid of the funds of Mother Mary Aubert's Home of Compassion was held in the Town Hall, Shannon. The house was packed, and the items on the programme were well received. The vocalists were Mesdames D'Ath, May, the Misses Patch and Tremewan, and Messrs. Speak, Caton, Charlesworth, Stansell, and Master McLeavey. Miss R. Stansell contributed a piano solo and Mr. J. Curran danced an Irish jig. Mr. Kersley, of Levin, acted as accompanist.

It is with regret I record the death of Mr. Robert Mitchell Henry, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Henry, at his parents' residence, Nairn street, Wellington, on Sunday morning, March 14. The deceased passed away after an illness of six weeks. He was a native of Wanganui, and aged twenty-one years. Requiem Mass was celebrated on Tuesday, 16th, at St. Mary of the Angels' Church by Rev. Father Hurley, who also officiated at the graveside at Karori Cemetery.—R.I.P.

The third annual social of Lower Hutt H.A.C.B. Society was held on Wednesday, March 17, in the Drill Hall. The society have cause for gratification at the popularity of this annual gathering, which was once more a success. The musical programme was contributed to by Madam Steel, Misses Strickland, Murphy, Clauson, Messrs. C. O'Brien, and F. Silver, and McMenamin's orchestra rendered several items. The committee, Mesdames Connolly, Sullivan, and Wildsmith, who supervised the supper room, and Messrs. J. A. Fitzpatrick, N. O'Shea, with Messrs. E. Connolly and C. O'Brien, joint secretaries, worked energetically for the success of the function.

The third annual meeting of the St. Patrick's College Old Boys' Hockey Club was held in the Catholic Club rooms on Monday evening, Mr. A. H. Casey in the chair. The balance sheet and report for the past year were adopted. The Very Rev. Father Keogh and Mr. J. E. Butler were elected life members of the club. The officers for the ensuing year were elected as follow:—President, Mr. W. E. Butler; vice-presidents, Ven. Archdeacon Devoy, Very Rev. Father Keogh, Messrs. D. Fay, C. Campbell, J. E. Butler, J. R. Hayward, S. J. Moran, J. J. Bourke, A. H. Casey, and Dr. Mackin; captain, Mr. F. Ryan; secretary, Mr. K. I. McGrath; auditor, Mr. D. Campbell; treasurer, Mr. W. Ryan; committee, Rev. Father Bartley, Messrs. F. E. Kelly, C. Gamble, and J. Quinn.

A meeting of the Marist Brothers' Old Boys' Association was held in the Brothers' schoolroom on Monday evening. The object of the meeting was for the purpose of forming an Association Football Club. Mr. C. Gamble presided. There were twenty-five members present. The following officers were elected:—Patron, his Grace Archbishop Redwood; president, Bro. Justin; vice-president, Very Rev. Father O'Shea, Rev. Father Hickson, Messrs. Doherty, M. Kennedy, A. H. Casey, J. J. Devine, and McParland; secretary pro tem., Mr. A. P. Levin; hon. treasurer, Mr. D. Cashman; management committee, Messrs. McKeown, Gamble, Duffy, Miller, and Clements; delegates to the Wellington Football Association, Messrs. Miller and Gamble.

At the entertainment given in Victoria Hall, Carterton, on St. Patrick's Night, in aid of the Catholic Church funds, there was a packed house, and the large audience spent a most enjoyable time. Mr. R. Crawley conducted the Carterton orchestra. The following contributed items to the programme:—Misses Harbroe, O'Brien, Cameron, Jago, McKenzie, and Messrs. Deller, Curtaigne, Hall, and Dudson. The children's national dance, song, and tableau was a very pleasing item. Misses M. Cole, S. Cormack, B. Johnston, and M. Lightfoot danced an Irish reel. Mr. Bryant gave a fine exhibition of baton whirling and club swinging. Accompaniments were played by Misses Berrill, Deller, O'Brien, and McKenzie. At the conclusion of the programme the Rev. Father Bowe thanked the audience for their attendance, and the performers for their generous assistance.

The need for increased accommodation in the Catholic schools of the city was discussed at a meeting of representative Catholics from Te Aro and Thorndon at the presbytery, Boulcott street, on Sunday afternoon. The Vicar-General (Very Rev. Father O'Shea) presided. It was pointed out that the existing schools have already proved entirely inadequate in point of accommodation, and the consequent overcrowding renders the work of instruction increasingly difficult. Further, the Marist Brothers' School in Boulcott street is too far from the extreme ends of the city and suburbs, and the consequence is that many Catholic children are attending other more conveniently situated schools. The authorities have procured a site in

Tasman street, on which a school for infants has been erected. It is overcrowded already, as are also the girls' schools in Dixon street. The proposal is that a Marist Brothers' School be erected on the Tasman street site, the infants to be accommodated at the Dixon street school, where also a new and bigger school will soon have to be erected, and that another Brothers' school for Thorndon shall be erected on a site in Hawkestone street, which has been purchased for that purpose. This will, naturally, involve an expenditure of many thousands of pounds, and after a considerable amount of discussion a committee was set up to go fully into the details of the various schemes submitted, and report to a future meeting.

NEW ZEALAND RAILWAYS TIME-TABLE ALTERATIONS.

On and after THURSDAY, April 1, the following Time-table Alterations will be made:—

EXPRESS TRAINS.—The Up Express now leaving Invercargill at 8.0 a.m., Dunedin arrive 1.0 p.m., Dunedin depart 1.26 p.m., and arriving Christchurch at 10.40 p.m., will run as follows: Invercargill depart 6.15 a.m., Dunedin arrive 11.0 a.m., depart 11.15 a.m., arriving Christchurch 7.27 p.m. On Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays will run through to Lyttelton, connecting with ferry steamer for Wellington. Between Clinton and Oamaru will stop at Balclutha, Milton, Seaciff, Palmerston, and Hampden only.

The Down Express now leaving Christchurch at 8.0 a.m., Dunedin arrive 5.13 p.m., depart 5.45 p.m., Invercargill arrive 11.5 p.m., will leave Christchurch at 8.0 a.m., Dunedin arrive 4.0 p.m., depart 4.25 p.m., Invercargill arrive 9.30 p.m. Between Oamaru and Clinton this train will stop at Hampden, Palmerston, Seaciff, Milton, and Balclutha only.

OAMARU-PALMERSTON-DUNEDIN.—The train now leaving Palmerston at 10.10 a.m. and arriving Dunedin at 1.4 p.m. will arrive Dunedin at 1.15 p.m.

The train leaving Dunedin for Palmerston on Saturdays at 1.50 p.m. will leave at 1.55 p.m.

The train leaving Dunedin for Oamaru at 3.10 p.m. will leave at 3.18 p.m.

DUNEDIN-PORT CHALMERS.—UP TRAINS: The train now leaving Dunedin for Port Chalmers at 1.11 p.m. will leave at 1.17 p.m.

The train now leaving Dunedin for Port Chalmers at 3.50 p.m. will leave at 4.5 p.m.

The train now leaving Dunedin for Port Chalmers at 8.25 p.m. daily, except Saturday, will not run.

Train will leave Dunedin for Port Chalmers at 9.20 p.m. daily.

The train now leaving Dunedin for Port Chalmers at 11.0 p.m. will leave at 11.15 p.m., Ravensbourne 11.24 p.m., Burkes 11.30 p.m., arriving Port Chalmers 11.45 p.m.

DOWN TRAINS: The train now leaving Port Chalmers for Dunedin at 11.16 a.m. will leave at 11.30 a.m., Dunedin arrive 12.3 p.m.

The train now leaving Port Chalmers for Dunedin at 1.9 p.m. will leave at 1.15 p.m., Ravensbourne 1.37 p.m., Dunedin arrive 1.46 p.m.

The train now leaving Port Chalmers for Dunedin at 9.25 p.m. daily, except Saturday, will not run.

Train will leave Port Chalmers for Dunedin at 10.15 p.m. daily.

The train now leaving Port Chalmers for Dunedin at 11.45 p.m. will leave at 11.55 p.m., Sawyers' Bay 12.0, Burkes 12.9 a.m., Ravensbourne 12.15 a.m., arriving Dunedin 12.24 a.m.

DUNEDIN-MOSGIEL.—The 9.20 a.m. train Dunedin to Mosgiel and Outram will leave Cattle Yards at 9.37 a.m., Abbotsford 9.46 a.m., Wingatui 9.58 a.m., Mosgiel 10.15 a.m., arriving Outram 10.55 a.m.

The train now leaving Dunedin for Mosgiel at 11.0 a.m. will leave at 11.5 a.m., Caversham 11.16 a.m., Cattle Yards 11.23 a.m., Burnside 11.28 a.m., Abbotsford 11.33 a.m., Wingatui 11.48 a.m., arriving Mosgiel 11.53 a.m.

The 12.15 p.m. train Dunedin to Mosgiel on Saturdays will leave Abbotsford at 12.41 p.m., Wingatui 12.55 p.m., arriving Mosgiel 1.0 p.m.

The 5.18 p.m. train Mosgiel to Dunedin will leave Wingatui at 5.27 p.m., Abbotsford 5.39 p.m., Burnside 5.44 p.m., Cattle Yards 5.50 p.m., Caversham 5.55 p.m., arriving Dunedin 6.5 p.m.

The train now leaving Mosgiel for Dunedin at 6.18 p.m. will leave at 6.10 p.m., Wingatui 6.15 p.m., Abbotsford 6.25 p.m., Burnside 6.29 p.m., Cattle Yards 6.36 p.m., Caversham 6.41 p.m., arriving Dunedin 6.50 p.m.

DUNEDIN-CLINTON.—The train now leaving Dunedin for Clinton at 8.55 a.m. will leave at 9.5 a.m.

The train now leaving Dunedin for Clinton at 4.25 p.m. will leave at 4.50 p.m.

The train now leaving Clinton for Dunedin at 6.25 a.m. and arriving Dunedin at 10.58 a.m. will leave Clinton at 6.10 a.m. and arrive Dunedin at 10.30 a.m.

The train now arriving at Dunedin at 8.15 p.m. from Balclutha will arrive at 8 p.m.

For full particulars see handbills at all stations.

BY ORDER.