

The appeal made at the Sacred Heart Church on behalf of the Sicilian earthquake fund resulted in a contribution of £37.

Messrs. J. W. Callaghan and J. McGowan have been appointed to represent the Wellington Catholic Club at the eighth annual conference of federated Catholic clubs. The conference will hold its meetings in St. Patrick's Hall, Boulcott St., on Saturday, April 10.

His Grace Archbishop Redwood recently completed his 35th year in the episcopate, having been consecrated on the feast of St. Patrick, 1874, by the late Cardinal Manning. His Grace will be 70 years of age on Holy Thursday, April 8. Half his life has therefore already been spent in the episcopate. His clergy earnestly pray that God may long spare him to wear the mitre as their esteemed Archbishop.

The Catholics of Levin intend having a fancy fair which will be called the 'United Kingdom Fair,' in aid of the church fund. The object is to pay off the mortgage on the land (10 acre section), so that the authorities may build a convent. The fair will be held in September, and an energetic committee of ladies and gentlemen has been appointed to get some funds in hand to help the ladies to purchase material for their stalls.

At the quarterly meeting of the St. Aloysius' branch of the H.A.C.B. Society, held in St. Anne's Hall, Newtown, on March 22, there was a large attendance of members. The balance sheet for the past three months was adopted, and disclosed a very satisfactory state of affairs. A letter was read from his Grace Archbishop Redwood appointing the Rev. Father McDonald, S.M., chaplain to the society in place of the Rev. Father Herbert, S.M., who has been transferred to Thorndon parish.

Last week at St. Anne's Club, Newtown, the members of the St. Aloysius' Boys' Club elected the following office-bearers:—Patron, Rev. Father Herring, S.M.; president and manager, Mr. Theodore Peters; vice-presidents, Messrs. J. J. Butler, Guthrie, C. McErlean, Segrief, and J. Wareham; secretary and treasurer, Master Arthur Little; committee, Masters J. Cotter, M. McCarthy, J. McInerney, H. McKay, W. Rouse, L. Turner. The club was formally opened on March 19, and the members for the present will meet once a week.

The township of Makara, in the parish of Thorndon, has for some time past been attended to by the Rev. Father Walsh, of Lower Hutt, who had cheerfully relieved the Thorndon clergy of that responsibility. Owing, however, to his increasing duties, Father Walsh has been obliged, with regret, to sever his connection with Makara. Henceforth one of the Thorndon clergy will visit it monthly, thus bringing it into line with Karori and Wadestown—the two other stations of the parish of Thorndon. On Sunday last the Rev. Father Hickson celebrated Mass there at eleven o'clock, and took occasion to voice the feeling of gratitude entertained by all towards the Rev. Father Walsh for his devotedness in the past.

A well attended meeting of University Catholic graduates and undergraduates was held at St. Patrick's College on March 24. The Very Rev. Father Keogh, S.M., B.A., presided. It was resolved to hold a reunion in connection with the forthcoming inter-University tournament to be held in Wellington this Easter. It was decided that the University students resident in Wellington, as well as visitors, assist at Holy Mass on Easter Sunday at San Antonio Church, Muritai, after which they are to be entertained at luncheon. Invitations are extended to Catholic graduates from over-sea Universities. A movement is on foot to form a union among Catholic University men for the purpose of social gatherings, lectures, etc. The meeting elected the Rev. Father F. S. Bartley, S.M., B.A., and Messrs. E. J. Fitzgibbon, LL.B., and T. E. Kelly a committee to make the necessary arrangements.

On Monday last the Sailors' Rest was crowded, the occasion being a concert to seamen given by the Wellington Catholic Seamen's Conference. A first-class programme was provided, all the items being greatly appreciated. The following contributed:—Misses Anderson (song), Frith (song), Hamilton (song), Jameson (song), Parrell (song), Elsie Strickland (song), E. Marshall and E. Waller (Spanish tambourine dance), Messrs. V. G. Cole (piano solo, also violin solo), Falvey (song), Harrop (song), McGrath (recitation), McWilliams (recitation), and Master James McCarthy (recitation). Mr. Falvey also gave a highly interesting exposition of mental telepathy. The accompaniments were played by Mrs. Falvey, Miss A. McCarthy, and Mr. V. G. Cole. Captain Bonner (manager of the Rest) returned thanks. The concerts which have been given having proved so interesting to the seamen the Conference has decided to provide fortnightly entertainments to seamen during the winter months.

The St. Patrick's College cadets, who have been under canvas on the Trentham rifle range for the past seven

days, returned to town on Monday. There were nearly 100 cadets in camp, the officers being Captains Outtrim and Campbell. The cadets underwent their annual training, and the attention paid to the details by the boys in connection with military matters has been most commendable, while the boys' conduct throughout has been all that could be desired. The Rector (the Very Rev. Father Keogh, S.M.) had been in charge of the camp, and had not had a single case of sickness to report, and the boys thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The Inspector-General (Colonel Davies, C.B.), accompanied by Lieutenant-Colonel Bauchop, C.M.G., Officer Commanding the Wellington District, and Lieutenant Chesney, paid a visit to the camp, and inspected the two companies during the week. Colonel Collins, V.D., also visited the camp, and offered to present a medal for shooting to this corps as an incentive to the cadets to take a keener interest in rifle shooting. The lads are very keen on shooting, and have expressed the hope that the Dominion Rifle Association will be able to inaugurate a 'cadets' Bisley,' at which boys from every part of New Zealand will be induced to compete. Visitors to the cadet camp on Sunday expressed surprise at the way in which the boys carried out their respective duties. All the cooking and orderly work was done on strict military lines. The cooking was carried out by the boys themselves in a most creditable manner, and this should be borne in mind by the adult volunteers.

### New Plymouth

(From an Occasional Correspondent.)

A very successful concert was held on St. Patrick's Night in the Brougham Street Hall, which was crowded. The programme, which was a varied one, gave entire satisfaction. The following items were rendered:—Irish airs, duet by Messrs. Cornwall and M. Ewen on guitar and mandoline; 'Steer my barge to Erin's Isle,' Miss Ward (encored); 'The Irish emigrant,' Mr. F. Cornwall; banjo duet, Messrs. Cornwall and Scott; quartette, 'The dear little shamrock,' Messrs. Guy and Jennings and Misses Buckman (encored); 'The skipper of St. Ives,' Mr. Guy (encored); xylophone solo, Miss G. Calgher; Mr. J. Haslam sang two songs, receiving encores to both; cornet solo, 'Fantasia of Irish airs,' Mr. J. H. Saunders. A special feature of the entertainment was the Shakespearean recitation from 'Henry VIII.' Wolsey's celebrated farewell soliloquy, by Mr. Farmer, of Waitara, who gave a vivid impersonation of the famous churchman and statesman. Being recalled, the performer gave Wolsey's 'Charge to Cromwell' in true dramatic style. The concluding item was an address by Mr. J. J. Sullivan, in which the speaker dwelt on the past glories of Erin, in a most interesting and eloquent manner, concluding his speech amidst much applause.

### Westport

(From our own correspondent.)

March 22.

On Sunday, March 14, a fortnight's mission was opened here by Rev. Fathers Lowham and Gilmartin. At the 9 o'clock Mass the members of the local branch of the H.A.C.B. Society approached the Holy Table in a body.

The Irish national concert, under the auspices of the Hibernian Society, on St. Patrick's Night was favored with a large attendance. The programme was a particularly good one, and encores were numerous and emphatic. The Westport Military Band played for the opening selection 'The wearin' of the green'; Mr. Doogan sang 'Believe me if all those endearing young charms,' and for an encore 'The minstrel boy'; Miss Smith sang 'Three leaves of shamrock,' an encore being demanded; Mr. J. Berti (Greymouth) contributed 'Thoro,' and for an encore 'Someone is calling,' his other numbers being Gounod's 'Ave Maria' (with violin obligato played by Miss Lock), and with Miss Lempfert the duet 'Nocturne'; Miss Conway (Reefton) sang 'Come back to Erin,' her other numbers being 'The wearin' of the green' and 'The carnival,' which were rendered in a finished manner. Miss Lempfert was most successful in 'The Irish emigrant' and 'Barney O'Hea'; Mr. S. Thompson gave 'Father O'Flynn,' and for an encore 'My Rosary.' Miss A. Milligan's numbers were 'Out on the rocks' and 'Slumber song.' Mr. J. Kelly was warmly encored for his cornet solo, 'Carnival de Venice.' The concluding item was a sailor's hornpipe by Mr. P. Hennessy. Prior to the opening of the concert, the Westport Garrison Band played selections outside the theatre. The accompaniments were capably played by Misses Lynch, J. Thompson Kelly, and Mr. E. Nahr. The concert arrangements were in the hands of the following committee: Messrs. P. Hughes, J. Dickson, W. Lauder, G. Drew, J. Radford, J. Murphy, J. Ryan, and P. Malloy, the secretarial duties being carried out by Mr. F. O'Gorman.

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