

acclamation. Refreshments were then passed round and a most enjoyable evening was spent in social intercourse by the delegates and officers.

Diocesan News

ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

August 28.

The Rev. Father V. Geaney, S.M., left Wellington for Sydney to-day by the Manuka en route to Rome, where he goes to complete his higher studies.

A debate was held on Wednesday evening by the boys of St. Aloysius' Club, the subject being: 'Are New Zealanders too fond of sport?' After a spirited discussion it was decided in the negative.

In my notes last week I was made to say that an entertainment took place in O'Donnell's Hall, Clareville. It should have been 'O'Donnell's Hall, Kilbirnie.' [The mistake was due to a transposition of lines.]

At the meeting of the executive of the Wellington Catholic Club, held last evening, Mr. A. H. Casey (vice-president), who has been chairman of the executive for many years past, was presented by Mr. J. McGowan, on behalf of members, with a gold-mounted Swan fountain pen, suitably inscribed.

A meeting of parishioners of Northland district was held last Sunday to consider the best means of obtaining funds for the erection of a school at Northlands. It was decided to canvass the Catholics of the district during the coming fortnight, and to report the result at a meeting to be held on Sunday, September 5.

On last Sunday, August 22, after the evening devotions, Mr. P. J. Amodeo, a member of St. Gerard's Church (Redemptorist) choir, was presented with a token of esteem from his fellow-members on the occasion of his leaving Wellington for Christchurch. He has been transferred to the clerical staff of the Christchurch Magistrate's Court. He was wished every success in his new sphere of work.

The members of the St. Aloysius' branch of the H.A.C.B. Society paid an official visit to the Melrose (Druids) Lodge in O'Donnell's Hall, Kilbirnie, on Tuesday evening. After indulging in cribbage and euchre, in which the Hibernians proved victorious, refreshments were handed round, during which sundry toasts were proposed. The following members of the Hibernian Society rendered musical items:—Messrs. Corliss, Foote, and McErlean. Altogether a most successful and entertaining evening was spent.

In the football match which took place at Newtown Park on Thursday afternoon, 26th inst., between St. Patrick's College and Blenheim High School teams the former proved victorious, scoring 33 points to 3. The college team was slightly heavier than the visitors. For the winners tries were scored by Mahoney and Hogan (2), Sullivan, Blake, and Doherty (1 each). Dundan scored for the losers. Mr. Quinn was referee. Very Rev. Dr. Kennedy, S.M., Rector of St. Patrick's College, entertained both teams at dinner last night.

A dramatic and musical entertainment by members of the Wellington Catholic Club will be given in the club rooms on Monday and Tuesday, 20th and 21st September. The proceeds are to be devoted towards the fund for the erection of the new Catholic hall, the building of which is expected to be commenced very shortly. The dramatic branch is making excellent progress under the management of Mr. D. Kelly, and the entertainment is looked forward to with interest. Judging by the way in which the tickets are selling, it should prove a decided success. Mr. F. A. Hickmott is hon. secretary.

The Hibernian Society (St. Patrick's branch) intend holding a euchre party at an early date, and the St. Aloysius' branch are busy arranging for a social evening on September 29. The proceeds of both these functions will be devoted towards the fund for the entertainment of the delegates to the triennial movable meeting of the New Zealand district, which will be held in Wellington next February. Brothers Shaldrick (Onehunga) and Stead (Auckland) were appointed delegates to represent St. Patrick's branch at the district half-yearly meeting which was held at Auckland on Wednesday last.

The popularity which the concerts given by the Wellington Catholic Seamen's Conference have earned was greatly in evidence last Monday evening, when a large and enthusiastic audience of seamen and their friends attended. The following contributed items to the programme, which was highly appreciated:—Misses A. and M. Frith (songs), Doris Guise (sailor's hornpipe), Eileen Scanlon (Irish clog dance), N. Strickland (song), M. Taylor (song), Messrs. V. Cole (pianoforte solo), S. Corliss (comic song), J. Gallagher (song), E. Healy (song), Hilditch (flute solo), Murphy (recitation), C. McErlean (comic song), E. B. L. Reade (song), and Silver (song). Messrs. Joll and Reade also gave a vocal duet. Special features submitted were the comic items given by Mr. E. Kain, of London, and the quartet

singing of Messrs. Bradley, Foote, McErlean, and Reade. The accompaniments were played by Mrs. Ward, Misses Frith and Taylor, and Mr. W. H. Rennie.

The St. Anne's Catholic Club (South-Wellington) held its fourth half-yearly meeting on Thursday. Mr. D. Moriarty occupied the chair. The balance sheet showed that the total receipts for the half-year amounted to £119 0s 2d (including £32 5s brought forward from last balance), and the expenditure to £79 3s. The report and balance sheet were adopted. The Ven. Archdeacon Devoy, S.M. (patron), addressed the meeting and congratulated the retiring officers on the excellent work done during the last half-year. He promised as soon as circumstances would permit to extend the hall in order to meet the growing requirements of the club. The following officers were elected:—Patron, Ven. Archdeacon Devoy, S.M.; president, Mr. R. W. Collins; vice-presidents, Rev. Fathers Herring, S.M., and McDonald, S.M., Messrs. J. E. Gamble, B. A. Guise, and E. J. Leydon; spiritual director, Rev. Father Herring, S.M. Literary and debating branch: President, Rev. Father McDonald, S.M.; vice-president, Mr. E. J. Fitzgibbon, LL.B.; hon. secretary, Mr. George R. Harris; hon. treasurer, Mr. E. B. L. Reade; librarian, Mr. E. J. Fitzgibbon; executive committee, Messrs. Butler, J. J. Fitzgibbon, Guthrie, D. Moriarty, C. McErlean, McMahon, P. J. Peters, J. Wareham, Wicklyffe; auditor, Mr. E. J. Fitzgibbon. It was a very enthusiastic meeting, about 50 members being present. They unanimously expressed their appreciation of the excellent work done by Mr. Peters as manager of the St. Aloysius' Boys' Club. The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the chairman.

The twenty-second half-yearly meeting of the Wellington Catholic Club was held at St. Patrick's Hall on Friday evening. The president (Very Rev. Father O'Shea, S.M., V.G.) was in the chair. There were about 40 members present. The report and balance sheet were adopted. The receipts for the half-year amounted to £56 7s 6d, which included £16 12s 6d brought forward from the last half-year, and the expenditure to £52 4s 11d, leaving a credit balance of £4 2s 7d. The report mentioned that there are 200 members now on the roll, and that both branches of the literary and debating society are showing satisfactory progress. The election of office-bearers resulted as follows: Patron, his Grace Archbishop Redwood; president, Very Rev. Father O'Shea, S.M., V.G.; vice-presidents, Very Rev. Father Clune, C.S.S.R., Rev. Father Goggan, S.M., Rev. Father Hickson, S.M., Adm., Rev. Father Venning, S.M., Rev. Brother Justin, Messrs. A. H. Casey, J. J. Devine, M. Kennedy, M. O'Connor, and C. P. Skerrett, K.C.; hon. secretary, Mr. J. McGowan; hon. treasurer, Mr. J. Webb; executive, Messrs. J. W. Callaghan, F. A. Hickmott, B. Leydon, C. P. McKenzie, J. C. O'Leary, J. Quinn, L. Roseingrave, G. Venning, and W. Wright; hon. auditors, Messrs. S. J. Moran and J. F. O'Leary. The meeting directed the executive to call a special general meeting to consider proposals for the formation of a boys' club, and also the question of certain alterations to the constitution. Steps are being taken to revive the cricket and athletic branches of the club. Votes of thanks to retiring office-bearers and the rev. chairman terminated the business.

Wanganui

(From our travelling correspondent.)

During the recent 'Industries Week,' held in Wanganui, one of the methods adopted for creating interest in the local manufacturing concerns there was the granting of a prize by the biscuit company for an essay, open to children attending schools in the district. All the competitors—and there were many—visited the factory, and noted how the goods were manufactured, so as to get the ground-work for their essays. The papers, when handed in, were then adjudicated upon by a competent judge, and the first prize was won by Miss Aileen Sullivan, a pupil of the Wanganui Convent. Miss Sullivan, who is only 14 years of age, is a daughter of Mr. E. Sullivan, of Pahiatua. The judge complimented the competitors on their excellent productions, and bestowed well-merited praise on the winner for her descriptive paper on the subject. This result reflected not only credit on Miss Sullivan, but also on her teachers, the Sisters of St. Joseph.

Masterton

(From our own correspondent.)

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The concert held at Carterton on Tuesday evening, in aid of the funds of St. Mary's Church, was a great success, the dancing by the children being much appreciated. The takings amounted to £16, and the success of the function was due to Miss Harbroe, who taught the dancers, and Mrs. Berrill, who arranged the entertainment.

The following pupils of St. Bride's Convent were successful in the theory examinations held in June in connection with the Masterton centre of the Associated Board of the R.A.M. and R.C.M., London:—Local Centre examinations (full marks 99, pass 66)—Mary O'Neill, 89; Ruby

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