

The Catholic Young Men's Association is making its power felt. It gave a *conversazione* in the Gaiety Theatre on last Monday. The subjoined report of the proceedings from the *Hawke's Bay Herald* will show how it was appreciated:—There was a very large attendance, and all thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Entertainment of a varied character was provided, ping pong and other parlor games being interspersed with dancing. Miss Henn supplied the music for the dances, extra dances being played by Misses Buchanan, Barry, Shanahan, Wells, and Mr. C. Eagar. A good musical programme was presented. Misses King and Benson, and Mr. Flanagan contributed vocal solos. Misses King and Staunton sang the duet 'What are the wild waves saying,' and Messrs. Mullane and Young danced an Irish jig and hornpipe respectively. The accompaniments were played by Misses Henn and Murnane. Refreshments were distributed during the evening. To the committee of the association, the president (the Rev. Father Goggan), and the acting-secretary (Mr. M. F. O'Rourke) credit is due for their efforts in providing such an enjoyable evening's entertainment. It is gratifying to learn that the association is rapidly increasing in membership, and is becoming a progressive and flourishing institution.

DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH.

(From our own correspondent.)

June 30.

On last Sunday week his Lordship Dr. Grimes solemnly blessed and opened for Divine worship the splendid new church at Cheviot. Collections for Peter's Pence were made on Sunday. At Vespers in the Pro-Cathedral, his Lordship the Bishop preached on the feast of the day, that of Sts. Peter and Paul.

News has been received of the death at Lyons, France, of the Very Rev. Father Le Terrier, predecessor of the late Very Rev. Dr. Pestre, as Provincial of the Marist Order in New Zealand.—R.I.P.

Frequent annoyance and even risk have been occasioned the inmates of St. Joseph's Convent, Lyttelton, by boys throwing stones at the premises. Rev. Father Cooney had occasion last week to have one of the young offenders before the court. He said he did not wish to have the delinquent punished but simply warned, a course the Magistrate adopted.

The relatives of the Rev. Francis Morrell have just been apprised of his ordination to the priesthood at Sydney. Father Morrell is a native of Christchurch and commenced his education under Mr E. O'Connor when in charge of the local Catholic boys' school. For years he was one of the most devoted acolytes of the Pro-Cathedral. He continued his studies at St. Patrick's College, Wellington, and at the Meane Seminary; subsequently making his profession in the society of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart at Sydney.

On last Tuesday evening the members of the Christchurch Catholic Club held an 'At Home' at the rooms, Barbadoes street. Among the guests present were his Lordship the Bishop, Very Rev. Father Le Menant des Cheneais, Very Rev. Dean Foley, and Rev. Fathers Price (Hawarden), O'Connell (Waimate), and McDonnell. An enjoyable musical programme was taken part in by the Messrs Geohagan's Orchestra, Mrs Schwartz, Miss A. Bryant, Messrs Dykes, Beattie, Finlay, Hayward, Beveridge, J. J. Cronin, Schwartz and McNamara. Refreshments were provided by the ladies, and a particularly pleasant evening was terminated by the singing of the National Anthem.

The keenest disappointment was experienced at the abandonment of the Coronation celebrations, and sincere sorrow manifested at the cause. On account of the altered circumstances Masses of supplication for the recovery of the King were celebrated in the Pro-Cathedral on Thursday morning. The various congregations were exhorted to pray for the speedy recovery of his Majesty, and the deepest sympathy was expressed with the Queen and the Empire generally. His Lordship the Bishop has ordered to be offered in all the churches throughout the diocese at Mass and Benediction the special prayer 'Pro Quacunque Necessitate,' instead of the 'Te Deum' previously prescribed. Special Masses were celebrated at St. Mary's, Manchester street, for the same object.

His Lordship Bishop Grimes was one of the principal speakers at the distribution of diplomas last week at Canterbury College in connection with the New Zealand University. The address of Dr. Grimes on the occasion is reported as follows:—After apologising for the absence of the Chairman of the Board of Governors he said that under ordinary circumstances he would deem it an honor to address such a distinguished audience, a statement that was greeted with appreciative cheers on the part of the students. But, the speaker continued, there was a very dark and very dreary, and, what was worse still, a very impenetrable cloud hanging over all of them at the moment, and he felt quite unequal to do justice to ordinary themes befitting the occasion, and he had thought it would be more suitable for him merely to endorse the Chancellor's statements with regard to their flourishing institutions, and to congratulate those who had achieved the honors. To do no more than this, however, might savour of discourtesy to the Chancellor, and he would, therefore, make a few remarks to the meeting. Everyone present would acknowledge that the honors about to be conferred would be well won by the recipients thereof, but besides the many literary and scientific facts wherewith they had enriched their minds during the last few years, there were two other great historical facts worthy of being treasured. At the outset of the recent sad war it was given us to witness an outburst of patriotism unparalleled in the history of any nation, ancient or modern. It would always be one of the glories of Canterbury College to have helped to swell that outburst. They had been grieved for the sorrows of those who had gone from this and other colonies to the war, they had sympathised with them in their sufferings and momentary disasters that befel

them, and only the other day they had hailed with delight the glad tidings that hostilities had ceased. This was one of the great facts he had spoken of, and the other was even greater still. It was one which in the military, civil, and political world had wrought a very revolution. The speaker then contrasted the old brutal cry of 'Vae victis! Woe to the vanquished!' with the recent peace, the conditions of which he characterised as the most generous, the most chivalrous, ever granted. Were the dark cloud still hovering over us to burst with the result that he dared not contemplate, even then the too short reign of our gracious King would for ever be immortalised by this bare proclamation of peace. In the meantime, though it was not granted us to rejoice, knowing that with old and hallowed rites, and with solemn symbolical ceremonies our King and Queen were not crowned, we should lift up our hearts and voices to God, and implore Him, with all earnestness and faith and love, to grant the prayer, God save King Edward VII. God save our Gracious King!

WAIMATE.

(From our own correspondent.)

June 30.

Considering the inclemency of the weather there was a large attendance of members of the H.A.C.B. Society at St. Patrick's schoolroom last Monday evening, when the Rev. Father O'Connell was presented with a handsome travelling bag. Bro. T. Twomey, in making the presentation, referred to the energy and zeal of Father O'Connell, and hoped that he would always look on the present as a small token of the members' appreciation of his services. The Rev. Father Regnault, Bros. Harris, Cosgrave, and O'Connor also spoke at some length. The Rev. Father O'Connell, in returning thanks, said that whatever he had done for the society had been done in the interest of Church and country. During the evening various games were indulged in. Before dispersing the members were supplied with refreshments, provided by a few lady friends to whom the society is much indebted.

There was a large attendance at St. Patrick's Church last Thursday, when a special service was conducted by the Rev. Father Regnault, who made feeling reference to the illness of the King. He sincerely hoped that his Majesty would soon be restored to health. After the service the children were marched down to the drillshed, where, with hundreds of others, they received flags and were treated to refreshments. The Peace Committee had made arrangements to feast the children on Peace Day, but when it fell so near the coronation celebrations it was decided to amalgamate the events. However, the sad news of the King's illness put a stop to all the coronation festivities, with the exception of the children's treat. After justice had been done, Master Walter Boreham, of St. Patrick's School, proposed, on behalf of the children present, a vote of sympathy with the King in his serious illness, expressing a hope that he would soon be restored to health, and also a vote of thanks for the generous manner in which they had been treated that day.

TIMARU.

(From an occasional correspondent.)

June 24.

On Monday evening, June 23, a most successful concert was held in the boys' schoolroom in aid of the schools. The pupils of the parish (girls') school of the Sacred Heart were the chief contributors to the programme, and rendered kindergarten exercises, choruses, etc., with marked evidences of their careful training. The following gentlemen also contributed much to the success of the concert:—Messrs Jefferson, Eiby, McDonald, and Bennett, all being encored for their vocal items, while the last-named was recalled three times for his comic songs, which were sung with a keen sense of humor. Miss E. McGuinness, Miss Egan, Miss Golding, and the Rev. Father Aubry had the instrumental portion allotted to them, the two first-named opening with an overture. Miss Golding played the accompaniments for the physical-drill exercises in good style, and Father Aubry gave a selection on the violin, accompanied by Miss E. McGuinness, who also played the accompaniments for the other various vocal items during the evening. Amongst those present were the Rev. Fathers Tubman and Le Petit. The attendance was what may be termed good and the whole concert a success.

One of the events of the past week was the celebration of the Feast of St. John the Baptist, and also the birthday of our worthy pastor, the Rev. Father Tubman. Preparations for a social evening were made in the girls' schoolroom, and there the Rev. Father was presented, before a large number of the congregation, with a purse of sovereigns by Miss M. Mullin (on behalf of the Altar Society), and an address was read by Mr Patrick Keane, the latter expressing the congratulations of the congregation to the Rev. Father on the success of the many parochial works he had inaugurated and successfully carried out. The Rev. Father feelingly replied, and said the purse would be devoted to the necessary repairs and improvements in the schools. Refreshments were handed round by the ladies and several games of ping pong, etc., were played. During the evening vocal and instrumental musical items were given by the following ladies and gentlemen: Mrs Lynch, Miss McGuinness, Messrs Eiby, McDonald, and Bennett (vocal items), Misses E. McGuinness, Egan, and Dennehy (instrumental selections). As the meeting broke up hearty cheers were given for the Rev. Father Tubman.

[This letter arrived too late for our last issue].

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