

chair. The balance sheet for the quarter ended March was read and adopted. The branch has now over one hundred members, its satisfactory progress being due to the energy of the officers. Two new members were initiated.

A very interesting account of his sojourn at the military camp, recently held at Waverley, was given by the Rev. Father Moloney, S.M., at the meeting of the St. Vincent de Paul Society on last Monday evening. Words failed him, he said, to express his appreciation of the kindness shown him by the military authorities, and to do justice to the fervor of the Catholic young men.

The most successful social ever held in the Aramoho School took place on Thursday evening, when fully 200 persons were present. The occasion was taken advantage of to formally open the new portion of the school. His Grace Archbishop O'Shea, who came specially from Feilding for the purpose, performed the ceremony. The Aramoho ladies provided a generous supply of light refreshments.

At last Sunday night's meeting the following were appointed a social committee for the ensuing year: Mesdames Cameron, Lloyd, Pobar, Sussmilch, Koorey, Lonergan, Lebutt, Misses Cooper, Gagan, Meehan, McHardie, Roche, Shale, Cameron, Donnelly (treasurer), Cullinane (secretary), and Messrs. Dowdall, Redwood, Le Berre, Cronin, Koorey, Donovan, Foley (treasurer), and Jans (secretary). Tickets are now in circulation for the euchre party, which is to be held in the Druids' Hall on June 10. As the net returns go to the St. Vincent de Paul Society, all should make an effort to ensure the success of the entertainment.

DIocese OF AUCLAND

(By telegraph, from our own correspondent.)

May 31.

The final meeting of the St. Patrick's Day Celebration Committee was held on Sunday afternoon in St. Benedict's Clubroom. Right Rev. Mgr. Brodie, V.G., presided, and Very Rev. Chancellor Holbrook and Rev. Father Doyle were amongst those present. The balance sheet submitted was approved, and votes of thanks were accorded to the Marist Brothers, the Sisters of Mercy, Sisters of St. Joseph, the general secretary (Mr. Phil Carroll), the sports secretary (Mr. A. J. Woodley), and all who had assisted at the sports and concert. It was decided to meet again in the month of October in connection with the next St. Patrick's Day celebration. The balance sheet showed that the total receipts were £338 12s 2d, the principal items being cheque from his

Lordship the Bishop, £50; Domain gate money, £140 13s 6d; donations, £13 13s; nominations, £19 2s; sale of privileges, £8 19s; concert receipts, £101 19s. The chief items of expenditure were—printing, advertising, and stationery, £27 9s 10d; expenses in connection with concert, £27 17s; Domain rent, etc., £26 5s; bands, £25 5s; cash prizes and trophies, £67 9s 5d; prizes for children, and handicapper, £13 3s; cheque returned to his Lordship the Bishop, £50; leaving a balance of £82 8s 5d.

A meeting of the executive of the Diocesan Council of the Catholic Federation was held on Sunday afternoon in St. Benedict's Clubroom, when there were present—Right Rev. Mgr. Gillan, V.G., Right Rev. Mgr. Brodie, V.G., Very Rev. Chancellor Holbrook, Rev. Father Doyle, Messrs. B. McLaughlan (president), Nerheny and Rose (vice-presidents), F. Temm (secretary), M. J. Sheahan (treasurer). A matter of vital importance was discussed at some length, and eventually it was unanimously decided to request the Dominion Executive to summon at an early date a meeting of delegates.

The May devotions in the city and suburban churches, particularly at St. Benedict's, have been well attended. On Sunday night there were special devotions in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary at St. Benedict's. The Blessed Virgin's altar was resplendent with lights and flowers. Right Rev. Mgr. Gillan delivered an eloquent and touching discourse on devotion to the Blessed Mother of God, and dwelt on the efficacy of her intercession on our behalf. He referred in a feeling manner to the war, and to the many casualties among the New Zealand soldiers, whose mothers were denied the consolation of comforting and helping their sons in their dying moments. After the sermon a procession took place, in which a handsome statue of the Blessed Virgin was borne. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament brought the ceremonies to a close.

PRESENTATIONS TO REV. BROTHER CLEMENT.

(By telegraph, from our own correspondent.)

Rev. Brother Clement was entertained on Friday evening in the Marist Brothers' Old Boys' clubroom by the old students and friends. Right Rev. Mgr. Brodie, Rev. Fathers Brennan, Cahill, Murphy, Doyle, and many of the Marist Brothers were present. The room was tastefully decorated, and presented a nice appearance.

Mr. Daniel Flynn, who presided, opened the proceedings by stating that though the notice was short, so enthusiastic and spontaneous was the response by all,



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