

The Rev. Father Hurley, S.M., Adm., Dominion treasurer of the New Zealand Catholic Federation, wishes to acknowledge the receipt from 'Well-wisher' of a large supply of stationery for the use of the Catholic soldiers at Trentham.

Another Gift Tea for the clothing fund of the infant inmates of the Home of Compassion, Island Bay, was held at the Home last Saturday, and was largely attended. The Sisters of Compassion are deeply grateful for the assistance received.

The St. Aloysius' branch of the Hibernian Society, Wellington South, held a social in aid of the Belgian Fund at St. Anne's Hall, Wellington South. There was a good attendance, and as a result the branch will be able to hand over a nice donation to the fund.

The Catholic Club and the Marist Brothers' Old Boys' Cricket Club held a combined euchre party at the Burlington Tea Rooms last Tuesday evening, and the St. Gerard's (Redemptorist) committee held a similar function on the following evening.

Miss Teresa McEnroe, A.T.C.L., the well-known and popular singer, is the West Coasters' Association's candidate for the position of queen of the Wellington Carnival—a function organised by the Patriotic Society for the Wounded Soldiers and Sailors Fund.

On Pentecost Sunday at St. Joseph's Church his Grace Archbishop O'Shea celebrated Pontifical High Mass, Rev. Father Kimbell, S.M., being assistant priest, Rev. Father Barra, S.M., deacon, Rev. Father Segrief, S.M., subdeacon, and Rev. Father Hurley, S.M., Adm., master of ceremonies. Rev. Father Barra preached on the day's festival.

The Catholics of St. Joseph's, St. Mary's, and the Sacred Heart parishes held a most successful entertainment and social at the large Town Hall in aid of the Education Fund on last Wednesday evening. Among those present were his Grace Archbishop O'Shea, Very Rev. Dean Regnault, S.M., Very Rev. Father O'Connell, S.M., Rev. Fathers Hurley, S.M., Adm., Barra, S.M., Smyth, S.M., and Vennig, S.M. There was a crowded attendance, and as a result the fund will be considerably augmented. Great credit is due to the committee of ladies and gentlemen who worked so hard to ensure the successful result attained.

New Plymouth

(From an occasional correspondent.)

For some time past the health of our parish priest, the Very Rev. Dean McKenna, has been far from satisfactory, and his medical advisers having ordered complete rest and change, he decided to pay a long-contemplated visit to America and Ireland, leaving Wellington for San Francisco by the Moana on the 27th ult. On the eve of his departure from New Plymouth a large gathering of his parishioners assembled in the Rolland Hall for the purpose of bidding him goodbye, the chair being occupied by Mr. A. McHardy. On the platform, in addition to the Very Rev. Dean, were his assistants, Rev. Fathers Moore and Brady, Rev. Father O'Beirne (Inglewood), and the local committee. A very enjoyable musical programme was contributed by Mr. Ham (song), and the following ladies—Misses J. Bennett and Foully (pianoforte duet), Blewman (song), Mrs. Drury (song), Miss E. Bennett (song), the Misses Mannix (violin and pianoforte duet), and Miss Henderson (pianoforte solo), encores being readily given by all. The accompaniments were played by Mrs. Hill Johnson and Miss Bennett.

The chairman, in a short speech, referred to Dean McKenna's self-sacrificing labors in the parish for over a quarter of a century, and expressed the regret of the congregation that the conscientious discharge of his priestly duties at all times had resulted in the present breakdown of his health, necessitating the trip contemplated, especially at a time when travelling is attended with little pleasure and considerable risk. As a small token of the love and respect entertained for the Dean by his people of New Plymouth, Mr. McHardy

on their behalf presented him with a portable altar, pocket wallet with sovereigns, and sundry articles for his personal comfort. In doing so he expressed the earnest wishes of the parishioners for his personal safety and speedy restoration to good health, and that he would enjoy his visit to Ireland and the renewing of old associations there.

Dean McKenna, in reply, feelingly thanked the people for their useful gifts, especially for the portable altar, which would enable him to celebrate Holy Mass every day, wherever he might be, and in doing so he would always remember his people of New Plymouth. He also referred to the presentation of a beautiful rug which had been made to him that afternoon by the school children, and, in doing so, paid a warm tribute of appreciation to the Sisters of the Mission for their self-sacrificing work in the cause of education in the parish.

Other presentations were also made by the Rev. Father O'Beirne, on behalf of his parishioners of Inglewood, and on behalf of the Dean's curates—Fathers McManus (Palmerston North), Moore, Brady, and himself. He acknowledged the gratitude of all of them to the Dean for his fatherly advice and interest at all times.

The Dean suitably replied, and thanked the curates for their co-operation.

Refreshments, kindly provided by the ladies, were then handed round, and all present had an opportunity of wishing the Very Rev. Dean *bon voyage* and a safe return.

At the meeting of parishioners already reported, Very Rev. Dean McKenna referred to the conspicuous absence of one who was invariably present and willing to assist at such gatherings, paying a high tribute to the memory of Corporal Joseph Claffey, whose death from wounds received while serving with the N.Z. Expeditionary Force at the Dardanelles had been reported by cable. Corporal Claffey, who was an ardent Territorial, and in every respect an exemplary Catholic young man, was one of the first to volunteer from this district, and his early death in the service of his country is sincerely regretted by a large circle of friends.—R.I.P.

OBITUARY

MRS. WHITE, DUNEDIN.

The many friends of the late Mrs. White, who had been for several years a resident of Lawrence, heard with sincere regret of her death, which occurred on May 23. The deceased was born in Roscrea, County Tipperary, and was married to the late Mr. Patrick White in Melbourne in 1862. Immediately after their marriage they came to New Zealand, where Mr. White tried his luck in the Gabriel's Gully gold rush, which he soon forsook to follow his trade as a blacksmith. Mr. and Mrs. White resided in Lawrence for 35 years, during which time they took a prominent part in all matters appertaining to the Church. The family later on removed to Dunedin. Mr. White died about nineteen years ago. The late Mrs. White leaves five daughters—four of whom are married and one is a religious in the Dominican Order—to mourn their loss. The funeral took place at Lawrence.—R.I.P.

Private Joseph William Kelleher, who is reported as wounded at the Dardanelles, is the youngest son of Mrs. Annie Kelleher, of Albany street, Gore, and is 22 years of age. He is a brother of Mr. E. Kelleher, confectioner, Gore. Private Kelleher was one of the first to volunteer when the war broke out. He was well known at Gore, being a prominent member of the Hibernian Football Club. During the three years prior to his enlistment he was engaged at Gore as a plumber. For several years he was a resident of the Riversdale district, where he was educated at the primary school.