

Until the recently appointed organist to the Cathedral, in succession to Mr. W. Handel-Thorley, can take up his duties, the former talented organist, Mrs. J. Mercer, will act in that capacity.

With kindly thoughtfulness Mr. Paul Stanhope sent his Revue Company (now performing at the Opera House) to Nazareth House on last Friday afternoon to entertain the inmates, and, according to a report, it would be difficult to say who were the happier, the entertained or the entertainers.

Mr. C. Spencer Compton, who was well known in Masterton as the organist of St. Matthew's Church until the end of last year, has been appointed to the position of organist and director of the choir at the Cathedral. Mr. Compton takes up his duties about the end of July.

The constantly recurring menace of the wretched picture film was referred to at the last meeting of the City Council by Councillor J. R. Hayward. The reply of a 'Showman' was that 'all films shown in the Dominion are passed by the censor in London, and hence no fault should be found with the picture-show management for their exhibition. This, of course, resolves itself purely into a matter of taste. As showing that Councillor Hayward was on safe ground, and that his action was perfectly justified, I append some editorial remarks from last Saturday's *Star*, which certainly deserve wide circulation: "We are told by advertisements in the newspapers and suggestive posters on the walls that a film 'with a message of warning, a terrific exposure of the vice trust, exposing in a realistic manner the traffic in human souls,' is to be exhibited . . . on Thursday next. We draw the attention of his Worship the Mayor to this matter in the hope that he will take steps to prevent the minds of the community and especially our young people—from being polluted by this kind of thing. A film of this nature, if it answers the description of the advertisement, should be taken away by the police with a pair of tongs and committed to the destructor."

The usual fortnightly meeting of St. Patrick's branch of the H.A.C.B. Society was held on last Monday evening, Mr. J. Griffin (president) being in the chair. Sick pay and other accounts were passed for payment. One candidate was initiated and another nominated. Nominations of officers for the coming term were received. The balance sheet of the Corbett benefit entertainment committee, showing a profit of £14 4s 6d, was adopted, a vote of thanks being passed to Mr. Fanning for the excellent services he had rendered in the sale of tickets. Votes of sympathy were passed with the relatives of the late Corporal G. Clarkson, who was killed in action, and with Bro. Randroff on the death of his brother in the Dardanelles. The Celtic Amateur Dramatic Club, which has recently been inaugurated under the auspices of the branch, has made rapid progress during the short period since it was established, and it should do a good deal towards developing the social side of the society. A euchre party organised by the club will be held on July 7. Already several rehearsals of an Irish play, entitled 'Eily O'Connor,' which will be produced early next month, have taken place.

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(By telegraph, from our own correspondent.)

June 28.

On next Friday three postulants are to receive white veils at St. Mary's Convent, Ponsonby.

The Sacred Heart College, conducted by the Marist Brothers, opened to-day after the winter holidays.

The physical culture instructor under the Board of Education is at present instructing the children of the schools of the Grey Lynn parish, conducted by the Sisters of St. Joseph.

Rev. Father Delach, S.M., Hastings, who was under treatment at the Mater Misericordiae Hospital, is now convalescent, and is staying at the Bishop's House.

The Marist Brothers' senior football team drew with the leaders of the competition on last Saturday, this being the first check suffered by the College Rifles. In the other grades the Marist Brothers, particularly the fifth grade, give promise of being well up, if not victorious, in their respective competitions. The juvenile Hibernians have formed a junior team in connection with their branch.

The third anniversary of the ordination of the Rev. Father McLaughlan occurred on the 23rd inst., on which date the Right Rev. Monsignor Brodie, V.G., accompanied by several of the clergy of the diocese, waited on Father McLaughlan, offered him their sincere congratulations, and tendered him a handsome cheque as a mark of their high appreciation. Rev. Father McLaughlan feelingly replied, and thanked Monsignor Brodie and his colleagues in the priesthood for their kind expressions, and practical proof of their good will.

Huntly

(By telegraph, from our own correspondent.)

June 28.

The convent school children were granted a fortnight's vacation on last Friday.

The next Hibernian social will be held in the Miners' Hall on Monday, July 5.

The members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society will receive Holy Communion in a body on the Feast of St. Vincent de Paul, July 19.

The annual basket social, which was held at Nga-ruawahia last week, proved an unqualified success, and a substantial sum was realised. The promoters deserve great credit for the success of the entertainment.

At the 9 o'clock Mass on Sunday the general Communion of the members of the H.A.C.B. Society was very largely attended. The ordinary meeting of the branch was held in the schoolroom in the evening. The president (Bro. T. Molloy) was in the chair, and a fair amount of business, including arrangements for the forthcoming social, was transacted.

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