

that clause been struck out? The State recognised the Roman Catholic and other private primary schools in connection with scholarships and other matters, and why should the right that had been given by this clause, allowing them to apply for the medical inspection of their children, be refused? The striking-out of the clause was unfair and improper, as it was just as necessary that there should be a medical inspection of the children in the Roman Catholic schools and other private primary schools as of the children in the State schools. The medical inspection was not intended for one exclusive class, but to raise the general health of the children of the whole country. He sincerely hoped that the Managers for the House would insist on the retention of the sub-clause, in common justice to their fellow-citizens who for conscientious reasons did not send their children to the State primary schools. This view was endorsed by Mr. Bradney, member for Auckland West. As we have indicated, the sub-clause was retained, and serves to bring the pupils of all registered schools within the scope of the concession granted to the public schools.

Diocesan News

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(From our own correspondent.)

July 10.

The Rev. Father Finnerty, S.M., Nelson, has been transferred to St. Anne's, Wellington South.

Bro. H. Hagger, a member of St. Patrick's Seamen's Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, was presented with a marble clock by the president (Bro. H. J. Tustain) on behalf of the members to mark the occasion of his marriage.

Mr. F. E. McDonald, accountant of the Mutual and Citizen's Life Insurance, and a prominent member of the Catholic Club and Hibernian Society, went into camp this morning to undergo his preliminary training as a non-commissioned officer in the Eighth Reinforcements.

A motion of thanks and appreciation was carried at the last meeting of the Hibernian Society (St. Patrick's branch) to Bro. Nugent, general secretary of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, Dublin, for his kindness to the society's visiting delegate, the Very Rev. Dean Regnault, S.M., when he visited Ireland some time ago, and the secretary was instructed to convey the same to Bro. Nugent.

Last Wednesday evening the Children of Mary, Wellington South, held a very successful social in St. Anne's Hall. There was a large attendance, and the committee, of which Miss Agnes M. Segrief was president, did everything possible to make the evening an enjoyable one. Musical items were rendered by Misses Nellie Strickland and Emily Segrief, and Messrs. Moore and Edgar Wallace. Miss Vera Scanlon acted as accompanist.

Last Sunday being Federation Sunday, Rev. Father Venning, S.M., made special appeals at all the Masses with excellent results, no less than 50 new members being enrolled. Father Venning outlined the aims and objects of the Federation, and urged all to join. The Federation, he said, had more than justified its existence by defeating, under the able leadership of his Lordship Bishop Cleary, the Bible-in-Schools League.

The Catholic Club executive committee held its usual weekly meeting, under the presidency of Mr. R. Grant, at St. Patrick's Hall on Friday last. There was a large attendance, and a quantity of business was dealt with. Messrs. H. McKeown and M. O'Kane were elected the club's representatives on St. Mary's parish committee of the Catholic Federation. The announcement that the *Magazine* would be re-issued, as from August next, was warmly welcomed by the members.

The members of St. Mary's branch (ladies') of the Hibernian Society celebrated the nineteenth anniversary of the establishment of the branch by a social gathering, which was held in the New Century Hall, Kent terrace, last Thursday evening. There was a large attendance, including the Rev. Father A. Venning, S.M. A most enjoyable evening was spent, and the ladies, with Sister Maureen Griffin as secretary, deserve great credit for the success which attended their efforts.

The ladies' branch of the Hibernian Society held the half-yearly meeting at St. Patrick's Hall last Monday evening, Sister A. Sheehan presiding. The following officers were elected for the ensuing half-year:—President, Sister E. Carmody; vice-president, Sister M. Brennan; secretary, Sister K. Griffin; treasurer, and assistant secretary, Sister B. Craig; warden, Sister Tobin; guardian, Sister I. Gregory. Regret was expressed at the resignation of Sister Maureen Griffin as secretary, which she has so ably filled for some time past, and she was accorded a hearty vote of thanks for her services. Two new members were initiated, and there is keen competition for the medal which has been donated to the member introducing the greatest number of candidates during the year. The newly elected officers were duly installed by the retiring president (Sister A. Sheehan).

St. Aloysius' branch of the Hibernian Society held its half-yearly meeting at St. Anne's Hall last Sunday afternoon. There was a record attendance, over which the Ven. Archdeacon Devoy, S.M., B.P., presided. The election of office-bearers resulted as follows:—President, Bro. T. Murphy; vice-president, Bro. J. Redican; secretary, Bro. W. H. Giles (re-elected); treasurer, Bro. J. Stratford (re-elected); warden, Bro. A. Dibley; guardian, Bro. V. Mitchell; sick visitors, Bros. T. Murphy and J. Fagan; auditors, Bros. J. L. Murphy and J. Redican; delegates to H.A.C.B. Society Council, Bros. W. H. Giles, J. Stratford, T. Murphy, and J. Fagan; delegate to Friendly Societies' Dispensary Board, Bro. J. Bradley, delegate to Catholic Federation committee, Bro. J. E. Phelan; delegates to Catholic Education Committee, Bros. J. Stratford, J. Fagan, T. Gill, and W. H. Giles. Votes of thanks were passed to the retiring officers, especially the retiring president, the Ven. Archdeacon Devoy, who, notwithstanding his very many duties, filled the office for the full term of twelve months with characteristic energy and ability. The report and balance sheet disclosed very satisfactory progress. The newly-elected officers were installed by the Ven. Archdeacon Devoy, P.P., assisted by Bro. T. Pender, P.P.

St. Anne's Choir, under the conductorship of Mr. E. B. L. Reade, visited the Trentham Camp last Wednesday evening in motor, kindly provided by Messrs. Martin Kennedy, K.S.G., and Maurice O'Connor, for the purpose of entertaining the Catholic soldiers at the Catholic Federation hall. The hall was packed, and the choir was welcomed by the Rev. Father Daly (chaplain). The following contributed to an excellent musical programme:—'The Angelus' and 'Soldiers' chorus,' St. Anne's Choir; quartet, 'The minstrel boy,' Misses R. Segrief and N. Strickland, and Messrs. G. Foote and E. B. L. Reade. Other items were given by Misses Agnes Segrief, A.T.C.L., Marie Fix, Rose Segrief, and N. Strickland, Messrs E. Reade, G. Foote, and A. Foote. Miss Henderson acted as accompanist. The concert was greatly appreciated by the officers and men, and the choir was cheered by the men at its conclusion. The officers then entertained the choir at supper, and expressed their thanks to the performers. Mr. Reade (conductor), on behalf of the choir, briefly responded, and promised on some future occasion to provide another concert. This will practically be the last concert for some time to come in the Catholic hall, as the camp has been vacated, and four camps substituted. This is unfortunate for the Catholic Federation, which has gone to considerable trouble and expense in building a fine hall for our Catholic men.