

DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

July 12.

The Sacred Heart College and other schools, conducted by the Sisters of the Missions, re-open on Monday, July 19.

On last Wednesday night a euchre tournament was held in the Oddfellows' Hall, St. Asaph street, under the auspices of the newly-formed Celtic Amateur Dramatic Club. There was a good attendance. The prizes in connection with the progressive euchre were won by Miss Ryan and Mr. G. Frame. A cordial invitation to this social gathering was sent by the promoters to the delegates attending the annual Diocesan Council meeting of the Catholic Federation, but owing to the lateness of the hour at which that conference concluded its business, it was impossible for any of the delegates to be present.

In the chapel of the Convent of the Sacred Heart (Lower High Street), at the close of the retreat on last Thursday morning two novices made their profession and twelve postulants received the holy habit in the Order of Notre Dame des Missions. The Very Rev. Dean Hills, S.M., presided. The Rev. Father Ainsworth, S.M., preached the occasional discourse, during which he spoke of the happiness of the religious life and the good that could be done by those entering it. Members of the clergy present were Rev. Dr. Kennedy, Very Rev. Father Graham, S.M., M.A., Rev. Fathers Gilbert, S.M., Burger, S.M., Graham, M.S.H., Bridge-wood, M.S.H., Murphy, B.A., Long, and Seward. A number of parents and friends of the Sisters were present at the ceremony, and were subsequently entertained at the convent.

The half-yearly meeting of St. Patrick's branch of the H.A.C.B. Society was held in the Hibernian Hall, Barbadoes street, on last Monday evening, the president (Bro. J. Griffin) presiding over a large attendance of members. Correspondence, in regard to the insurance of members of the society with the N.Z. Expeditionary Forces, was dealt with, and sick pay and other amounts passed for payment. Notices of motion in the names of Bro. M. Grimes (secretary), and Bro. J. R. Hayden relating to the alteration of the quarterly meeting night and the local investment of the society's funds were approved of, a sub-committee being set up to deal with the matter. The following officers were elected for the ensuing term: President, Bro. J. Curry; vice-president, Bro. J. Flannelly; treasurer, Bro. W. P. Daly; secretary, Bro. M. Grimes; assistant secretary, Bro. J. P. Noonan; warden, Bro. J. Jacques; guardian, Bro. J. McSwigan; sick visitors, Bros. J. McAnulty and R. O'Brien; auditors, Bros. M. Garty and E. J. P. Wall. The newly elected officers were installed by the district deputy (Bro. R. P. O'Shaughnessy) and addressed by the Rev. Father Long (chaplain).

Methven

(From a correspondent.)

The half-yearly meeting of the H.A.C.B. Society was held on Monday evening, July 5, there being a good attendance. The balance sheet, which was read and adopted, showed the branch to be in a very sound financial position. Two candidates were proposed. The following officers were elected for the ensuing term: President, Bro. J. Dowling; vice-president, Bro. J. P. McKendry; secretary, Bro. J. H. McKendry (re-elected); treasurer, Bro. T. Moreland (re-elected); warden, Bro. T. McAnulty; guardian, Bro. M. Fitzgerald; sick visitors, Bros. T. McGirr and J. McGirr. The newly-elected officers were installed by the past-president, Bro. T. Twomey. A hearty vote of thanks to the retiring president (Bro. T. Twomey) was carried by acclamation.

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Lyttelton

Very Rev. Dean Hills, Adm., assisted by Rev. Father Cooney, officiated at a ceremony of reception at the convent chapel, Lyttelton, on Saturday, 10th inst. The young ladies who received the holy habit were—Miss Imelda Young, of Christchurch (in religion, Sister Mary Paschal), Miss Kate Daly, of Hokitika (in religion, Sister Mary Francis).

Lawrence

(From an occasional correspondent.)

At the 9 o'clock Mass on Friday, July 2, a large number of the children of St. Patrick's School, Lawrence, made their first Communion. Before administering Holy Communion to the children, Monsignor O'Leary explained to them the great dignity of the Sacrament which they were about to receive. He also congratulated them on the happiness they must feel in partaking for the first time of their Sacramental God. The music of the Mass was sung by the school children, accompanied by Miss Daisy Heil, as organist. After Mass, the children retired to the schoolroom, where a breakfast, arranged by the Dominican Nuns, awaited them. Rev. Father Kavanagh presided, and, in a few suitable words, congratulated the children on the honor that was thus conferred on them, in being considered worthy to partake of so great a Sacrament, and he hoped that they would regard this day as the most momentous of their lives, and be able to look back on it in after life with pride.

Wanganui

(From our own correspondent.)

July 10.

His Grace Archbishop Belwood arrived here on Thursday.

The storm which has ever taken place in Auckland was held on Thursday evening in the Lyttelton. A very good evening went off well, and the children of the school, which was well attended, were very much interested. Mr. W. M. Lusk, who was in charge, has much credit for the success of the evening.

M.B.O.B. CLUB, AUCKLAND

The club held a very successful euchre tournament at McKendry's on Monday, July 5, when there was a large attendance. After the prizes were presented to the winners, justice to a number of musical talents was done by members and friends, the accompanying being done by Mr. P. J. Clarke. On Wednesday, July 7, several members of the M.B.O.B. club gave a very enjoyable sacred concert in the church, in aid of the choir's music fund. The concert was well filled, and a good sum was received for the fund. A feature of the concert was the singing of the sacred solo, "O' my heart, my heart, my heart." The accompaniments were played by Mr. P. J. Clarke (organist), and Mr. P. J. Clarke (singer of the club).

As Sergeant Lucke rambled the park,
He heard two sneezes in the dark.
With staff gripped tight, he flashed his light,
His stern tones echoed through the night.
'Kape ah! th' grass! ye couple there!
'Yure dith av ewidly y'll get, fir shure!
'Come! hurry home, ye love-sick pair,
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