

The funeral of the late Mr. W. E. Keefe took place on Monday. A Requiem Mass was celebrated at the Basilica by the Rev. Father Smyth, S.M., who also officiated at the graveside. He was assisted by the Rev. Fathers Kimbell and Barra.—R.I.P.

The late Mr. W. E. Keefe was a keen supporter of the Wellington Catholic Education Board, and was a regular subscriber during his life time. By his will he has bequeathed, after giving his widow a life interest, his property, valued at £1200, situated in Grant road, to the board. This is a splendid example, and will aid the board considerably in acquiring a fund to place Catholic education in this city on a sound footing.

I very much regret to record the death of Miss A. Hickey, daughter of Mr. C. Hickey, Kilbirnie. The interment took place on Sunday. The Children of Mary, of which sodality deceased was an active member, attended the funeral. The Rev. Father O'Connor attended the deceased in her last illness, and also officiated at the graveside. This is the second death in the family within a period of six weeks, the first being deceased's younger sister.—R.I.P.

The death of Mrs. Campbell, wife of ex-Detective Campbell, occurred at Island Bay recently. The deceased had not been in the best of health of late, but her end was quite unexpected. The news of the death of her son, who was with the Expeditionary Force in the Dardanelles, was a shock to her, and no doubt hastened the end. A Requiem Mass was celebrated by the Rev. Father Peoples, S.M., at St. Francis', Island Bay, and the interment took place at Karori.—R.I.P.

The Wellington Irish Hurling Club held its annual social in St. Anne's Clubroom, Newtown, on Wednesday night. The function was a most successful and enjoyable affair. During the evening Messrs. J. O'Leary and C. Corcoran danced a champion reel, and Miss Lily O'Leary and Mrs. Condon an exhibition jig and hornpipe. The following contributed to the musical part of the programme: Rev. Father Finnerty and Messrs. Timmings, J. Nash, Kelly, McArdle, E. Carrigan, D. R. Lawlor, C. Corcoran, Foote, and C. Houston.

There was a large attendance of members of St. Patrick's branch of the H.A.C.B. Society, at St. Patrick's Hall, on Monday, under the presidency of Bro. J. P. McGowan, B.P. There were also representatives from the other city branches present. The Very Rev. Father O'Connell, S.M. (chaplain), who, with the Right Rev. Mgr. McKenna, V.G., of Masterton, had just arrived from a health-recruiting visit to Australia, was welcomed by the members. Father O'Connell gave a very interesting account of his visit to Sydney, Melbourne, and Adelaide, and of the progress of the society

in the Commonwealth. He said he was accorded a hearty welcome from the members of the society. The order paper for the district meeting was read and discussed, the principal motion on it being the postponement of the triennial meeting, which is to take place at Westport in April, 1916, the district executive giving as a reason the present war, but St. Patrick's branch decided that it would instruct its delegates to vote against it. A large number of members are with the Expeditionary Forces, and it was decided to have a roll of honor prepared and erected in the meeting room. Advantage was taken of the occasion to present Bro. W. Landers, of the Public Works Department, who was recently transferred from Westport, with a past president's framed certificate on behalf of St. Canice's branch, Westport, of which branch he occupied the position of president prior to his transfer to Wellington. The presentation was made by Bro. McGowan, B.P., who referred to the excellent qualities of the recipient. Bro. Hoskins (district deputy) also voiced his congratulations. Bro. Landers suitably replied. During the evening the following contributed to an excellent programme: Misses Glavin, Gregory, Butler, Sullivan, and U. Simon, Messrs. Glavin, Sherlock, J. Boyce, F. Whitaker, Kelly, and Burke, a feature of the programme being the selections played on the Irish war pipes by Miss Glavin.

Wanganui

(From our own correspondent.)

July 30.

The usual fortnightly meeting of the H.A.C.B. Society was held last Wednesday evening. Bro. A. McWilliams occupied the chair, and there was a large attendance of members. Bro. W. McGonigle (secretary) was appointed delegate to the half-yearly meeting at Auckland.

The proceeds from the recent concert given by the Sacred Heart Convent in the Opera House in aid of the Belgian fund amounted to £114 15s 6d, which sum has been handed to the local Patriotic Committee.

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