

silver coin, and the sum realised was handed over as the children's donation to the Sisters of Nazareth, who, for the past few weeks, have been collecting in aid of their home in Christchurch. The programme was a varied and most enjoyable one. At the conclusion of the concert the Sisters heartily thanked the children for the musical treat they had given them, and for the kindly thought that had prompted their action.

The members of St. Anne's Guild held their annual meeting on the Sunday following their patronal feast. The meeting was a large, and representative one. The annual report, read by the secretary, stated that the past year had been more fruitful in works of zeal and benevolence than any preceding year since the guild had been organised. The Catholic Girls' Hostel, which was opened in September last, had met with such gratifying success that it had been found necessary to find a larger building, and this had been secured in Craigie avenue, adjoining the convent, the opening day being March 19. During the year several orphan and neglected children had been placed in good homes, and some were recently sent to the Sisters of Nazareth. The sick visitors had been most zealous in visiting the sick and needy of the parish and in relieving their wants. Another successful venture was the inauguration of St. Anne's wardrobe, which had proved a great help to mothers of big families. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Mrs. Mangos; vice-president, Mrs. Crowe; secretary, Mrs. Travis; treasurer, Mrs. Rosengrave. The increased working of the guild made it necessary to have three additional officers, and Mrs. J. Cunningham, Mrs. Whitehead, and Mrs. J. O'Rourke were elected as counsellors. After the meeting the members were entertained to afternoon tea as the guests of the Rev. Mother of the convent. A most successful and enthusiastic meeting was brought to a close with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament in the convent chapel.

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(From our own correspondent)

August 6.

There was Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Sunday last after the 11 o'clock Mass. In the afternoon there was a meeting of the Children of Mary, when Miss Blanche Jones was elected president and Miss Nora Hickey secretary.

Last Wednesday evening a entire social was held in St. Patrick's Club-rooms, the prizes being won by Miss Kathleen O'Brien and Mr. J. Costello. Next Wednesday evening a similar function is to be held and the proceeds donated to the Red Cross Society.

COMMERCIAL.

Messrs. Stronach, Morris, and Co., Ltd., report for week ended Tuesday, August 7, 1917, as follows:

Rabbitskins.—Our next sale will be held on Monday, 13th inst.

Oats.—There has been some inquiry for prime heavy Gartons, but as stocks of this description are very small there has been very little business passing. Quotations: Prime milling, 4s to 4s 1d; good to best feed, 3s 9d to 3s 10d per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat.—The price of fowl wheat remains as last quoted with offerings very light.

Potatoes.—The market is over supplied, and even prime lines are hard to sell. Faulty and inferior lines are almost unsaleable. Quotations: Choice tables, £4 to £4 5s; medium to good, £3 to £3 10s per ton (sacks in).

Chaff. Consignments have not been coming to hand so freely, and prime lines meet with a good demand on arrival. Quotations: Best oaten sheaf, £5 15s to £6; medium to good, £5 to £5 10s; light and discolored, to £4 per ton (sacks extra).

SIDELIGHTS ON THE WAR

When a Zeppelin visited the Midlands last year, a stray bomb, aimed at a munition factory (perhaps), hit a Congregational church and spoilt the design of a stained-glass window of Luther—as I recorded at the time (states a writer in the *Universe*). The church is now being rebuilt. But Luther is to be left out of the new scheme, for a correspondent tells me that Holman Hunt's "Light of the World" is to dethrone Martin. Germany did that for him.

BENEDICT XV. AND THE AERIAL POSTAL SERVICE.

An interesting circumstance in connection with the introduction of the Aerial Postal Service in Italy is the fact that Catholics of the northern parts of this country were the first to make use of the innovation to communicate with the Holy Father. Among the first letters to be delivered when the aviator arrived from Turin at Rome were those addressed to Pope Benedict XV. His Eminence Cardinal Richelmy, Archbishop of Turin, a large number of the clergy and the faithful of this diocese, and many prominent persons from the surrounding districts had availed of the novel opportunity to convey to his Holiness expressions of homage and affection. The Holy Father expressed himself highly pleased with the thoughtful kindness of his Eminence and the Catholics of Turin. The introduction of the Aerial Postal Service in Italy opens up for the Holy See possibilities which the oldest, but most up-to-date, of Palaces in existence will not be slow to appreciate as soon as peace is restored.

HONOR THE DEAD.

Captain Thomas Maunsell, a British officer, was killed in the Dardanelles while leading his men. He was given an honored soldier's grave in the desert sands at Gallipoli. He was a Catholic, and prior to the war had intended to leave the Army to prepare for the priesthood. The following verses, which show the deeply reverent nature of the man, were found on his body when he was killed:

Hark! 'Tis the sound of drums
Beating in muffled tones,
Hear thou thy head!
Death in the midst of life,
Peace in the midst of strife,
Honor the dead!

Killed in the battle's heat,
So it is right and meet,
Grant such release!
No need to shed a tear
Over his glorious bier—
He is at peace!

O Lord, hear Thou my prayer,
When my time draweth near,
Lord, hear my cry—
Such a death grant to me,
Facing the enemy,
Lord, let me die!

IRISH VALOR AT MESSINES.

All the correspondents at the front pay tributes of praise to the Irish troops for their feats at Wytschaete, where Major Redmond fell, leading his men, and at the capture of the Messines Ridge.

The special correspondent of the *Times*, telegraphing on Thursday, June 7, says:—"In the capture of the Ridge, both north and south, Irishmen have their share. Northerners and Southerners, Protestant and Catholic troops, fought alongside of one another, and whatever may be party feeling at home, it is as well to know that the feeling between the two bodies here

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