

The annual social in aid of the Te Aro Schools takes place in the Town Hall on May 31. The Rev. Father Venning, S.M., who has charge of the function, is now busily engaged circulating the tickets and making the necessary arrangements. As the schools are very much in need of assistance, it is to be hoped that there will be a record attendance.

Mr. Albert H. Casey, of the legal firm of Casey and Moran, left by the Warrimoo last evening *en route* to England on business. Representatives of the Wellington Catholic Club, the Lacrosse Association, the Debating Union, and the St. Patrick's College Old Boys' Association (of each of which bodies Mr. Casey is a valued member) were present at the boatside, and he was accorded a hearty send-off. On behalf of the Wellington Catholic Club, Mr. Casey was presented with a handsome travelling rug.

The Right Rev. Mgr. Fowler left New Zealand yesterday for Sydney, where he takes a boat for Manila, Philippine Islands. Few men, clergy or otherwise, have ever visited the Dominion who created such an impression as did the Monsignor. His preaching held thousands spell-bound, and his delightful personality made everybody his friend who had the good pleasure to meet him. It will be a long time before the Monsignor will be forgotten in Wellington, and many a fervent prayer will be offered up for his safe return to his own country. Wherever he goes the people of New Zealand will follow him with deep and affectionate interest.

The Ladies' Particular Council of the St. Vincent de Paul Society met last Monday at the Guildford Terrace Schoolroom, there being a large attendance of members. Interesting reports were received from Westport, New Plymouth, Hawera, Dunedin, and the Superior Council of Adelaide. The vice-president of the newly-formed Hawera branch (Mrs. McCarthy) was present, and a letter from a corresponding member in the person of Mrs. Reichel, at present in America, was read. It contained an interesting account of Catholic social work in Montreal and New York.

On Sunday, the Feast of the Patronage of St. Joseph, Solemn High Mass was celebrated at St. Joseph's Church, Buckle street. Very Rev. Dr. Kennedy, S.M., of St. Patrick's College, was celebrant, Rev. Fathers Eccleston, S.M., and Venning, S.M., being deacon and sub-deacon respectively, and Rev. Father Hurley, S.M., master of ceremonies. Special music for the occasion was provided by the choir, under the conductorship of Mr. W. MacLoughlin. In the evening a large congregation listened to an interesting discourse on the 'Relationship between the Church and Labor,' by the Very Rev. Father O'Shea, S.M., V.G.

A very successful mission is being conducted by the Redemptorist Fathers at St. Anne's, Wellington South. Last Sunday there was a general Communion for the men of the parish. Over 200 men approached the Holy Table, among whom were members of the H.A.C.B. Society (St. Aloysius' branch) in regalia, the St. Anne's Club, the St. Aloysius' Boys' Club, and the St. Anne's Cadets in uniform. The St. Anne's Cadets and St. Aloysius' Boys' Club after Mass adjourned to the clubrooms, where the annual breakfast was held. In the evening the church was crowded, over 700 people being present. The Rev. Father Creagh, C.S.S.R., preached an eloquent sermon. During the week large congregations attended the Masses, and numbers received Communion each morning, whilst every evening the seating accommodation had been taxed to the utmost. The mission will conclude on Sunday.

Amongst the five successful candidates at the recent dental examination, the first to be held under the amending Act of last session, appears the names of two of our Catholic young men—Messrs W. Ryan and J. Quinn. Mr. W. Ryan, who is a son of Mr. Ryan of Hawkestone prescent, is only twenty-two years of age, and received his education at the Palmerston North Convent. The distinction of heading the list was also won by Mr. Ryan. Mr. Quinn is a student of St. Patrick's College. This is another of the many instances where, notwithstanding the disadvantages under which our Catholic schools labor, they are able to hold their own against the costly secular system. It also shows that the religious teaching in no way interferes with the success of our Catholic students in secular knowledge.

The Marist Brothers this year have two teams playing Association football, and are competing in the fourth and fifth grades. The boys are debarred from playing Rugby owing to the attitude of the Public Schools' Union, who control the junior Rugby players. The matter has been engaging the attention of the Wellington Rugby Union and the N.Z. Rugby Union for some time, but up to the present the Schools' Union Executive, which is comprised of teachers in the various State schools, will not give way, consequently, the 300 boys attending the Brothers' School are practically lost to the Rugby game. The Rugby Union are still, however, moving in the matter, and a deputation has been appointed to wait on the Schools' Union to ask them to hand over the management of the schools football to the Rugby Union. If this move proves successful our boys will receive justice.

## Masterton

(From our own correspondent.)

May 12.

Much regret was felt for Bro. S. O'Regan (the popular secretary of the H.A.C.B. Society here) and Mrs. O'Regan on the death of their daughter.

A large number of children received First Communion on Sunday. The Very Rev. Dean McKenna celebrated a special Mass for them, at 7.15 o'clock. A large number of adults also approached the Holy Table at that, and at the 8 o'clock Mass.

The usual fortnightly meeting of the H.A.C.B. Society was held last Tuesday evening, Bro. Waters presiding over a large attendance of members. Four new members were admitted. After the business of the meeting had concluded Bro. B. Chapman, past president, was presented with a handsome dinner cruet in connection with his recent marriage. Bro. H. O'Leary was also heartily congratulated by the members on his recent success at the borough elections, when he topped the poll for a seat in the Borough Council. Songs and recitations were given by the members, and an enjoyable evening was spent.

## DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

May 15.

In compliance with the Defence requirements, a cadet company has been formed in connection with St. Mary's parish, Christchurch North, and already about seventy members have been enrolled.

The teaching staff and pupils of the Marist Brothers' School much appreciate the kindness of the Very Rev. Father Price, Adm., in presenting a fine framed picture of his Holiness the Pope, to be hung in the class-rooms.

His Lordship the Bishop, accompanied by the Rev. Father Hyland, left on Saturday on an episcopal visitation of the parochial district of Albury.

The only winning team of the Marist Brothers' Old Boys' Association in last Saturday's football matches was that in the junior flag contest, when they defeated Merivale by seven points to three, after a strenuous game. O'Malley was the principal scorer.

At the recent Christchurch Literary and Musical Competitions the following successes were achieved by pupils of the Convent of Mercy, Colombo street:—Miss Frances Gerity and Master Howard Moody obtained first prize for Beethoven's piano duet, 'Scherzo,' trio from Septett Op. 20. Master Howard Moody also won the first prize for the song 'Blow, blow, thou winter wind' (Dr. Arne). Misses Flora McDonald and Mary C. Goggin were specially commended for their sterling performance of Weber's piano duet, 'Oberon.' Miss Marjory Young was recalled for her brilliant rendering of 'Romanza in E flat,' Op. 44 (Rubinstein).

On last Sunday week, Feast of the Patronage of St. Joseph, there was First Communion of the children in St. Mary's Church, Christchurch North, at a special Mass celebrated by the Very Rev. Dean Ginaty, S.M., V.G., at 8 o'clock, when 100 approached the Holy Table. The great care and diligent training bestowed upon this large number of little ones by the resident clergy and the Sisters of Mercy were markedly reflected in the edifying demeanour of the children. After Mass all were entertained at breakfast in the schoolroom by the Sisters and ladies of the congregation. In the afternoon there were the customary devotions, including a renewal of baptismal vows.

One evening last week Mrs. Palmer, who has on many previous occasions proved herself a warm friend of Nazareth House, and its community, generously entertained the inmates at an enjoyable instrumental and vocal concert, and afterwards the aged people at tea. Mrs. Palmer was assisted by Misses Murray, Baker, and Loughnan. On behalf of the Sisters of Nazareth the Rev. Father Graham, S.M., very sincerely thanked Mrs. Palmer and party for their thoughtful and kindly treat, which had been greatly appreciated by all present. At Mrs. Palmer's request the Rev. Father Quinn, S.M., returned her acknowledgments and that of her friends for the grateful references made them, adding that anything she could ever do to help, comfort, or add to the enjoyment of the inmates would be a pleasure.

The devotion of the Forty Hours' Adoration, began at Nazareth House at the 7 o'clock Mass in the Community Chapel on the Feast of the Patronage of St. Joseph. A Missa Cantata was celebrated by the Rev. Father Quinn, S.M., the Rev. Father Graham assisting, and followed by exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. In the evening the Rev. Father Quinn preached a discourse appropriate of the occasion. There was adoration throughout Sunday night. On Monday morning a Missa Cantata was celebrated by the Rev. Father Quinn, and in the evening the Rev. Father Graham preached. On Tuesday morning the Rev. Father Graham was celebrant, the Rev. Father Quinn assisting, after which the devotion was solemnly closed. All the Catholic inmates approached the Holy Table during the devotion, and the altar was beautifully adorned and illuminated.