

lington and suburban branches met and passed a motion of condolence, and arranged for a suitable wreath being sent in time for the funeral.

On last Friday night a number of members and friends of St. Mary's branch of the Hibernian Society visited the Ohio Home for the purpose of holding a concert. Various items were given by the following:—Misses Cormack, Clisby, McLoughlin, A. McKenzie, Redmond, Simon, Messrs. C. McErlain, Wainwright, Cormack, Dempsey, Hill. The accompaniments were played by Miss Simon and Messrs. Yates, Hill, and C. McErlain. After supper had been partaken of three hearty cheers were given by the inmates for the visitors, and the evening terminated with the singing by all of 'Auld lang syne' and 'God save the King.'

The death occurred on Thursday morning at the Wellington Hospital of Mrs. Fitzgerald, wife of Mr. Joseph Fitzgerald, well known to members of the H.A.C.B. Society and the St. Vincent de Paul Society, in both of which he takes an active interest. The deceased, who was only 34 years of age, was only a fortnight ill, and her death was quite unexpected. The Rev. Father Barra attended her during her illness. The funeral takes place to-morrow after a Requiem Mass at St. Joseph's Church, Buckle street. Four young children have been left to mourn the loss of a loving mother. Mr. Fitzgerald has the sympathy of a large circle of friends in his sad bereavement.—R.I.P.

The bad weather that had been prevailing here during the early part of the week cleared up last Wednesday afternoon, thereby enabling the public to attend in record numbers at the annual social, organised on behalf of the schools of the Te Aro parish, which took place at the Town Hall. The early part of the evening was devoted to a cinematograph entertainment, and the films displayed drew forth from the large audience well-merited applause. The function proved to be the most enjoyable and most successful yet held, and when the returns are all to hand a very substantial sum should be available for the schools. The energetic committee, under the direction of Rev. Father C. J. Venning, S.M., are to be complimented at the successful result of their work.

In Association football the Marist Brothers' team in the fifth division met and defeated Brooklyn last Saturday by two goals to nil. Five boys from the Marist Brothers' School have been selected to play for Wellington against the Marlborough Boys' League on the Basin Reserve on June 10, and one of their number has also the distinction of being chosen as captain. The Marist Brothers' boys' names are as follow:—F. Sullivan, J. Wareham, B. Marshall (captain), B. Waller, and G. Fitzgerald. If the Public Schools Union controlling Rugby took up the same attitude as the Association body in allowing the Marist Brothers' teams to compete, the public would have very little chance of criticising their actions. Anyhow, it is never too late to mend, and we trust that fair play will be meted out to our boys in the very near future.

The Arch-confraternity of the Holy Rosary will be established at St. Anne's Church, Wellington South, on the last Sunday of June. His Grace Archbishop Redwood has given his approval, and the necessary documents have been received by the Ven. Archdeacon Devo from the Superior-General of the Dominican Order in Rome. As many inquiries have been made respecting the confraternity, the Rev. Father Herring, S.M., in the course of a sermon, explained the conditions of membership and the indulgences to be gained. He said that the object of the Arch-confraternity was to induce as many as possible to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary by the recitation of prayer. It numbered, he said, its members by millions. The confraternity at Haverstock, England, alone had a membership of 80,000, whilst Dublin had 100,000. In conclusion he instanced how the faith in Ireland and Poland had been miraculously preserved by the devotion of the people to the Holy Rosary, and how in like manner the great dangers and temptations to young New Zealanders would be similarly overcome by the establishing of the confraternity in New Zealand and by the faithfulness of the members to the conditions of membership.

### Wanganui

(From our own correspondent.)

The treasurer of the local Home Rule fund informs me that the total amount raised in Wanganui is £220, from which, however, a small sum for expenses has to be deducted.

A social in aid of local Catholic charities was held in the Fire Brigade Hall on Wednesday evening, 31st ult. A very enjoyable evening was spent. It is expected that a sum of about £15 will be netted. The ladies' parish social committee was largely instrumental in providing an excellent supper. Messrs. J. W. E. Miles and W. Foley (joint secretaries) are to be congratulated on the result.

### DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our Timaru correspondent.)

June 5.

There will be First Communion of the children in St. Michael's Church, Hornby, on Sunday, June 18, for that portion of the parochial district of St. Mary's, Christchurch North.

Preparatory meetings are being held in the various centres of the diocese where the Irish envoys are to give addresses. In both Canterbury and Westland much enthusiasm is being manifested, and successful gatherings may be considered assured at every place the delegates visit.

A thoughtful tribute was paid at the recent meeting of the Home Rule envoys in the Theatre Royal by Mr. W. A. Redmond, M.P., to that well-known writer and lifelong defender of Ireland's rights, Mr. M. Nolan. There is on the platform here to-night, concluded Mr. Redmond, a veteran friend and fighter of the cause we are advocating, he who was chairman at my father's meeting thirty years ago, and is still with us, indicating Mr. Nolan. The recognition was greeted with unanimous applause.

A fine stained-glass window, manufactured by Zettler, Munich, and representing St. Monica and St. Augustine, has recently been placed in the Chapel of St. Joseph in the Cathedral by the Misses White, in memory of their mother. This beautiful work of art corresponds in design with a window erected in memory of the late Mr. White, depicting St. Joseph and the Blessed Virgin. With these costly and appropriate additions, the chapel is now complete, and presents a strikingly devotional appearance.

The Feast of Pentecost was observed in the Cathedral and St. Mary's Church (Christchurch North) with all the solemnity that circumstances permitted. At the 11 o'clock Mass at St. Mary's, the Rev. Father Dignan, S.M., preached a discourse appropriate to the day's festival. There was Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from the 11 o'clock in the Cathedral until after Vespers. The usual procession of the Blessed Sacrament prior to Benediction was very numerously participated in, and included the St. Columba section, (men's branch) of the Arch-confraternity of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Mr. H. H. Loughnan presided last week in the Alexandra Hall at the distribution of awards by the Mayor (Mr. T. E. Taylor, M.P.) in connection with the musical examinations conducted in 1910 by the Trinity College Board of Examiners. The report of the local committee on the year's work recorded a steady increase in the number of those sitting for examination, and stated that the examiner had expressed his satisfaction with the result of the examinations. In 1909 there had been 110 candidates, 86 for practical work and 24 for musical knowledge. In 1910 the candidates had increased to 144. Mr. Loughnan said that when Trinity College examinations had been instituted they had met with considerable opposition in various directions, but the authorities had persevered, and by retaining examiners of the highest ability had attained a very high standard in the examinations and had made the certificates so highly appreciated because they represented what they professed to represent. Mr. Loughnan went on to urge that young musicians should not be satisfied with mediocrity, but should endeavour to derive a benefit from listening to other people's work. There was much scope for listening to good music in Christchurch, although the best productions were not possible. The Mayor said that he had no technical knowledge of music, although he was passionately fond of it. It was the art, above all, that provided a man with both solace and stimulus as he went through life, and gave expression to the highest emotions and best instincts of nature. He rejoiced that multitudes of young people had now the opportunity denied them many years ago of acquiring a knowledge of the art. He hoped that during the next year in the city of Christchurch the people would be afforded more opportunities than in the past of hearing good music, such as organ recitals and so on, and on days that would enable numbers of people to take advantage of them.

### Timaru

(From our own correspondent.)

June 5.

The St. Ann's Guild are holding a social in the Assembly Rooms to-night to augment the new church building fund.

Rev. Father Burger, of Waimate, celebrated a Missa Cantata at 11 o'clock yesterday and preached on the day's festival. The choir sang Winter's Mass.

Mrs. N. D. Mangos and Mr. Nevill Smith (Timaru) and Mrs. Gower-Burns (Christchurch) gave a concert in Christchurch on Tuesday evening, May 30. Mrs. Mangos received a flattering reception, and the two dailies spoke of her performance in the highest terms.

A Solemn Requiem Mass for the late Superior-General of the Sisters of the Sacred Heart was celebrated in the convent chapel on Wednesday, May 24. Rev. Father Aubry, of Waimate, was celebrant, and five of the clergy (local and visitors) assisted. Rev. Father Tubman pronounced a touching panegyric on the deceased.

Mrs. P. Mahoney was entertained by the Avoca Hockey Club at a social evening in the Stafford Rooms last week, and made the recipient of a handsome memento of her connection with the club. Mr. P. Mahoney responded on behalf of Mrs. Mahoney.

Mrs. Brosnahan and Miss McGrath, with other lady friends of the Celtic Cricket Club, held a social evening in the Assembly Rooms last week to help the finances of the club. There was a large attendance, and the proceedings were very enjoyable.