

Waihi

(From an occasional correspondent.)

April 14.

Owing to his Lordship the Bishop leaving for Australia, the Ven. Archdeacon Brodie has been appointed Administrator of the Diocese in his absence, and will be absent from Waihi for four weeks.

The annual general meeting of the Waihi Catholic Men's Club was held in St. Joseph's schoolroom this morning. There was a large attendance of members. The diploma won by Mr. P. J. Lynch, in an oratorical competition under the auspices of the Federation of Catholic Clubs, was presented to him. The report and balance sheet showed that since the inception of the club in August last, the receipts amounted to £18 2s 8d, and expenses to £12 14s, leaving a credit balance of £5 8s, with assets (bookcase, library, etc.) of about £11, and no liabilities. The officers were all re-elected, as follow:—President, Mr. W. J. Sullivan; vice-president, Mr. T. J. Martin; secretary, Mr. T. J. Ryan; treasurer, Mr. T. Collins; librarian, Mr. R. Hooker. Mr. W. Sullivan, delegate to the conference of Federated Catholic Clubs, held at Wellington, gave a full report of the business transacted there. Indignation was expressed at the action of the officials of the Miners' Union (of which so many Catholics are members) in allowing the use of the hall to lecturers who,

speaking under the name of Labor or Socialism, took the opportunity to attack religion. It was resolved that as on that evening a Socialist lecturer was announced to reply to an address given at the club by Ven. Archdeacon Brodie on the Ferrer case, the Archdeacon and members of the club should be present, and refute any attacks made on Christianity or the Catholic religion. In the evening, when Mr. Way lectured at the Miners' Union Hall on 'The Martyrdom of Ferrer,' the Ven. Archdeacon Brodie and members of the Men's Catholic Club were present. The lecture was evidently mostly taken from McCabe's book, and was a tirade of abuse on the clergy of Spain, the Catholic Church, and Christianity generally. [At the conclusion of Mr. Way's address, as reported in our last issue, Archdeacon Brodie took the platform and exposed the source and unreliability of Mr. Way's information.]

Abstinence from low pleasures is the only means of meriting or of obtaining the higher.

The Catholic Earl of Denbigh has ten children, three of whom are boys (says the *Catholic Columbian*). Following the fashion among nobility, each child has three or four given names, but we notice that every girl in the family has the name 'Mary' among her other names. England was once known as 'Mary's Dowry.' This Catholic English Earl seems to recognise that fact in the naming of his children.

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