

Messrs. T. T. O'Sullivan, J. R. McCarthy, M. Lane, and Toohill also danced an Irish jig, which was received with applause. The annual concert and social in connection with St. Patrick's Day, was held in St. Patrick's Hall on Wednesday evening, March 26, when the hall was packed to the doors. The programme was contributed to by the following:—Mesdames Tweedale and Hains, Miss Doris Schatkey, Mr. Leon Fail, and several of the convent school children.

DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

March 31.

The Very Rev. Dean Regnault, S.M. (Provincial), passed through Christchurch on last Wednesday on his way to Westland.

The Rev. Father Hoare, S.M., Catholic chaplain to the military forces, celebrated Mass on Easter Sunday in St. Michael's Church, Hornby, when about two hundred men from the Territorial camp at Yaldhurst attended. Father Hoare's sermon on the occasion had special reference to the duties the men were engaged in. He also intrested himself on their behalf in many ways during their time in camp.

DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

(From our own correspondent.)

March 27.

The following candidates, presented at the late teachers' examination from St. Mary's Convent, Ponsonby, were successful:—Mary Cecily Gallan, full C; Maud Towers, full C; Mary Fortune, 1 subject C and full D; Bridget Marnell, 1 subject C; Mary Halloran, Mary McKendry, Veronica Myall, Mary J. Madden, Bride O'Donoghue, Margaret Neylon, Teresa O'Hara were successful in the different branches of drawing for which they entered.

Rev. Father Creagh, C.S.S.R., addressed the confraternity of the Holy Family at the Cathedral last Tuesday evening. Three years ago he took part in the establishing of the confraternity here, and he said it was a great pleasure to him to return after that period, and to see how well the confraternity was holding its own. To him it was comforting and encouraging. Father Creagh then earnestly pleaded with those present to go as often as they could to Holy Communion, and assured them that if they wished for happiness here and hereafter no better means could be adopted.

A new branch of the H.A.C.B. Society (St. Brendon's) has been established at Otahuhu. The whole of the district officers journeyed out. Bros. Dane, P.D.P., and D. McCartan, P.B.P., Onehunga, also attended. Very Rev. Father Buckley was present, and a large number of ladies and gentlemen. Bro. J. M. Foy, D.P., presided, and there were also present Bros. D. Flynn, D.V.P., Hon. W. Beehan, M.L.C., P.D.P., W. Kane, D.S., and M. J. Sheahan, D.T. The D.P. and other district officers briefly addressed the meeting, and pointed out the many advantages likely to result from the establishment of a branch of the society there. It was proposed and unanimously carried that a branch be established at Otahuhu, the requisite number of names having previously been given to the district officers. The following were then chosen for the ensuing term:—President, Bro. J. C. Griffin; vice-president, Bro. D. P. O'Connell; treasurer, Bro. J. J. Graham; secretary, Bro. J. N. McEvoy; warden, Bro. Maurice O'Connor; guardian, Bro. J. J. Hogan; trustees, Bros. Very Rev. Father Buckley and J. C. Griffin; chaplain, Father Buckley; sick visitors, Bros. Graham and Martin. The new officers then took up their respective positions, when the first meeting of the new branch was held. Congratulations were extended by the district officers and visiting members of the Onehunga branch. At the conclusion of the meeting the company adjourned to the refreshment room, where the ladies had provided a nice spread. Shortly after the district officers left for Auckland, and were accorded

three hearty cheers as they drove away. The Otahuhu branch promises a successful career. A singular feature in connection with it is the large number of County Kerry men connected with it, no fewer than seven of those who joined hailing from O'Connell's county.

(By telegraph, from our own correspondent.)

March 31.

Rev. Father Ormond as chaplain attended the Territorial camp at Cambridge this week.

The local Hibernian delegates and district officers leave next Sunday and Monday evening by express train for Napier. Among the former will be Rev. Father Ormond, who will represent New Plymouth branch at the meeting.

Rev. Father Creagh, C.S.S.R., arrived here on last Tuesday, and on the same evening he opened a retreat for the students of the Sacred Heart College, which was brought to a conclusion on Friday evening. Very Rev. Father Roche, C.S.S.R., arrived here on Friday morning, and next day he and Father Creagh left for the Thames, where they opened a mission last Sunday. They will labour in the Thames parish for a fortnight, after which they will give missions at Waihi, Paeroa, and Te Aroha.

Rev. Father Holbrook, in the course of a letter written at Aden to Rev. Father Ormond, stated that so far he had a very enjoyable trip.

Mr. Walter Kirby, the distinguished tenor, was accorded a hearty welcome by his friends last week. Rev. Father Ormond presided, and speaking of their guest, who had been born under the shadow of the Cathedral, said that he had made a name for himself in every capital of Europe. Messrs. J. W. O'Brien, A. E. Hackett, D. Flynn, and M. J. Sheahan, spoke eulogistically of the great tenor who had sung with success at Convent Garden and before the late King and present King and Queen, and afterwards toured Australia with Madame Melba. Mr. Kirby suitably replied, and said that in the midst of all his successes his heart always turned to New Zealand, particularly Auckland. Two recitals will be given here, and in all the large centres of the Dominion, after which Mr. Kirby returns to London to fulfil important engagements.

The Young Ireland Society commemorated the national festival with a splendid banquet. The president (Mr. J. J. Sullivan) occupied the chair, and in eloquent terms proposed 'The day we celebrate.' 'The Irish Parliamentary Party' was proposed by Mr. M. J. Sheehan and responded to by Messrs. London and D. Flynn. The toast of the 'Irish exiles' was proposed by Mr. George Dwyer, and responded to by Mr. Allen Doone and others. Irish songs were sung by Mr. Burke and several other gentlemen. A most enjoyable evening was spent, and it was very encouraging to witness the enthusiastic patriotism aroused, this being due in no small degree to the inspiring remarks during the evening of the president.

Invercargill

(From our own correspondent.)

March 31.

His Lordship the Bishop will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to a large number of children and adults in Invercargill on next Sunday week.

I regret to have to record that through a mishap on his motor cycle, the Rev. Father Kavanagh met with a painful accident on Good Friday while on his way to one of the private hospitals. I am pleased to be able to state that Father Kavanagh is well on the way to recovery, although still confined to his room.

The funeral of Mr. H. Wilkinson, an old and respected Catholic who died last week, took place on Sunday, and a large number of people followed the cortege to the cemetery. The members of the Hibernian Band, of which the deceased was a vice-president, marched in front of the hearse on leaving the deceased's residence, and again on entering the cemetery, played the 'Dead March' from 'Saul.' The Rev. Father Woods officiated at the cemetery.—R.I.P.

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