

sentative; T. Sheehan, North Taranaki representative; R. Casey, Hawke's Bay representative; J. Ryan (Petone). The first practice was held on the Sacred Heart College grounds last Saturday afternoon.

WELLINGTON CATHOLIC CLUB

(From the club correspondent.)

In order to mark the arrival of the battleship New Zealand in Wellington a number of the men were entertained in the clubrooms on April 19. The proceedings took the form of a smoke concert, presided over by Mr. J. McGowan (vice-president). The following toast-list was honored:—'The Pope and King' (chairman), 'H.M.S. New Zealand' (J. O'Sullivan—C.P.O. Coughlan), 'The naval supremacy of Great Britain' (H. McKeown—Chief Stoker Murphy and P.O. Johns), 'Wellington Catholic Club' (P.O. Fitzgerald—J. L. Leydon), 'Our Imperial destinies' (E. H. Dunne—M. O'Kane), 'The land we live in' (B. Leydon—Gunner Clemens), 'The visitors' (G. Dee—P.O. O'Sullivan, Seaman Molloy, and others). During the evening the following contributed items:—C.P.O. Coughlan ('An Irish colleen'), P.O. Johns ('Reminiscences'), Chief Stoker Murphy ('Murphy shall not speak to-night'), Messrs J. L. Leydon, B. Leydon, E. W. Dunne, H. Buckley, F. Eller, W. B. Keany, and C. J. Pfaff (members of the club) also contributed enjoyable items. An outstanding feature of the gathering was the selections rendered on the gramophone under the direction of Mr. F. Eller. Amongst the visitors was Mr. H. J. Salmon, of the Dunedin club, who responded on behalf of affiliated clubs.

C.P.O. Coughlan, in thanking the club for the entertainment, said the gathering was a unique experience extending over twenty years' service. He trusted that in future the men of H.M. ships would have the opportunity of meeting the members of the club during their stay in Wellington. It is interesting to note that there are seventy-five Catholics on the battleship, and it is the intention of our members, prior to the departure of the battleship from Wellington in June, to hold a 'bon voyage' evening.

The picture of the H.M.S. New Zealand issued by the *Free Lance*, which is attracting so much attention, is the work of Mr E. M. Casey, brother of Mr A. H. Casey, president of the Federated Catholic Clubs of New Zealand.

On Sunday afternoon a number of club members visited the warship, and through the courtesy of Petty Officers Coughlan, O'Sullivan, Murphy, Fitzgerald, Johns, and O'Regan, received a good insight into the inner working of the ship. The members were afterwards entertained at afternoon tea in the petty officers' mess.

Mr. J. E. Ward, formerly a prominent member of the Wanganui and Dunedin clubs, has accepted the

secretaryship of our Literary and Debating Society. Last month our executive had pleasure in handing the sum of £48 8s 9d to each of the principals of the Marist Brothers' Schools in Wellington for the purpose of furnishing science rooms in their schools. The fund, which was known as the 'Marist Brothers' school renovation fund,' was raised through the personal efforts of club members during the last few years, and with accumulated interest amounted to the respectable total of £96 17s 6d when handed over. The club has now received letters from Brothers Basil and Louis thanking the club for their donations.

OBITUARY

MR. MICHAEL LYSAGHT, TINWALD.

A very old resident of the Tinwald district died, at his residence on April 16 in the person of Michael Lysaght, who passed away at the age of seventy years. Mr. Lysaght arrived in New Zealand in 1865, and was engaged for a time in road-making on the West Coast. Shortly after he took up land at Rolleston, which he farmed successfully until 1874, when he secured land in Graham's road, Tinwald, where he resided until the time of his death. He also carried out contract work and cropping for the late Mr. John Carter.—R.I.P.

MRS. DAVID THOMSON, INVERCARGILL.

The many friends of Mrs. David Thomson heard with sincere regret of her death, which occurred after a short illness at her residence, Leet street, Invercargill, on March 11. The deceased lady was a native of Co. Galway, and came to the colonies when very young. She was well known for her kindly and hospitable nature, being particularly attentive to the sick. She was beloved by young and old, as evidenced by the number of telegrams and letters of sympathy received by her family from all parts of the Dominion, and from Australia. She was a zealous and devoted Catholic, and died fortified by the rites of the Church. Rev. Father Kavanagh officiated at the graveside. Three daughters are left to mourn their loss—Miss A. Thomson (of the Central School, Invercargill), Miss I. Thomson (late of the W.F.C.A., Masterton), and Miss M. Thomson.—R.I.P.

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