

evening, which were much appreciated. The music was supplied by Messrs. Drury and Moore and Mrs. D. Dalton, whilst Mr. George R. Harriss acted as director. The following committee is to be congratulated on the successful result of its labors:—Messrs. J. B. Neilsen (secretary), T. P. Gill, T. J. McCosker, and O. Krohn, Mesdames Head, London, Rump, Jellie, Krohn, Reece, Loughnan, and P. J. O'Regan. The proceeds will be devoted to the reduction of the debt on St. Francis' Church, Island Bay.

Petone

(From our own correspondent.)

June 21.

The first fortnightly social held by the Hibernian Society was a great success.

The Government Inspector examined the Convent pupils last week, and spoke in high praise of the work performed, which reflects great credit on the Sisters.

At a largely attended meeting of parishioners it was decided to hold a bazaar in November. The various committees have been set up, and, judging by the enthusiasm shown, the bazaar should be a great success. The executive has been very fortunate in securing the Lyceum Theatre, which is admirably suited for a bazaar.

The brothers of St. Vincent de Paul Society paid a return visit to St. Joseph's Conference, Wellington, last Monday night, when a very enjoyable evening was spent. After the usual business had been transacted, Bro. Ellis gave an illustrated lecture on his visit to Rome. The visitors were hospitably entertained by the members of St. Joseph's Conference. Bro. Ellis has kindly offered to come out to Petone and repeat his lecture in aid of the bazaar funds.

Wanganui

(From our own correspondent.)

June 20.

Constable Madden, of Wanganui, who has had 26 years' service, and who was recently acting as gaoler at Wanganui, has been transferred to Palmerston.

Mr. J. Moriarty is in town at present, and reports excellent business. He will be here for another week, and then will proceed north. He was welcomed by the Very Rev. Dean Holley at last Monday night's meeting of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

The fortnightly meeting of the Hibernian Society was held on Tuesday evening and a fair attendance of members were present. During the meeting Past President Bro. A. McWilliam presented to Bro. F. J. Shanly, on behalf of the Waipawa branch, a past president's collar. Bro. McWilliam, P.P., made a neat speech wishing Bro. Shanly many more years of membership in the Hibernian Society. Bro. Shanly replying, thanked the Waipawa branch for their kind and much appreciated gift.

Mr. T. Boyle was, at last Monday night's meeting of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, presented with a travelling rug and watch (suitably engraved) by the Very Rev. Dean Holley on behalf of the members. The Very Rev. Dean said it was a pleasure to him to see the good feelings that existed towards their departing guest, and in wishing him every success, he hoped that before long he would return to New Zealand in good health. Mr. Boyle goes for two years to Hunter's Hill, Sydney, and will then proceed to Greenmeadows to study for the priesthood.

The Catholic social held in the Fire Brigade Hall last evening was an unqualified success. Great credit is due to the energetic secretary, who worked assiduously to make the function a success. He was ably assisted by Mr. Roche and the following: Messrs. J. Cameron (chairman), J. Jago, Kenny (2), Cronin, Ward, Richardson, Miles, Gordon, Daly, McNaughton, W. R. Setter (secretary), and J. D. Roche (assistant secretary). The supper, for which the following ladies were responsible, was all that could be desired:—Mesdames

Cullinane, Lloyd, Meehan, Susmalch, and Misses Cullinane, McCormick, Miss Donnelly, Hogan, Lacey.

Westport

(From our own correspondent.)

June 17.

Messrs. J. E. Ward and J. L. Leydon, of Wellington, both former residents of this district, have accepted appointment to the Diocesan Council as representatives of the local branch of the Catholic Federation.

The first of a series of competitions, which are to take place amongst the members of St. Canice's Club during the present session, was held in the club rooms on Thursday evening, and a good number of the congregation availed themselves of the invitation to be present. The president (Mr. J. Matthews) occupied the chair, and the Rev. Father Cronin again acted as judge. The contest was divided into two sections—junior and senior—and took the form of an oration, the speech to be taken from any eminent orator, the time allowed being seven minutes. The following competed:—Juniors—Messrs. John Carmine, J. Ahearn, C. Rees, J. Pearce; seniors—Messrs. F. Calnon, J. Radford, A. M. Kirby, F. O'Gorman. At the conclusion of the competition Rev. Father Cronin declared Mr. J. Pearce (junior) and Mr. F. O'Gorman (senior) winners of the prizes donated by friends. The judge also gave a detailed criticism of each competitor's effort, which should prove most helpful in future contests.

New Plymouth

(From an occasional correspondent.)

June 20.

The first of the Rolland Hall socials for this season took place on June 16. The euchre party prizes were won by Misses Doyle and Riley, Messrs. Pyne and W. Oliver.

The annual complimentary presentation and entertainment, tendered to the Very Rev. Dean McKenna by the pupils of the convent schools, was held on June 20 in the Rolland Hall, in the presence of a large audience. A play in three acts was splendidly performed; the dresses and stage furnishing, as well as the clever acting, made it hard to realise that the performers were only school girls. Between the acts various instrumental items were given, also recitations and action songs by the infant class. Miss Elsie Bennett played the accompaniments in faultless style. Dean McKenna complimented the Sisters and their pupils on the success of the entertainment, and wished them pleasant midwinter holidays.

DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

June 23.

On Sunday last, the Feast of St. John the Baptist, patronal feast of the diocese and of his Lordship the Bishop, was celebrated in the Cathedral with the customary solemnity. There was Solemn High Mass at 11 o'clock. The Very Rev. Father Price, D.C., Adm., was celebrant, Rev. Father O'Boyle deacon, and Rev. Father Murphy, B.A., subdeacon. The occasional discourse was preached by the Rev. Father Creagh, C.S.S.R. There were Solemn Vespers in the evening, the same clergy officiating as in the morning, and the Cathedral was crowded. The Rev. Father Creagh, C.S.S.R., again preached, and opened a week's retreat for the archconfraternity of the Blessed Sacrament. The Very Rev. Father Price at one of the early Masses, and Rev. Father Creagh prior to his discourses both in the morning and evening, asked the prayers of the people for his Lordship the Bishop, that he might return to the diocese in renewed health and strength, and realise the consummation of his greatest desire—the consecration of the Cathedral during his life-time.