

congratulated on its financial result. Reference was made to the loss the parish will sustain by the departure of Mr. Callaghan, who has taken a prominent part in the work of the parish for several years, and has particularly interested himself in the formation of the Wellington Catholic Education Board. The meeting put on record a resolution expressing its appreciation of Mr. Callaghan's services, and wishing him every success in his new sphere of activity. The Te Aro meeting was presided over by his Grace the Coadjutor-Archbishop, and there was a good attendance of the parishioners. Newtown was presided over by the Ven. Archdeacon Devoy, who made an appeal to those present to take an active interest in the good work, and thereby make the present year more successful than the last.

The half-yearly meeting of St. Patrick's branch of the H.A.C.B. Society was held on last Monday evening under the presidency of Bro. J. A. Sullivan, B.P. There was a good attendance of members. The election of officers resulted as follows:—President, Bro. J. A. Sullivan; vice-president, Bro. Jeremiah O'Brien; warden, Bro. Jas. Clarke; guardian, Bro. J. Higgins; treasurer and assistant secretary, Bro. J. J. L. Burke; sick visitors, Bros. P. O'Callaghan and M. Condon; auditors, Bros. Frank McDonald and H. McKeowen; delegate to the Friendly Societies' Dispensary, Bro. J. J. L. Burke; delegates to the H.A.C.B.S. Council—Bros. Burke, Hoskins, Callaghan, T. O'Brien, and McPhee. A motion congratulating Bro. J. W. Callaghan on his appointment as manager of the municipal tramways at Napier, according him a hearty vote of thanks for the great work he had done for Hibernianism, especially for St. Patrick's branch, and expressing keen regret for the loss of his valuable services to the Catholic community of Wellington, was unanimously carried. The report and balance sheet for the June quarter were presented by the secretary, and disclosed a very satisfactory state of affairs, both as regards membership and finance. The sick pay for the quarter totalled over £91, yet, notwithstanding this large sum, the sick and funeral fund disclosed a profit on the quarter's working. Amounts totalling £123 were passed for payment.

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(From our own correspondent.)

July 19.

The Hibernian Society held a social on Friday evening, July 11, at which there was a large attendance.

Last Sunday night the choir gave a sacred concert in aid of the bazaar funds. The church was crowded to the doors. As this one was so successful, it has been decided to hold another shortly.

On Friday evening, July 18, the Children of Mary held a well-attended euchre party in aid of their stall. An entertainment is given every Friday night, and it is very encouraging to the committee to see the people attending so well.

Last Wednesday night the Druids entertained the members of the local H.A.B.C. Society at a euchre tournament. The Druids won by 18 games to 15. Songs were given by Rev. Father McMenamin, and Bros. McGill and McNeill. The election of officers of the branch took place at the last fortnightly meeting, and resulted as follows:—President, Bro. C. O'Shea; vice-president, Bro. F. McCarthy; treasurer, Bro. L. O'Keley; secretary, Bro. J. Linehan; warden, Bro. J. Roper; guardian, Bro. J. O'Donnell. Bro. McCarthy's motion to secede from the N.Z. District was defeated by one vote.

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(From our own correspondent.)

July 21.

A successful social gathering was held in one of the city halls on last Wednesday by St. Patrick's branch of the H.A.C.B. Society in aid of the furnishing of a Hibernian stall at the carnival in November for the Cathedral debt extinction fund.

Good work is being done by the committee, and especially by the heads of stalls in connection with the carnival, which is to run a lengthy season during November in aid of the Cathedral debt extinction fund. The arrangement of the spectacular display has been entrusted to Signor Borzoui and the ample room provided by the Olympia Rink should enable the carnival to completely outclass any similar event yet promoted in the Dominion. The Very Rev. Chancellor Price, Adm., characterises this as the supreme effort in aid of the object, and he may with certainty rely upon his faithful people to leave nothing undone to help him to make it so.

On next Friday evening, in the Alexandra Hall, the Rev. Father Hoare, S.M., the popular assistant priest, at St. Mary's, Christchurch North, is to be entertained at a complimentary conversazione by the parishioners to welcome him home after a round trip of the South Sea Islands and Australia. Rev. Father Hoare is well deserving of recognition, and the best the Catholics of this city can offer him. Since almost his ordination, a good few years ago, he has labored with the most commendable zeal in the spiritual and temporal intervals of a grateful people in a widely scattered district, and at the same time discharging the duties of chaplain to the military forces. For a young priest, Father Hoare's experiences have been in many respects unique and trying in the extreme. The assistant of two successive rectors of St. Mary's, both of whom he had attended in sickness, and both of whom passed away. On each occasion he assumed control of, and administered the parish temporarily to the satisfaction of his superiors and to the benefit of the people. Family bereavements, too, have intervened, but in the face of all Father Hoare has worked on with thoughts only for the noble duties of his sacred calling, and largely imbued with the apostolic spirit of the pioneer missionaries of his illustrious Order. The holiday,

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