

over fifteen years, and members were aware of the great work which he had done for the branch during that period and for Catholicity in general. He regretted exceedingly Bro. Callaghan's departure, and assured him of the appreciation which the members had for him and of their best wishes for his future success. Bro. Hodgins, on behalf of the Hutt branch, presented Bro. Callaghan with a case of pipes. Bro. Hodgins said that it was through Bro. Callaghan's efforts that the Hutt branch was formed, and as the officer that performed the opening ceremony and had watched its welfare ever since, he wished on behalf of the members to express their appreciation and their best wishes for his future success. Bro. J. A. Humphrey, on behalf of the Sacred Heart branch, Thorndon, presented Bro. Callaghan with a solid silver cut-glass epergne. Bro. Callaghan filled the office of secretary of that branch, and also performed the opening ceremony. For St. Aloysius' branch Bro. John Fagan handed Mr. Callaghan a silver teapot and handbag for Mrs. Callaghan. This branch also owed its formation to the efforts of Bro. Callaghan. Sister Gertrude O'Flaherty, president of the ladies' branch (St. Mary's), presented him with two Morris chairs, and in doing so paid a high tribute to his great work for Hibernianism and also to Mrs. Callaghan for her sacrifice of her husband's time for the furthering of the cause of Catholicity.

Mr. Callaghan, in responding, was greeted most enthusiastically. Words, he said, failed to adequately express his feelings. He desired, on behalf of Mrs. Callaghan and himself, to thank the branches for their handsome gifts. Too much, he said, had been said about the work which he accomplished, but nothing could be done unless branches were well officered, and during his sojourn of fifteen years in Wellington that had been the case. He exhorted them to continue the good work, and make the Hibernian Society a power for good. He regretted exceedingly his departure.

Mr. and Mrs. Callaghan were heartily cheered. The remainder of the evening was spent socially, the following contributing items:—Misses Jansen, Una Simon, Griffin, Lyons, Gregory, Curtice, A. Sullivan, and Messrs. C. McErlean, J. A. Sullivan, Thos. P. and M. McCarthy, Craig, Bradley, and Jules Simon. The arrangements of the evening were carried out by Miss G. O'Flaherty, of the ladies' branch, and she was accorded a hearty vote of thanks by acclamation.

Petone

(From our own correspondent.)

July 26.

Rev. Father McMenamin is busy getting his minstrel troupe ready for the entertainment in aid of the bazaar funds.

On Thursday afternoon last the pupils of the Convent School entertained Rev. Father McMenamin and presented him with a small gift in honor of his birthday.

The second of the card tournaments was held in the schoolroom last Wednesday night, and resulted in an easy win for the Hibernians, the scores being—Hibernians, 20 games; Druids, 5 games. Supper was

then handed round. During the evening several of the members contributed songs and recitations, which helped to make the gathering a great success.

Wanganui

(From our own correspondent.)

The next social by the Aramoho St. Vincent de Paul Society will be held in St. Joseph's Schoolroom on August 7. The proceeds will be devoted to the reduction of the debt on the school.

A new Particular Council of the St. Vincent de Paul Society will shortly be established here. It will embrace five conferences—Palmerston, Foxton, Hawera, Aramoho, and Wanganui. At last Monday night's meeting it was unanimously decided to nominate Mr. O'Meara as president.

A social will be held in the Fire Brigade Hall, Wanganui, on August 13, the proceeds of which will go towards the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

The members of the Aramoho branch of the St. Vincent de Paul Society paid a visit to the Jubilee Home a few evenings ago, and gave a very enjoyable programme of musical and elocutionary items. At the conclusion of a very pleasant evening the visitors were entertained at supper by Mr. and Mrs. Allen.

New Plymouth

(From our own correspondent.)

July 25.

The marriage took place on July 10 of Miss N. Sheehy, postmistress at Mokau, and daughter of Mr. J. Sheehy, of Okau, and Mr W. H. Grenfell, who has been stationed at Awakino for the past eighteen months as postmaster. The ceremony took place at St. Joseph's Church, New Plymouth, Very Rev. Dean McKenna officiating. Subsequently a reception was held at Messrs May and Arrowsmith's tea rooms. Mr. and Mrs. Grenfell left by the afternoon train for the bridal tour, prior to settling in their new home at Gisborne, to which place Mr. Grenfell has been transferred. Prior to her marriage Miss Sheehy was tendered a complimentary social.

On July 18 a concert was given in the Rolland Hall in aid of the funds of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. By special request, the Rev. Mother and Sisters of the Mission allowed their pupils to give a second performance of their recent dramatic and musical entertainment. The programme was added to on this occasion. Miss Elsie Bennett made her debut as a vocalist, and pleased the audience very much with her song, 'The melody of life.' In response to an encore she sang 'A bowl of roses.' A pianoforte solo, 'Snowdrops' (Chopin) was given by Miss Ila Henderson, her playing being very much admired. An amusing comedy, 'The little pickle,' was acted by the boys with great credit. Several violin selections, all of a high order of merit, were greatly appreciated. On conclusion Mr W. T. Jennings thanked the Sisters on behalf of the St. Vincent de Paul Society for their generous help so willingly given.

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