

president, Mr. O. Krohn. Mr. J. F. Taylor, the newly-elected president, presided, and on behalf of the society voiced the appreciation of the members at the excellent and thorough work of Mr. Krohn during his occupancy of the presidential chair. Mr. Krohn had been an energetic president, and it was mainly through his efforts that the society's pipe band was brought into existence. Mr. Krohn had, by his initiative and resourcefulness, instituted the quarterly general Communion and breakfasts, which had proved unqualified successes. To augment the membership he had generously donated a substantial prize for competition amongst the members. In conclusion, they trusted that their retiring president would, as a past-president, still continue to take the same interest in the society as he did during his term as president. On behalf of the members Mr. Taylor asked Mr. Krohn to accept, as a slight recognition of the appreciation they had for him, a past-president's emblematic framed certificate and presentation collar. Mr. Krohn acknowledged the recognition of his efforts, and assured the members that he would always continue to take a keen and active interest in the society. Cheers were given for Mr. and Mrs. Krohn and family. The remainder of the evening was spent socially, a first-class programme of musical and elocutionary items being rendered.

Wanganui

(From our own correspondent.)

July 21.

The second of a series of euchre parties promoted under the auspices of the Hibernian Society, was held on Wednesday, 13th inst., at the "Villa Maria," which was packed to overflowing. The prize-winners were Mrs. Clapham, Mrs. Meehan, Miss Sheridan, and Mr. Smythe. As usual, Mrs. Richardson and Mrs. Coxon, assisted by their lady friends, deserve praise for the manner in which they supplied the supper. The music for the social which followed was rendered capably by Miss Crotty and Mr. McGonigle, jun. Mr. P. Cull gave a sweet rendering of "Mother Machree." The H.A.C.B.S. are very grateful to all who helped to make the evening a success.

The interest in the card tournament for the Hodson Cup still continues. The third match was played at the "Villa Maria" last Tuesday, when the Hibernians met the Bishop Lodge of Druids. Play resulted in another win for the Hibernians by a small margin. The H.A.C.B. Society meet the Foresters next week.

All our schools have had their winter holidays and the pupils have re-assembled for classes. The primary schools have had the annual examinations, the inspectors' visit having taken place immediately after the holidays.

The many friends of Mrs. T. Meehan are sorry to hear of her serious illness. There is, unfortunately, much sickness about, although the winter has not been a particularly severe one. The question of unemployment, too, is becoming rather acute, and one cannot help wishing hard that things would brighten up a little. A good many households, even among those we know, are carrying on with very lean purses. Just now this is anything but easy, as every day seems to bring a fresh call of some sort. However, the days are lengthening and becoming more sunny, and probably all will be well before very long.

Napier

(From our own correspondent.)

July 18.

Following the enrolment of members in the Catholic Federation on "Federation Sunday" (July 3), the list subsequently read gave a total of 450 names. A later additional list brought the membership up to more than twice that number. Names and contributions are still being received, and, although the numerical strength of the branch already exceeds last year's total, the memorable record of five years ago, following a mission given by Father Ainsworth, will probably be difficult to reach.

Rev. Father Le Pretre, S.M., who has been spending a few days in Napier after returning from a holiday visit to Australia, was recently the recipient of a presentation from his late parishioners at Wairoa, in recog-

nition of his 28 years' devoted labor among them. Advantage was taken of the occasion to welcome Rev. Father Lacroix, S.M., late of Greymouth, who is to take charge of the parish.

Mrs. J. J. Smith, another of Hawke's Bay's old residents, passed away recently at her son's residence, Waghorne Street, Port Ahuriri, at the age of 71 years. The deceased lady arrived in Auckland 54 years ago, and shortly afterwards came to Hawke's Bay, where she had resided ever since. During the troublous times with the Maoris, Mrs. Smith was living with Mrs. (Captain) Carter, and many an interesting episode she could tell of those trying days. The deceased lady was twice married and leaves a grown-up family of two daughters and four sons. Of a kindly disposition, Mrs. Smith had a wide circle of friends who will sympathise with the relatives who mourn the loss of a good mother.—R.I.P.

There was Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from the last Mass on Sunday, July 17. In anticipation of the Feast of St. Vincent de Paul, the great Apostle of Charity, Rev. Father Clancy, S.M., in an impressive discourse exhorted the large congregation to the practice of works of charity, and as many as possible to active association with the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Besides an essential duty towards the relief of the poor there were good works to be attended to generally in the parish, especially the support of our Catholic schools.

The half-yearly meeting of the St. John's branch of the Hibernian Society was held on Tuesday, the 12th inst. There was a good attendance, the business being the election of office-bearers for the ensuing term, which resulted as follows:—President, Bro. J. Doody; vice-president, Bro. T. Sheehan; secretary, Bro. J. Callaghan; assistant secretary, Bro. M. O'Donnell; treasurer, Bro. T. Barry; warden, Bro. J. C. Johnson; guardian, Bro. R. Derwin; sick visitors, Bros. J. Mannix and T. Harmon. The newly-elected office-bearers were installed by Past-President J. Barry, who was himself invested with the past-president's regalia.

The Hibernians of Napier are the holders of the Vigor Brown Shield, having been victors in the card tournaments between the different lodges here during the last two years. They have lately been challenged by the Druids, and a tournament is to take place on Tuesday, the 19th inst., in the Hibernian meeting room.

Nelson

The friends of the Rev. Father Fay, S.M., of Nelson, will be pleased to hear that after being a patient at Lewisham Hospital for 13 weeks he has sufficiently recovered as to be able to leave the institution (writes our travelling correspondent). After visiting his former parishioners and friends of South Canterbury, Father Fay will return to the warmer climate of the North Island to fully recuperate. It will be some considerable time before he is able to resume his pastoral duties in Nelson.

DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

(From our own correspondent.)

July 22.

At St. Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday evening, July 10, his Lordship Dr Cleary preached from the text contained in the Gospel according to St. John—"That was the True Light which enlighteneth every man that cometh into this world." The sermon held the close attention of the congregation. The Bishop seemed much stronger, judging by his voice and the sustained effort. His Lordship afterwards officiated at Pontifical Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Following the retreat to the Sisters of the Missions at Hamilton, conducted by Rev. Father Hannigan, C.S.S.R., his Lordship the Coadjutor-Bishop (Dr. Liston) received the final vows of Sister M. Georgina (Daley). Among the clergy present were the Very Rev. Chancellor Holbrook (Grey Lynn), Fathers Moore (Eltham), Skinner, Hunt, Dore, and Bleakley. After delivering a short address, his Lordship officiated at Pontifical Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.