sub-section (8) be amended to make it clear that any denomination will only be entitled to four acres free of rates in any one rating area.

The president (Mr. R. A. Wright, M.P.) said he hoped it would not be necessary to retrace the ground covered on the previous day. The crux of the whole question lay in the last clause, and he asked that discussion should be confined to that portion.

Mr. Murch said that in Wanganui there was one denomination that had six schools. One of the properties was of considerably more than four acres. Owing to the large number of exemptions, the council desired it to be made clear whether those concerned were entitled to exemption for one lot of four acres or more.

The motion lapsed for want of a seconder.

Diocesan News

ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

October 7.

His Grace Archbishop O'Shea left last Monday on an episcopal visitation to the West Coast.

Mr Tom Tuohy, a prominent member of St Mary's Choir, was, prior to his departure for Lyttelton, entertained by the members of the choir and made the recipient of a valuable present to mark the esteem in which he is held.

The Catholic Ladies' Club had a pleasant afternoon at their club rooms last Tuesday. Many new members were admitted.

A successful juvenile social was held at the Concert Chamber of the Town Hall last Wednesday evening. The proceeds are to be devoted to the bazaar fund in connection with St. Joseph's parish, which is being organised for next Easter.

Last Monday evening the members of the Dominion Executive of the N.Z. Catholic Federation, under the president (Very Rev. Father O'Connell, S.M.), and representatives from the Anglican and Presbyterian Churches, headed by Ven. Archdeacon Johnson and Rev. Dr. Gibb, met for the purpose of discussing the remits affecting the rating of private schools which were on the agenda paper of the N.Z. Municipal and County Councils Conference, held here during the week. As a result, it was decided to send a deputation representing the three denominations to the conference, to protest against the carrying of such remits. It is interesting to note that the conference threw out the most drastic of the remits, which lapsed for want of a seconder.

The Ven. Archdeacon Devoy, S.M., has left for a short visit to Wanganui, where he will be the guest of the Very Rev. Father O'Connell, S.M.

A successful opening was made by the bazaar held in the St. Anne's Hall, Newtown, in aid of the Sisters of Mercy building fund, on Saturday evening, the 1st inst. The Mayor (Mr. R. A. Wright, M.P.) performed the opening ceremony, being briefly introduced by Mr. W. H. Giles, who explained the object of the bazaar. This was the reduction of the existing debt on the convent school, and the effort now being launched had been projected for some considerable time, but had been postponed unavoidably from various causes. Although the present was not altogether a favorable time it was felt that the endeavor must be made without delay if it was to be made at all. In the course of a brief address Mr. Wright stressed the importance of training the young in every way. As the citizens of the future they could not be neglected. He highly commended the work done by the Sisters of Mercy in this direction, and trusted that they would receive that support which they deserved in every way from those present. He then formally declared the bazaar open, and made a tour of inspection of the building. The hall, which was packed to the doors, presented a fine spectacle. Five stalls were the principal weapon of attack in the cause—the All Nations stall, under Misses Wylie and Giles; Zealandia stall, Misses Wickliffe and Smyth; Toyland, Mrs. Beach, Tea Kiosk, Mesdames Simmonds, Hindson and Norris, and men's stall, Mr. Malouret. There were numerous sideshows in an adjacent marquee. During the evening an attractive programme was rendered by the pupils of Mr. Joe Knowsley, the Dawn Ballet (Misses E. Wright, E. and [illegible] Black), and Miss Underhay gave a fine dance (Misses J. Rawlinson, and Beryl Ward), and numbers by Misses E. Wright, [illegible]on, I. Weston, and little Betty Hoare calling for special mention. The bazaar, which will remain open till Saturday next, has been well patronised.

DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

(From our own correspondent.)

September 30.

On Monday morning, at the Sacred Heart Church, Ponsonby, a Solemn Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of the mother of Rev. Father Moore, of Manchester, was celebrated. Bishop Liston presided, and Very Rev. Chancellor Holbrook was celebrant. The deacon was Rev. Father Murphy; subdeacon, Father O'Malley; master of ceremonies, Rev. Father Ford. The music of the Mass was sung by the priests of the diocese, assisted by the Marist Brothers. The Bishop was attended by Fathers Moore and O'Connor.

The residents of Taupiri (Waikato district) tendered a farewell to Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Tenn in the local hall on Tuesday, the 13th inst. Mr. Tenn has been for nearly three years stationmaster at Taupiri, and is now under orders to proceed to Mangonui, North Auckland. The function took the form of a social and the building was crowded, thus showing the esteem in which the guests are held. Mr. A. H. Waring, on behalf of the residents, presented Mrs. Tenn with a honey bowl, and Mr. Tenn with a gentleman's companion, as a token of the good wishes of the people of the district. Mr. Tenn, he said, had always been courteous and kind, and obliging in his official capacity, and together with his wife, had helped in many of the social functions of the town. They would be greatly missed by their many friends, and he trusted they would prosper in their new sphere. A very pleasant evening was spent by the large crowd present, and the affair was voted to be one of the most sociable held in the hall. Mr. Brabiner, of Huntly, greatly added to the enjoyment of the occasion by his budget of comic songs. Messrs. R. T. Hill and W. Waring made efficient masters of ceremonies, while excellent music was provided by Mr., Mrs., and Miss White, Mr. C. Sligg, Misses Waring (2), Miller, and Fordham.

A troop of boy scouts in connection with the mission of the Good Shepherd at Donnelly Road was formally received into the organisation last week by the provincial commissioner, Mr. H. Stobbs, assisted by Some 18 boys made their scouts' promise in the presence of Rev. Father William Murphy, the deputy-commissioner (Mr. R. C. Grimsby), Scoutmaster Coleman, and a number of parents and friends. After the devotions held in the church, the chaplain to the troop (Father Murphy) back onto the hall the visiting scout officers. The provincial commissioner addressed those present, and explained that the object of the movement was to promote a world-wide spirit of good-will and amity and to encourage in all young people reverence and a desire to become good citizens. He also referred to the many useful aspects of scout training which helped the boys when starting out on a career. Father Murphy stated that the scout troop was probably the first one formed in New Zealand in connection with the Catholic Church. He felt sure, however, that other troops would soon be formed now that the Mission of the Good Shepherd had given a lead.

October.

Right Rev. Dr. Liston opened the new presbytery at Matamata on Sunday, the 2nd inst., being assisted in the ceremony by the Rev. Father Taylor. On Tuesday his Lordship Dr. Liston presided at a conference of the city and suburban clergy, held at the Bishop's House. On Wednesday a conference of the South Auckland clergy was held in the presbytery, Hamilton, at which Dr. Liston also presided.

St. Mary's Convent, Ponsonby, held great rejoicings during this week, on the occasion of the silver jubilee of three of the Sisters—Rev. Mother Josephine, Rev. Mother Mbingatu, and Sister M. Berchmans—who celebrated the 25th anniversary of their solemn profession on Sunday, the 2nd inst. Pontifical High Mass was celebrated on Tuesday at 8 a.m. His Lordship Dr. Liston was celebrant.

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