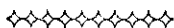


who has succeeded in arousing the interest of the parishioners in this direction. For two consecutive Sundays the collection has been well over £5, which is a decided advance on previous totals.

At St. Patrick's Church on Monday morning, the 3rd inst., the wedding was solemnised of Mr. John Barham and Miss Eileen Carver, sixth daughter of Mrs. Carver, Hospital Hill, Napier. Rev. Father Tymoens officiated. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Dorothy Carver, and Mr. W. Riley was best man. The newly-wedded couple (who were the recipients of numerous and costly presents) left by the mail train for Auckland, where the honeymoon was spent.



Wanganui

(From our own correspondent.)

October 13.

Sunday, October 2, and feast of the Holy Angels, was a big day at St. Vincent's, Castlecliff, for on that day, about thirty children made their first Holy Communion. There was also a general Communion of all the children, in fact, of the whole congregation. Rev. Father McGrath celebrated Mass and addressed the communicants, and, after Mass came the renewal of Baptismal Vows, enrolment in the Scapular, the blessing of Rosaries and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. This was the first time that the good folk of Castlecliff were privileged to attend Benediction in their own little chapel. The church was beautifully decorated with white lilies, and the new piano was used for the first time. After Mass, all the children hurried off the most wonderful breakfast ever. This had been provided by the Sisters and their helpers—Mesdames Rogers, Benjamin, Cameron, McKeagh, Currie, Doydall, Anthony, Marsden, Treader, Whitton, Edwards, and Connor. Such a feast, and such a host of happy youngsters! It was a sight to make anyone rejoice.

One of the most successful "evenings" held during the season at Castlecliff was got off on Tuesday night, and it took the form of a masquerade and poster dance. Miss Rita Anthony was awarded the first prize, her costume representing "Three Castles Cigarettes." A few of the other frocks: Mrs. Johnston, "K" Jam; Miss Griffiths, "Overland Cars"; Mrs. Davis, "Desert Gold Tea"; Miss Jones, "Folly of Fashions"; Miss Davis, "Florist"; Miss D. Davis, "Draper's Haberdashery"; Miss Zeta Tracey, "Granny Chamberlain"; Miss Edith Bates, "Neatsfoot Oil"; Mrs. Jones, "Herald Newspaper"; and Mrs. J. Connor, "N.Z. Refrigerating Company." Mr. Jack Darby as "Nugget Boot Polish" got the men's first prize; Mr. Neville, "Totalisator"; and Mr. Bartlett, "Golliwogg" were well to the fore. There were cards for the non-dancers and a dainty supper provided by the ladies' committee. Messrs. Edwards and Anthony acted as M's.C.

Never so busy that she cannot help when called upon, Mrs. Connor of Castlecliff, has found time to write the words and airs of a sweet little song, and Mr. Chas. Barnell of our town has written the accompaniment. It is just a simple little reverie, with a Christmas thought and an artistic cover, designed by a well-known artist-priest. The song, however, is not a religious venture, and is no relation to C.C.C. Cookery Book compiled by Mrs. Connor a year or two ago, in aid of the Castlecliff Church.

Died on Thursday last, at the residence of his sister Mrs. J. Smith, Gonville, Mr. John Gabriel Trainor, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Trainor of our congregation. Mr. Trainor and his brother Mr. Peter Trainor, were both in action overseas during the war, the latter being killed in action, and the former being returned home, badly invalided. Since his return, Mr. Trainor suffered almost continually, but his death, which was almost sudden—within an hour from the seizure—was certainly not expected. Sincere and heartfelt sympathy is extended to the sorrowing but resigned parents, and to the family generally, for, in addition to these two deaths, a married sister, Mrs. Dow, died also within the period of the war.—R.I.P.

New arrivals in the parish, are Mrs. and Miss Thrower of Wellington; Mrs. Stevenson, well known in the city, has opened a ladies' emporium here, and Miss Thrower is assuming managership of the nifty little shop.

Ven. Archdeacon Devoy, S.M., has been spending a few days with Father O'Connell, and left during the week for the North.

DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

(From our own correspondent.)

October 14.

Right Rev. Dr. Liston, Coadjutor-Bishop, visited Cambridge parish on Sunday, the 9th inst., and administered Confirmation. Next Sunday his Lordship will visit the Puhoi parish.

Mr. Hall Skelton, the Auckland district president of the Self-Determination for Ireland League, returned on Tuesday from the Dominion Convention, which was held last week in Wellington. On Sunday next, in St. Benedict's Hall, a convention for the Auckland district will be held, when the president will give his report on the proceedings in Wellington and outline the arrangements for the sending of the representatives to the Irish Race Convention, to be held on January 21, 1922, in Dublin or Paris.

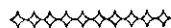
At the last meeting of the St. Luke's Guild, held in St. Benedict's Presbytery on October 3, Right Rev. Dr. Liston gave an address on the "Church's attitude and teaching on the Birth-control."

A branch of the H.A.C.B. Society was formed in connection with St. Joseph's parish, Grey Lynn, on Sunday the 9th inst., when about 50 members were initiated.

Mr. C. Little, president of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, left Auckland for Sydney by the "Maheno" on the 13th inst. to attend the centenary celebrations in connection with St. Mary's Cathedral in that city.

The annual concert to be given by the pupils of St. Mary's Convent, Ponsonby, will be held in the Concert Chamber of the Town Hall on Wednesday the 19th inst.

Preparations on an elaborate scale are being made for the bazaar in aid of the Good Shepherd parish church, Dominion Road. The bazaar will be opened at St. Benedict's Hall on Thursday the 27th inst., and continued over the two following days.



Temuka

(From our own correspondent.)

October 12.

The first meeting of the newly-formed Catholic Club, was held in the Catholic Hall on Sunday evening, Very Rev. Dr. Kennedy, S.M. presiding. About 70 names were handed in for membership, and a great amount of enthusiasm was shown. It was unanimously decided that the club be known as St. Joseph's Club, and the membership fee was fixed at five shillings per annum. Being the off season at present, it was agreed that very little could be done just now in connection with literary and debating pursuits, the first thing to claim the attention of the committee, therefore, will be to establish a Catholic library and a reading-room. The formation of a Tennis Club was also advocated and a meeting of supporters is to be held next week. The following office-bearers were elected:—Patron, Very Rev. Dr. Kennedy, S.M.; president, Mr. W. Hally; vice-president, Mr. D. O'Connor; secretary, and treasurer, Mr. W. Fitzgerald; executive committee, Messrs. M. Healy, D. O'Connell, P. Lynch, T. Knight, J. Mitten, J. Haar, O. Connolly, W. O'Keefe, and Duggan.

The usual fortnightly meeting of the local branch of the H.A.C.B. Society, was held on Monday evening, the president (Bro. M. Healy), presiding. A pleasing feature of the meeting—the outcome of the appeals of the Marist Missionaries during the recent mission—was the initiation of four new members and receiving the nomination of 21 others for membership. It was unanimously decided to convey to the Rev. Fathers Herring and Eccleton the thanks and congratulations of the branch on the great success that attended their efforts during the fortnight the mission was held.

At a meeting of the social committee, held recently, it was decided to conclude the fortnightly socials on Tuesday the 25th inst. These gatherings have been a great success for while a nett return of £100 was looked forward to for the season, it is pleasing to mention that this total has already been passed. It has also accomplished a worthy object, the reduction of the debt on the convent building.

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