

WAIMATE

(From our own correspondent.)

July 10.

Another old resident of the district, in the person of Mrs. A. Montgomery, of Hook, has passed to her eternal reward. The funeral, which took place on Tuesday, was largely attended. The Rev. Father O'Connor officiated at the church and graveside.—R.I.P.

At the half-yearly meeting of the H.A.C.B. Society the following officers were elected: President, Rev. Father Regnault (re-elected); vice-president, Bro. C. Wheeler; secretary, Bro. J. Hickey; treasurer, Bro. M. Healy.

His Lordship Bishop Grimes was entertained at a conversazione, given by the parishioners, in St. Patrick's Schoolroom on Tuesday evening. Vocal and instrumental items were given by Misses Dudley, Flynn, Nicholls, Bartos, Weddell, and Wheeler, Messrs. O'Shea and Moore. During the evening the Rev. Father Regnault, presented his Lordship, on behalf of the parishioners, with a cheque for the Cathedral fund.

A quiet wedding took place at St. Patrick's Church on Wednesday, July 5, when Mr. John Connolly, second son of Mr. M. Connolly, Georgetown, Temuka, was united in the bonds of Matrimony to Miss, Celia Callinan, of Newtown, Wellington. The Rev. Father Regnault celebrated the Nuptial Mass. The bride was given away by Mr. J. T. Quinn. Misses Lizzie and Agie Connolly acted as bridesmaids, and Mr. Owen Connolly was best man. After the ceremony the party drove to the Studholme Junction Hotel, where the wedding breakfast was held. The young couple were the recipients of many valuable and useful presents. The groom's gifts to the bride were a gold chain and locket, and to the bridesmaids gold brooches. The happy couple left by the afternoon express for Dunedin, their future home, carrying with them the best wishes of all.

DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

(From our own correspondent.)

July 6.

The Right Rev. Mgr. Mackay, who was visiting Te Aroha, came to Auckland last Saturday. He left for the South via the West Coast last Monday.

Rev. Father Meagher, of Devonport, preached on devotion to the Sacred Heart last Sunday night at St. Patrick's.

Negotiations are in progress for the acquirement of a hall, with a fine piece of ground attached, at Birkenhead. The Bishop intends it for a school and church.

The asphaltting in front of the Cathedral is now finished, and presents a nice appearance. The Bishop is deserving of the hearty thanks and, above all, the hearty support of his people in this highly necessary work of improving the Cathedral.

His Lordship the Bishop attended the Sacred Heart Church, Ponsonby, last Sunday, in honor of the feast of the Sacred Heart, and preached there.

The Vincent de Paul Society held a matinee yesterday in St. Patrick's Hall, and it was most successful.

In anticipation of the mission by the Redemptorist Fathers in September next a census is being taken of St. Patrick's parishioners by the clergy of the parish.

At the meeting of the local branch of the H.A.C.B. Society last Tuesday evening four new members were initiated, and the following officers elected for the ensuing term:—President, Bro. M. J. Sheahan; vice-president, Bro. John O'Brien; secretary, Bro. W. Kane; treasurer, Bro. D. Flynn; warden, Bro. T. Pound; sick visitor, Bro. C. Mulholland; guardian, Bro. A. Walsh. It was decided to commemorate the thirty-second anniversary of the opening of the branch with a social gathering towards the end of July.

Last Monday evening a most successful entertainment was held in the Sacred Heart Schoolroom in aid of the the school improvement fund. The evening was opened with a lecture on phrenology. Vocal items were capably rendered by Mrs. Wenzel Schollum, and Messrs. P. B. Darby and Arthur Dobbs. The Very Rev. Egan convulsed the audience with a humorous reading. The entertainment closed with a farce, in which the parts were sustained by Mrs. W. Schollum and Messrs. W. E. Darby, J. McDermott, J. Corbett, and J. B. R. Stead.

First comes the chills, with other ills,

To set us all a-sneezing;

We pay our bills and make our wills,

With coughing and with wheezing.

Around our beds, with snaking heads,

The doctors keep us poor,

Till all our dread at last is sped

By WOODS' GREAT PEPPERMINT CURE.

The Catholic World

ENGLAND—Death of a London Priest

The Rev. Michael Moloney, of the Westminster Cathedral, passed away on May 23. The deceased was a leader in the Gregorian movement, and it was he who originated the Summer School at Appuldurcombe, Isle of Wight. His name is on the programme as Registrar for this year's sessions. An Irishman, fond of the ancient tongue of his country, he showed a great interest in the St. Patrick's Day service in Irish at Westminster Cathedral, and took an active part in the selection of the sacred music.

A Liverpool Philanthropist

The statue to be erected in Liverpool to the Right Rev. Mgr. Nugent, the well known Liverpool philanthropist and temperance advocate, who has just returned from his tour in America, is expected to be ready soon. The movement to raise a statue to the eminent prelate in appreciation of his life-long service in behalf of the poor and suffering in the great city was warmly taken up by the citizens of Liverpool without distinction of class or creed, prominent amongst them being the Earl of Derby and Mr. Cohen, a former Lord Mayor of Liverpool, and a member of the Jewish body, who was the originator of the proposal. Monsignor Nugent, who has already been presented by the people of Liverpool with his portrait in oils, was born in Liverpool in 1822, but his parents belonged to Tyrone. He enjoys a pension from the Government, having acted as chaplain—the first appointment of the kind—for over twenty years of Walton Gaol.

FRANCE—The Separation Bill

A cable message received last week states that the Chamber of Deputies passed by 341 to 233 the Bill for separating the State from the Church.

ROME—An Official Organ

With the object of preventing the spread of inaccurate reports, the Holy See contemplates founding a weekly gazette in the month of September next. This newspaper will be issued from the Vatican printing press, and will thenceforth be its sole official organ.

RUSSIA—Religious Freedom

As a consequence of the recent Imperial Ukase on religion, wholesale changes from the Orthodox Church in Russia to the Catholic Church are reported. Altogether 26,050 persons are so far reported to have left the Orthodox for the Catholic Church in the Governments of Siedlee and Lublin. The Censor has forbidden the Polish press to make any reference to the subject.

SCOTLAND—Silver Jubilee

The silver jubilee of the Very Rev. Canon Ritchie, diocesan secretary, was celebrated recently in St. Andrew's Pro-Cathedral. High Mass was celebrated in honor of the event. His Grace Archbishop Maguire occupied the throne in the sanctuary. A large number of clergy were also present. In the afternoon a banquet was given the rev. jubilarian in the Grosvenor, at which His Grace the Archbishop presided, and over 80 clergymen sat down to dinner. An address and silver casket were presented the Canon on behalf of the priests of the archdiocese. Canon Ritchie was born at Huntley in 1857, was ordained in Rome on May 22, 1880, and held the position of Professor of Theology at St. Peter's Seminary, Bearsden, for eighteen years. The rev. gentleman was P.P. for a few years at Parkhead, and for several years past has been the diocesan secretary.

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