

stood, that more is to be heard of the matter. For, as all the world knows, there are two Ulsters—the 'yellow' or Orange belt in the north-east, and the remainder, which is preponderatingly Catholic and, by comparison, remarkably free from crime. Crimes against morality, for instance, are enormously more frequent in the Orange counties of Ulster than in any other part of Ireland—so much so, that a Protestant writer, Mr. J. A. Fox, says in his 'Key to the Irish Question,' p. 166: 'It seems that Orangeism and illegitimacy go together, and that illegitimate children in Ireland are in proportion to Orange lodges.' And in an article on 'The Belfast Problem,' in its issue of June 29, 1900, the (Protestant) 'Church of England Gazette,' said: 'A considerable number of the inhabitants have drifted into paganism. There are whole streets where the people go to no place of worship—their religion is purely political. They seem to think it sufficient to be a Protestant: while meaning and committing all kinds of sin, it will get them to heaven at last. This portion of the population will soon become a great danger to the Government.'

DIOCESE OF DUNEDIN

The St. Joseph's Harrier Club met at the residence of Mrs. Jackson, in Leith street, on Saturday, and had an enjoyable run round by Logan's Point and over Signal Hill. They were afterwards entertained by Mrs. Jackson, and a musical programme followed.

The Rev. Father Murphy, Administrator of St. Joseph's Cathedral, has been appointed to the charge of the parish of Riverton, rendered vacant by the death of the Very Rev. Father Sheehan. News of the appointment spread rapidly through Dunedin, and deep and widespread regret was everywhere expressed at the departure of a priest who has won, to quite a remarkable degree, the respect and affection of the people by his zealous labors and ready and generous sympathy for the people, and above all for the sick and suffering poor.

On Friday evening the item on the programme of St. Joseph's Club was a debate, 'Does the present legislation favor the employee to the detriment of the employer?' Mr. W. Rodgers presided. Mr. J. B. Callan, jun., supported by Messrs. D. S. Columb, and J. Waters, spoke in the affirmative, and Mr. Spain, supported by Messrs. Miles and Hally, spoke in the negative. The speakers treated their subject in a comprehensive manner, exhibiting a close acquaintance with the labor legislation of the Colony. On the vote being put to the meeting, the negative side was declared the winner.

WAIMATE

(From our own correspondent.)

July 17.

The Ven. Archdeacon Devoy, S.M. (Provincial), is now on a visit to this parish, and is the guest of the Rev. Father Regnault.

The Rev. Father O'Connor is at Fairlie for a few days, his place here being taken by the Rev. Father Le Petit.

The members of St. Patrick's Literary and Debating Society continue to take great interest in the work of the society, the meetings being well attended.

The little town at the foot of the Hunter Hills has at last awakened from its slumbers and put on an air of progressiveness. At the last meeting of the Borough Council a contract was let for supplying the town with up-to-date gasworks. The Council has also under consideration a scheme for a water supply.

At the conclusion of the first round of the societies' card tournament, the H.A.C.B. Society is in the fourth position, being a point and a half behind the leaders.

The ex-pupils of St. Patrick's School follow with much interest the doings of one of their number in the football field of Otago, in the person of D. G. McPherson. He is at present in Sydney touring with the Otago University team. He is a past pupil of St. Patrick's School, and is studying medicine in the southern city.

WANGANUI

(From our own correspondent.)

July 14.

The first social gathering in aid of the bazaar fund for the erection of the church at Aramoho proved more of a success than its most sanguine promoters anticipated, and after all, this success was but the reward of patient labor of the committee during the last six weeks. The Drill Hall was gaily decorated, and the decorations, in bunting, flags, and native plants, were effective and in good taste. Certainly the committee and their willing assistants deserve great praise for their efforts in this direction. The secretaries, Messrs. E. J. McLachlan and E. P. Loftus, were untiring in their efforts to bring about the success of the gathering. During the evening songs and instrumental items were contributed by Miss Kiely, Messrs. Bailey, Hogan, Buckley, and Brunette. A splendid supper, provided by the ladies' committee, was served at 11 o'clock, and, as usual when the Catholic ladies of Wanganui undertake anything of the kind, there was nothing to be desired that was not there. During the evening the Very Rev. Dean Grogan and Rev. Father Bartley (St. Patrick's College) were present. The figures are not yet completed, but it is expected that at least £50, less expenses, will be available for distribution among the stallholders at the bazaar to be held in November.

ROTORUA

The bazaar which was held in the Assembly Hall, Rotorua, in the first week in July, proved a great success. The takings, during the two evenings it was opened, amounted to over £98, which, with the result of the art union (£96), will bring the total to close on £200. All who took part in the bazaar are quite pleased with the great success that has crowned their efforts. The Assembly Hall never before looked so attractive, and great credit was due to those responsible for the erection and adornment of the stalls, which were nine in number. Conspicuous among these was that to the right of the main entrance, designed to represent Tama-te-kapua, which was the handiwork of Father Kreymborg. This stall was presided over by Mrs. H. Stewart, Misses E. Fitzgerald and L. Park. The next one, which was devoted to confectionery, was in charge of Mrs. Foley, Misses Brennan, J. Fitzgerald, and A. Park. Mrs. W. A. Williams presided over the fancy goods stall, and was assisted by Mrs. Thompson, Misses Malfroy and Downey. A needlework stall was in charge of Misses Constant, Sheriff, and Radford, and a doll stall was attended to by Misses Blencowe and Young. The prizes in the dip were dispensed by Misses E. Bern and V. Hannah. The refreshments were in charge of Misses Lynds and Willmott, and Master A. Williams showed some fine vegetables and produce of all kinds, and Mrs. D. I. Barron presided over a gypsy tent. The energetic secretary, Mr. Reynolds, left nothing undone to promote the success of the undertaking. The Town Band contributed selections each evening, which were much enjoyed. On the second evening of the fair, a number of pupils from St. Joseph's School gave an exhibition of drill exercises, the precision with which the movements were carried out being very creditable to their instructors, the Sisters in charge of the school. A list of the winning numbers in the art union appears in this issue.

WAIHI

(From our own correspondent.)

July 5.

The half-yearly meeting of St. Joseph's branch of the H.A.C.B. Society was held in St. Joseph's school-room last night, and was largely attended. The election of officers resulted as follows:—President, Bro. Arns; vice-president, Bro. Hayes; secretary, Bro. Irvine; treasurer, Bro. Collins, P.P.; warden, Bro. Spence; guardian, Bro. Roache; sick visitors, Bros. McNamara and M. Sullivan. The officers were installed in their respective offices by the past president, Bro. W. Sullivan. A social evening was held at the close, at which representatives of other societies were present. The usual toasts were honored, and songs were given by Bros. McPnter, Blackburn, Foran, Arns, Paul, and Seymour, and a recitation by Bro. Collins. During the evening past president Bro. Collins presented Bro. T. Spence with a member's sash for having introduced the most new members during the past twelve months. Past president Bro. Sullivan presented the same member with a guinea prize for being the most regular attendant at meetings during the same period. Bro. Spence suitably returned thanks.

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