

was for the sorrowful purpose of saying farewell to Mr. and Mrs. H. Hoare, who were about to leave Kerrytown. Father Peoples eulogised the goodness and hospitality of both guests, and asked them to accept on behalf of the residents of Kerrytown—for Mr. Hoare a handsome pipe and case, and for Mrs. Hoare a richly carved coal-box. Mr. Hoare, in returning thanks on behalf of himself and wife, stated that he would remember and treasure the many pleasant memories of his friends present that evening. He hoped that he would often revisit Temuka, when he would be glad to see all his friends again. Mr. W. Fitzgerald eulogised Mr. and Mrs. Hoare, and wished them all prosperity in their new home. Mr. J. Reilly heartily endorsed the previous speaker's remarks, and said that a friendship had existed between Mr. Hoare and himself for the last fifteen years, and he was exceedingly sorry to part. Mr. J. Moriarty said he had not had the privilege of knowing Mr. Hoare long, but he was sure that what he did know of both Mr. and Mrs. Hoare would justify him in saying that their departure would be a loss indeed. A short programme, consisting of songs by Rev. Father Peoples and Messrs. Spillane and Rielly, and stories and recitations by Mr. J. Moriarty, was then proceeded with, and at its conclusion Mr. W. Fitzgerald said that he would like to contribute an item also towards the programme. He then, on behalf of the parishioners of Kerrytown, presented the Rev. Father Peoples with a very handsome gentleman's companion. The Rev. Father said that he had been asked to preside at the meeting that night for the purpose of making a presentation to another, and it was hardly fair to spring such a surprise upon him. However, he must thank them not only for the beautiful gift, but for the warm expressions of goodwill towards him. He was extremely sorry at leaving Kerrytown, and he assured them that if he ever had a chance he would be glad to revisit Kerrytown and Temuka. Messrs. H. Hoare, J. Moriarty, P. Stapleton, J. Reilly, also spoke in terms of the highest praise of the Rev. Father Peoples. Those present then adjourned to the residence of Mr. H. Brosnahan, where they were hospitably entertained.

GREYMOUTH

(From our own correspondent.)

On Sunday last at St. Patrick's Church Madame Carmini Morley gave a very fine rendering of Gounod's 'Ave Maria,' the violin obligato being played by Mr. F. McCarthy, and organ accompaniment by Miss E. Kemple.

It is with sincere regret that I have to record the death of Mrs. Hansbery, mother of Mr. Martin Hansbery, of the local Post and Telegraph Department. The deceased lady passed away on Sunday morning, July 23. She was a fervent Catholic, who bore a serious illness of two and a half years with great fortitude and Christian resignation. The funeral took place on July 25, the remains being followed by a large number of people to the Greymouth Cemetery, testifying to the high esteem in which she was held in the community. The Rev. Father Taylor officiated at the graveside.—R.I.P.

A very pleasant time was spent in the St. Columba Club rooms last Thursday, when, at the invitation of the Hibernian Society, about 200 members of the congregation assembled for a social evening. The president (Bro. Packer) welcomed the Very Rev. Dean Carew, Rev. Father Taylor, and the visitors, including Bros. A. Carroll and J. McGrath, of the Reefton branch. In the course of his remarks the president said the Greymouth branch was in a very flourishing condition, over thirty members having joined since last mission, and he hoped that the evening's entertainment would be the means of increasing the membership of the Society. The first part of the programme consisted of a progressive euchre tournament. The winners were Miss Bourke and Mr. T. O'Doherty. The ladies' committee provided refreshments. The second part of the programme consisted of musical items. The St. Columba Club orchestra contributed two selections; songs and instrumental items were given by Messrs. Guthrie, Fraser, Doogan, F. McCarthy, and Geoghegan, and a recitation was given by Mr. J. P. Smyth. The singing of 'auld lang syne' brought the entertainment to a close. It is the intention of the Hibernian Society to hold these socials periodically, and if the first one is any criterion to go by, the members and their friends may look forward to spending some very pleasant evenings. Before closing, Bro. Carroll, on behalf of the Reefton branch, thanked members for the hearty invitation extended to them. I might mention here that the Greymouth Hibernian Society is the oldest branch in New Zealand, having been

opened here by a delegate from Victoria in the year 1870. Mr. Martin Kennedy, now of Wellington, was elected first president.

GERALDINE

His Lordship Bishop Grimes paid an episcopal visitation to Geraldine on Sunday, July 23. His Lordship arrived on the previous Friday, and was received by the Very Rev. Dean Bowers. There was a very large congregation present at the 10.30 o'clock Mass on Sunday, when his Lordship preached an impressive sermon on the Blessed Sacrament, which was based on Our Lord's miraculous multiplication of the loaves and fishes. In the afternoon the Bishop administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to 47 candidates—20 boys and 27 girls. Prior to the ceremony his Lordship questioned the candidates as to their knowledge of Christian doctrine, after which he spoke on the graces received by Confirmation. After the administration of the Sacrament, again addressing the children, his Lordship said that when he first arrived in the Colony he was approached by those who had strong views on the drink question, and he told them he thought it was a libel on the young New Zealanders to say that they were addicted to the drink habit, and the longer he had lived in New Zealand the more he was convinced that what he had said was true. But it was now said that a change had come over the Colony, and young people were giving way to intoxicating drink. He sincerely hoped this was not true, and if it was, so much the worse for the Colony. He wanted, therefore, the young people to rise up and make a sacrifice, saying, 'We are not going to be classed under that stigma.' He thought the real danger to New Zealand was the love of sport and amusement. He did not wish to condemn healthy recreation, but there was a limit. The danger to-day was that amusements were likely to be carried to excess and that young people would be carried away with gambling and other evils attending the same. He wanted those who had been confirmed that day to take the pledge not to take intoxicating liquors until they are twenty-one. After that they could renew the pledge if they wished, or they could even now take the pledge for life. If they did this, so much the better. He had met people in the Colony who had taken the pledge under Father Mathew, and some who had taken it under Father Henebery at Geraldine, and had kept it ever since. His Lordship then administered the pledge to the children just confirmed.

OBITUARY

MR. DAVID HEFFERNAN, KAIKORAI.

It is with sincere regret we have to record the death of Mr. David Heffernan, an old and respected resident of Kaikorai Valley, who passed away on July 22, at the age of 63 years. The late Mr. Heffernan was a native of Belmullett, County Mayo, and arrived in New Zealand 45 years ago. The funeral cortege, which left his late residence on July 25, was one of the largest ever seen in the district, a striking testimony to the esteem in which deceased was held by all who knew him. He leaves a wife, a son, and a daughter, who have the deepest sympathy of the community in their sad bereavement.—R.I.P.

SISTER MARY ANTHONY, LYTTTELTON.

I record with sincere regret (writes our Christchurch correspondent) the death of Sister Mary Anthony (Joyce), of the Sisters of Mercy, which occurred suddenly at the Akaroa Convent last week. The body of deceased religious was brought to Lyttelton for interment, and subsequently at St. Joseph's Church there was solemn Requiem Mass offered for the repose of her soul. The Very Rev. Vicar-General was celebrant, the Rev. Dr. Kennedy deacon, Rev. Father Marnane subdeacon, Rev. Father Cooney master of ceremonies, Rev. Fathers Richards and O'Connell chanters, the Rev. Fathers Hyland and Ahern being also present. The Very Rev. Vicar-General addressed the crowded congregation, and gave the absolution at the coffin. In the funeral cortege the whole of the clergy proceeded in procession, robed as during the solemn office, preceded by crossbearers and acolytes and followed by the Sisters and children and a great concourse. The prayers of the ritual and the Rosary were recited en route, and at the graveside the Very Rev. Vicar-General officiated. The cortege presented a spectacle not likely soon to be forgotten.—R.I.P.