

Mr. P. Sullivan, late of Timaru, and well known in connection with matters Hibernian, is at present residing in Temuka, and is endeavoring to form a branch of the Society here.

Arrangements are now well in hand in connection with the band contest to be held in Temuka during the second week in October. So far eight bands have entered, and over 80 entries have been received for the solos and quartettes.

After second Mass on Sunday last a meeting of the parishioners of Pleasant Point was held, and it was unanimously decided that steps should be taken immediately to raise funds for the erection of a Catholic school in the district. Already there are about thirty Catholic children attending the public schools in the locality, so it will be seen that there is necessity for a school.

The usual weekly meeting of the Catholic Young Men's Club was held on Tuesday evening. There was an exceptionally large attendance. One new member was elected and one candidate proposed. After the transaction of the business the members were entertained at a capital spread by an anonymous friend, who was heartily thanked for his kindness. Several members of the club contributed various items for the amusement and entertainment of the rest, amongst whom were Messrs. Z. Beri, M. Moriarty, J. Reilly, C. Spillane, J. McAuliffe, and J. Moriarty.

Greymouth

(From our own correspondent.)

August 10.

The addition of the tower and spire to St. Patrick's Church, Greymouth, is now approaching completion. The massive brickwork of the tower and porch gives a most imposing appearance to the solid structure, one of the few brick buildings on the Coast. The graceful spire in woodwork is to be slated, and already lifts itself in admirable proportions. As the church itself is on an elevation, the cross will stand high over everything else in the town. From the open sea it will be a conspicuous object.

About fifty members attended the St. Columba Club's usual weekly meeting on Monday night. For a vacancy on the committee there were three nominations. The ballot resulted in favor of Mr. T. Ryan. During the evening the club's orchestra played two overtures. Songs were given by Messrs. Fraser, F. McCarthy, T. O'Doherty, R. Phillips, and M. Phillips, instrumental items by Messrs. F. McCarthy, R. Phillips, and Master Peterson, recitations by Messrs. J. McGrath, P. Smyth, Snow, and Fraser.

A euchre and ping-pong tournament was held in the St. Columba Club rooms last Thursday evening between the members of St. Columba and Trinity Clubs. After refreshments had been partaken of several musical items were rendered, including songs by Messrs. Fraser, Doo-gan, Cocks, and G. Sweetman, instrumental selections by Messrs. R. Phillips and W. Geoghegan, and a recitation by Mr. P. Smyth, all of which were greatly appreciated. Before breaking up, Mr. G. W. Sampson (president of the Trinity Club) returned thanks for the hospitality extended to them, and wished the club every success.

It is with extreme regret I have to record the death of one of the pioneers of the Coast, in the person of Mr. Michael Ward, of Nelson Creek, which took place at his brother's residence, Bondigo (Victoria), on July 20. Deceased left here about three months ago to visit his relatives in Victoria. The late Mr. Ward was well known and highly respected throughout the Grey Valley, and his death will be sincerely mourned by his many friends. The deceased was a practical Catholic and an enthusiastic Irishman, and his kind actions will long be remembered on the Coast. The deceased was a native of County Clare, Ireland, and was 67 years of age.—R.I.P.

DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

(From our own correspondent.)

August 10.

The parochial school at Onehunga has been taken over by the Sisters of Mercy.

Rev. Father O'Connor has improved in health, and has left the Mater Misericordiae Hospital. He is now at Parnell.

The entertainment tendered to the Sisters of the Mission by the Minstrel Troupe of the H.M.S. 'Phoebe' at Panmure realised £17.

His Lordship the Bishop left for Wellington yesterday, and will be away till the 27th. He returns via the East Coast, making a short stay at Gisborne, where the Redemptorists are giving a mission.

Mr. R. H. Pope, Government Inspector of Orphanages, has visited our Industrial Schools, and expressed himself thoroughly well pleased with their working and condition.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament took place at St. Patrick's after the 11 o'clock Mass last Sunday, and continued until Vespers. Rev. Father Cahill preached, after which the usual procession took place.

A body of sailors from H.M.S. 'Challenger' received Holy Communion at the 9 o'clock Mass at St. Patrick's on Sunday, and were afterwards entertained at breakfast in St. Patrick's Hall by the Bishop and Rev. Father Holbrook.

Rev. Father Meagher was farewelled at Devonport last evening at St. Leo's Academy, and Rev. Father Furlong, the new parish priest, was heartily welcomed. Father Meagher was the recipient of a purse of sovereigns from the parishioners, the presentation being made by Mr. Mulholland.

By the 'Moana' from Sydney last Monday en route to catch the White Star liner 'Persic' for Home, Messrs Carran, of Auckland City; Foy, Thames; and Keran, Onehunga, left to continue their studies for the priesthood at Thurles College. The two first-named were for some time at Holy Cross College, Mosgiel, and Mr. Keran was a student at the Sacred Heart College, Auckland.

Last evening the annual social in aid of St. Patrick's Building Fund was held in the Federal Hall, which was tastefully decorated. The committee comprised Mesdames Swann, Tobin, Foley, Kearns, Middleton, and Misses Rist, Donovan, McDermott, McAuley, Stitt and Mahoney. Mrs. Leonards as hon. secretary worked well. Rev. Fathers Holbrook and Cahill attended in the early portion of the evening.

The feast of St. Ignatius, the feast day of the Superior of the Sisters of Mercy in Auckland, was celebrated on July 31 at St. Mary's Convent, Ponsonby. The pupils of the high school gave a musical evening in honor of the event on the previous Saturday, to which the parents of the pupils were invited. On Monday morning Mass was celebrated in the convent chapel, during which Dr. Egan, O.S.B., as representative of his Lordship Dr. Lenihan, received the vows of Miss Mary McKendry, of Braxton, Australia, who took the religious name of Sister Mary Gonzales. In the afternoon the ceremony of reception took place, when the Bishop presided, and gave the white veil to the following young ladies:—Miss Linda Kauter (Braxton), in religion Sister Mary Nolaseo; Miss Kate Defahunty (Maitland), Sister M. Barbara; Miss Annie Myall (Maitland), Sister M. Bonaventure, and Miss Veronica Myall, Sister M. Calixtus.

Mr. W. Redmond, M.P. for East Clare, accompanied by Mrs. Redmond, has come and gone. It was by the merest chance that it was discovered that he was coming over from Sydney in the 'Ventura.' Though the notice was short a large gathering of Irishmen and women assembled and gave him an enthusiastic reception. The first to greet him was a fellow-Wexford man, in the person of the Rev. Father Holbrook, the members of whose family are well known to Mr. Redmond. At the Bishop's palace another Wexford priest greeted him in Rev. Father Furlong, whose relatives were also acquainted with the member for East Clare. The Bishop presented Mrs. Redmond with his photograph and autograph, and some very choice specimens of Kauri gum. With the Bishop's palace, particularly the handsome little chapel and the charming view from the tower, Mr. and Mrs. Redmond expressed unbounded delight. Those who were privileged to listen Mr. Redmond's two addresses on the upper deck of the 'Ventura,' particularly the first one, will not soon forget them. The fluency, eloquence, and above all the deep earnestness and feeling he threw into every word aroused the patriotism of everyone within earshot. His tribute to the Hibernian Society was beyond praise. Owing to the delay of the 'Ventura' by boisterous weather, she arrived at the wharf at 1.30 p.m., instead of 8 a.m. as usual. The best was done under the circumstances, and from the Bishop downwards Mr. and Mrs. Redmond were made to feel that their presence in Auckland was heartily welcomed and highly appreciated.

The correspondent who supplied us with the particulars of the obituary notice of the late Mr. A. Kerr, Dacre, inadvertently stated that Mrs. Condon, Wyndham, was his sister, whereas it should have been Mrs. P. O'Neill.