

In my notes of last week I notice you refer to the donor of the banquet to the Young Men's Club as a gentleman. This is incorrect, as those responsible for the excellent spread were lady friends.

The meeting, called for after the last Mass on Sunday, for the purpose of considering ways and means of raising funds for the completion of the presbytery, was very largely attended. Mr. W. Tarrant, who presided, said that there was in hand already a sum of about £400, and that they would require to raise a like amount in order to have the work carried to a successful issue. It was eventually decided that a committee, consisting of Messrs. J. Dwyer, J. M'Auliffe, W. Barry, W. Fitzgerald, jun., D. Enright, H. Wareing, J. Gaffney, T. Brosnahan, W. Moore, J. McCabe, P. Mitten, and J. P. Kalau-gher be appointed to draw up and lay proposals for raising funds for the work before another meeting to be held in a fortnight's time. Rev. Father Kerley was appointed hon. treasurer, and Mr. J. Moriarty hon. secretary of the committee. At a committee meeting, held after the general meeting, it was decided to make a house-to-house canvass of the parish for subscriptions, and to arrange an art union to be drawn on St. Patrick's night.

Lyttelton

St. Joseph's Catholic School, Lyttelton (writes a correspondent), was examined on July 19 by Mr. Foster, M.A. The following is the report as sent in to Rev. Father Cooney (manager):—Organisation, satisfactory; reading, good; composition, well taught, a wide choice of subjects in upper classes; spelling, good; recitation, a good selection of poems well known; arithmetic, a satisfactory average of proficiency attained; drawing, good; singing, a pleasing selection of songs well rendered; physical instruction, suitable extension exercises; geography, satisfactory knowledge of a good syllabus in courses A and B; history, a programme of moderate length well known; moral instruction, religious exercises daily; nature study and elementary science, profitable use made of nature study in New Zealand; handwork, plasticine modelling with boys; needlework, well taught; instruction of Class P, two upper classes tested, progress satisfactory; order, discipline, and tone of school, good; efficiency of the school, very satisfactory. Of the six pupils presented in Standard VI., three obtained certificates of proficiency, and three certificates of competency. Percentage of passes, 100..

Waimate

(From our own correspondent.)

August 21.

The Waimate Brass Band, under the conductorship of Mr. C. J. Goldstone (the popular choirmaster of St. Patrick's church), is busy rehearsing for the Temuka contest, at which it will compete.

The Friendly Societies' card tournament was brought to a close last week, when the Hibernians met and defeated the Foresters by seven games. The tournament was won by the Oddfellows, the H.A.C. B. Society being second.

The members of the Altar, Literary, and Hibernian Societies entertained the Rev. Father Regnault at a social gathering on Monday evening. During evening the Rev. Father O'Conner, on behalf of the societies, presented Rev. Father Regnault with an easy chair and travelling bag. The Rev. Father Regnault, in returning thanks, gave his hearers an interesting account of a trip through the Otira Gorge in a snowstorm.

DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

(From our own correspondent.)

August 17.

Rev. Father Furlong is now in full active work in his first parish charge—Devonport.

Inspector Goodwin, Government Inspector, has inspected the Marist Brothers' parochial school, and his report is very satisfactory.

The new bronze railing for the front of the baptistery at St. Patrick's has arrived, and is in course of erection. It is ornamental, and folds up most conveniently.

The Very Rev. Father A. J. Marion, S.M., Provincial of the Marist Order in Oceania, and Rev. Father J. de Fenoyl, of Noumea, arrived from the Islands last evening. They visit Napier and Wellington, and go thence to Sydney.

A progressive euchre party was held last evening in St. Mary's Hall, Onehunga, in aid of the local presbytery building fund. It was a great success. Mr. J. O'Sullivan was hon. secretary. Rev. Father Mahoney was present during the evening. The committee worked hard. Plans for the new presbytery are in preparation by Messrs. E. Mahoney and Son, architects. It will be constructed in brick.

At St. Benedict's on Tuesday, the Feast of the Assumption, special services were held. During the day a splendid set of vestments was presented to the Rev. Father Gillan as a recognition of his great zeal and sterling work in the parish generally, and in behalf of the children specially. The Rev. Father heartily thanked the donors for their valuable and serviceable present, which he would always treasure. At St. Patrick's Masses were at 6.30, 8, and 10 a.m. At the former an immense number attended, including the Children of Mary, who sang appropriate hymns. In the evening 21 aspirants were received into the sodality, being consecrated by Rev. Father Cahill. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament followed. After service the members assembled at the convent, when a musical programme was gone through. Rev. Fathers Buckley, Cahill, and Holbrook, Adm., being present. Instrumental solos were given by Misses J. Rist, Fairweather, M. Corrigan, M. Thorne, and M. Sheahan, vocal solos by Misses C. Rist and H. Rogers, duets by Misses Duffin and Rist and Miller and Sheahan, and a recitation by Miss A. McGuire.

The following comments upon our recent distinguished visitor, Mr. W. H. K. Redmond, M.P., appeared in last Saturday's 'New Zealand Herald':—'The warm welcome accorded him in Auckland was characteristic of the race to which he belongs, but those who met him recognised not only the work and the cause, but also the man, for above all William Redmond is a Man. Cosmopolitan, a citizen of the great British Empire, of courtly, kindly manner, he impresses one at once as a strong man and a tower of strength to whatever cause he chose to champion. But there is a subtle something behind the courtly manner, some reserve force which is still apparent when in quiescence; he is a born fighter. It is in the speech that the true man is revealed; in quiet, even tones, yet with forcible eloquence, clear as a bell, though rapid to a degree, his thoughts find expression in beautiful English, and his words charm by their sound alone. His oratory is even brilliant at times, and marks him at once as the skilled debater and the practised politician. Easily enough that great reserve force behind might burst its bonds and pour forth in hot, tempestuous eloquence, leaping the barriers of conventional terms of speech like a flood of lava when the man is stirred to anger in defence of the rights of the land he loves and serves so well, and then one can imagine the scathing, bitter, fiery sentences, shaped on the white hot anvil of a terrible anger, hurled across the floor of the British House of Commons. But it is that quaint old world courtliness, that generous chivalry, that natural Irish kindliness, that Irish, frank, open, generous, honest character which attracts the personal love of his fellow-countrymen the world over, and the admiration and respect of thousands whose misfortune it was to be born elsewhere than in the land of St. Patrick. Not only is he a Home Ruler, but his views are essentially Liberal, and he ever remembers that he is a citizen of the great British Empire. The strongest argument he put to colonial hearts was that Ireland only sought the same privileges so much cherished by the British self-governing colonies. As was said of a certain Father O'Flynn, he "had a way wid him," and if there was a man at that gathering on the "Ventura" who didn't know what Home Rule meant, he's an ardent Irish Nationalist now. If that gathering did nothing more it emphasised the love of country inherent in every Britisher's heart, and the sentiment of it must win the hearty respect and fellow-feeling of all men of "the bulldog breed," for England has never had better soldiers or colonists than those from "the tight little Isle," more power to them!'

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