

The Rev. Father O'Connell is temporarily doing duty in the parish of Hawarden, and was at Cheviot on Sunday last.

The Rev. Father Rockliffe has been appointed to assist the Rev. Father Kerley at Temuka for the present.

Reference is made in the personal notes from the London correspondent of the 'Press' regarding two well known Catholic citizens of Christchurch now on tour.—Mr. John Barrett (Christchurch) left London on Wednesday morning for Ireland. He will go first to Dublin, and will be there during the horse show week. He will also visit Cork, Kerry, and the Irish lakes. Mr. Barrett came Home via San Francisco, starting from Auckland at the beginning of June. He went on to Louisiana and New York, but he found the weather so tryingly warm that he soon came to Liverpool and London. Mr. J. M. Madden (Christchurch), who came Home by the s.s. 'Gothic,' is at present staying at Dorking, in Surrey, with relatives, but he leaves England tomorrow for Norway, a trip which will occupy him a month. Landing again in this country, he will go direct to Scotland and finally work his way back to London, via the English lakes. He hopes later to spend some time in Switzerland, and in the autumn he will visit France before making a tour in Italy, staying respectively at Venice, Rome, and Naples. At the termination of this tour he will join at Naples one of the steamers for Australia on his way back to New Zealand. It is Mr. Madden's intention to obtain sketches of English and Continental scenery; indeed, this is the main object of his trip. Mr. Madden, it may be remarked, is one of this Colony's most successful landscape painters, and a fine collection of pictures from his brush will shortly be disposed of in the interests of St. Mary's, Manchester street, by art union.

Greymouth

(From our own correspondent.)

September 14.

His Lordship the Right Rev. Dr. Grimes is expected to arrive in Greymouth next Wednesday, and will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation in St. Patrick's Church on the following Sunday.

There has lately arrived a beautiful baptismal font, which will adorn one of the porches abutting on the tower. The font is an excellent piece of workmanship, a smaller design to that set up in the Christchurch Cathedral. Both are of Oamaru stone, shaped by the hand of the same skilful artist.

The half-yearly meeting of the St. Columba Club was held last Monday evening. The balance sheet showed the club to be in a very good position financially. The assets exceed the liabilities by £316 12s 1d. The principal items of expenditure during the half-year were piano £50, library case £13 10s, and secretary's desk £5. The club members have every reason to be proud of their position.

At St. Patrick's Church last Sunday the Very Rev. Dean Carew referred in highly eulogistic terms to the valuable services of Mr. M. Guthrie who, for the past eighteen years, has been choirmaster and one of the foremost workers in financially assisting the parish. After evening devotions a meeting of the congregation was held and a committee appointed to take measures to fitly recognise his good work. It was decided to tender Mr. Guthrie a complimentary social at the Opera House prior to his departure for Wellington. At the social the guest of the evening will also be the recipient of valedictory presentations from the congregation, choir, and other Catholic institutions of Greymouth.

Hokitika.

(From our own correspondent.)

At the meeting of the Catholic Debating Society on August 29 the programme consisted of a debate on the question, 'Should the Hokitika Harbor Board sell their reserves?' Mr. Maher led on the affirmative side and Mr. M. Daly supported the negative contention. The debate was a most interesting one, very strong arguments being brought forward on both sides. The negative side won by a narrow majority. One new member was elected. The question discussed at the meeting of the society on September 5 was, 'Which was the better route for a road to the Wilherforce reefs, that of Arahura or by the Styx?' Mr. Sellers, sen., spoke for the former, whilst Mr. H. Bock supported the latter. A

very keen and instructive debate was the result, and the meeting decided in favor of the Arahura route on the casting vote of the chairman.

The usual meeting of the Catholic Debating Society was held on September 12. The evening was devoted to discussing questions submitted to members through the medium of the 'Question Box.' The topics embraced the leading questions of the day. It was decided to close the session with a social at the end of the present month, and a special committee was appointed to make all arrangements in connection with same.

DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

(From our own correspondent.)

September 14.

An 'At Home' will be held about the end of October in aid of the orphanage funds.

The large mission cross, the gift of the late Miss Tole, has been removed from its old position on the northern wall of the Cathedral, and placed upon the pillar, close to the pulpit.

The Cemetery Board has laid down in grass the large plot of ground fronting Symonds street, near the main entrance. When this is grown up it will enhance considerably the appearance of the cemetery.

Next Sunday morning the Hibernians and Marist Old Boys' Association are to approach the Holy Table at the 7.30 o'clock Mass, after which they will attend breakfast, presided over by the Bishop, when Rev. Father Clune will address them.

Lieutenants Hodgson and O'Dowd of H.M.S. 'Prometheus' entertained on board the warship the Rev. Fathers Furlong and Holbrook. Rev. Father Hodgson, of the Oratorian Order, is a brother of Lieutenant Hodgson, and was in the College at St. Edmunds with Rev. Father Furlong. Both officers attend the mission services, and his Lordship the Bishop has extended to them an invitation to visit him at the palace.

A very successful social was held a few evenings ago in the Foresters' Hall, Devonport, in aid of the presbytery fund. There was a large attendance, a large number being from the city. Rev. Father Furlong, the newly-appointed parish priest, was present, and thanked all who had assisted to make the function a success. Musical items were given by Misses Graham, Rogan, Ormond, and Messrs. Lanigan and Adeane.

The mission conducted by the Redemptorists, Rev. Fathers Clune, McDermott, and McGrath, at St. Patrick's Cathedral, is very successful. The early Mass at six o'clock is remarkably well attended, the same can be said of the seven and nine o'clock Masses, while in the evening the sacred edifice is crowded. This has been the case since the opening of the mission, nearly a fortnight ago. I remember no more successful mission in the annals of St. Patrick's parish. The Bishop attends every evening. The sermons are eloquent, and impressive.

Friday, September 8, the feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the third anniversary of the Rev. Father Holbrook's ordination, was marked by similar tokens of respect and admiration as on the two previous occasions. The convent school children and the societies presented the Rev. Father with an address and fine rug, and gave a complimentary concert in his honor. The children and teachers of the catechism classes presented a beautiful serviette ring, and the Society of the Sacred Heart, of which he is spiritual director, many other presents prominent among which was a point lace surplice. At a large gathering of Father Holbrook's friends in St. Patrick's presbytery, Miss Shanaghan read an address which expressed the highest appreciation of the Rev. Father's labors in the parish, and hoped that he would long be spared to continue his good work. Mrs. Lennardo then presented the Rev. Father with a handsome travelling bag. Father Holbrook suitably thanked the donors for their unexpected kindness. He assured them that he would always deem it to be a high privilege to labor in God's holy cause, and for the parishioners with whom he was now associated.

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