

At the conclusion the Right Rev. Mgr. O'Reilly thanked the audience for their liberal patronage, also the performers who had so kindly contributed items, and the committee who had made the necessary arrangements.

A special word of praise is due to the energetic secretary, Miss Nolan.

TIMARU

(From our own correspondent.)

September 25.

The local St. Vincent de Paul Conference is doing good work; its meetings, which are held every Sunday morning, are well attended, and the number of sailors that its visitors bring to the services is a practical proof of its usefulness.

A successful social was recently held in the Assembly Rooms for a deserving object. The spacious hall was crowded and the vocal and instrumental programme submitted was of a high order and met with full recognition. The catering was in capable hands, and the thorough success of the evening must have given much pleasure to Mrs. Dennehy and Miss Byrne, on whom devolved the major share of the work.

The United Friendly Societies held a smoke concert in the Assembly Rooms last Friday evening, when the prizes in connection with the recent card tournament were distributed. The challenge cup fell to the Foresters. The Hibernians ran a good second, being but half a point behind, and a cheque for £2 2s was presented to them. A lengthy toast list was honored, amongst the prominent speakers being the Hibernian officers, Messrs. J. Venning and Dennehy.

Very Rev. Father Le Menant des Chesnais, V.G., accompanied by Rev. Father Tubman, recently paid a visit to the boys' school to distribute some medals to the children. Three silver medals were presented to the lower standards and three gold medals to the higher classes, to be competed for at the monthly examinations throughout the year, and worn by the winner on special occasions. A silver cup was presented to Master Edmund Burns, who holds the school's athletic championship. The trophies are all the gifts of Rev. Father Tubman, and are much appreciated by the boys.

WAIMATE

(From our own correspondent.)

September 25.

At a poll of ratepayers held on Monday it was decided by a large majority to accept the Water Loan proposals, which will fill a much felt want in the town.

There was a good attendance of members at the quarterly meeting of the H.A.C.B. Society held on Monday, September 18. Bro. J. Foley was elected to the vacant trusteeship.

A very old and respected resident, in the person of Mrs. G. R. Freeman, died on Wednesday, the funeral taking place on Friday. Rev. Father Regnault celebrated a Requiem Mass, and the Rev. Father O'Connor officiated at the graveside.—R.I.P.

At the annual meeting of St. Patrick's Literary and Debating Society the following officers were elected:—Patron, Rev. Father Regnault; president, Rev. Father O'Connor; vice-president, Mr. E. Costello; secretary, Miss K. Dooley. During the evening musical items were given by Misses Dooley, Wall, Sims, Costello, and Messrs. Kane, Walls, Hickey, and Costello. The dramatic section of the society intend staging a piece shortly in aid of the funds.

TEMUKA

(From our own correspondent.)

September 25.

The work of collecting funds for the completion of the Presbytery is now well in hand, and the different parts of the parish will be visited during the next few weeks for that purpose.

On Sunday last the Rev. Father Rockliffe, who is at present assisting in the parochial work here, celebrated Mass at Pleasant Point, and in the evening preached an eloquent sermon in St. Joseph's Temuka.

After a continuous spell of rain, lasting over a month, the weather seems settled again. The late wet weather was very severe on the farmers in this district, the heavy rain playing havoc amongst the young lambs.

At the last meeting of the committee of the Father Faavel memorial fund, the following gentlemen were appointed to collect subscriptions:—Messrs. W. Barry, W. Tarrant, J. McAuliffe, W. Moore, J. McCabe, and the secretary, J. Moriarty.

There was a large attendance of members and their friends at the last weekly meeting of the Young Men's Club to hear Mr. O. T. J. Alpers, of Timaru, lecture on Denmark. The chair was occupied by the Rev. Father Rockliffe, who briefly introduced the speaker. Mr. Alpers held the attention of his hearers for about an hour and a half, whilst he described to them the manners and customs of the people of Denmark, and the constitution and leading features of that interesting country. At the close of his address the lecturer was warmly applauded, and he received a very hearty vote of thanks for his instructive lecture.

The Gaelic Revival: A Suggestion

To the Editor.

Rev. Sir,—I noticed with great pleasure that a Kaikoura correspondent has been drawing your readers' attention to the duty of helping on the movement for the revival of the Gaelic. If I am not deceived, the writer's patronymic indicates that he is a practical business man. As such, he will naturally ask himself: 'How is this business to be effected? How are we to get the Catholic High Schools and our other schools to take up the teaching of Gaelic?' They won't do it for mere sentiment—whilst they would, no doubt, be willing enough to profit by the sentiment of others.

I am glad to know the H.A.C.B.S. in New Zealand is credited with strong sentiment in this matter, as in everything Irish. They voiced their sentiments at their Timaru gathering. They recommended the ecclesiastical authorities to have Irish taught in the Catholic schools. Now, what have they done since the Timaru gathering in the way of strengthening in this regard the hands of the ecclesiastical authorities? Personally, I am not aware of anything they have done since. I am not blaming them. I only think it is a pity that something practical was not suggested and adopted. Knowing something of the H.A.C.B.S., and taking some interest in its welfare, I make bold to suggest that a Hibernian Scholarship be founded to carry out the Timaru recommendation. One shilling annually from each member in New Zealand will suffice to start the affair. Let it be open alike to boys and girls. The successful competitor should have the option of taking out the Scholarship at the nearest Catholic High School or Convent. A list of schools in which there is someone competent and willing to instruct in Irish could easily be made out.

Your last issue contains a timely advertisement from L. Gille, of Sydney, that he stocks all the necessary books for beginners in Gaelic. This, in my judgment, is an opportunity for the Hibernians to do themselves as a body, and the cause they love, an immense service.

If they have any better scheme for carrying out their laudable purpose of helping the Gaelic revival, I am sure your readers will gladly hear of it. With fraternal greetings to Benjamin B., I am, etc.,

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