

The committee decided to appoint sub-committees with power to add to their number, as follows:—Adair, Messrs. M. McSweeney and G. Casey; St. Andrews, Messrs. P. Ryan, A. Wilson, D. Stowell, O'Leary and O'Loughlin; Temuka, Messrs. J. M. Twomey, Crannitch, Jeffries, Riley, and Kavanagh; Pleasant Point, Messrs. Nelligan, Byrne, James Sullivan, jun., M. Driscoll, and D. O'Sullivan (Sutherland); Albury, Messrs. D. Angland, T. and J. McCourt; Fairlie, Messrs. O'Toole, Nolan, and O'Rorke; Winchester and Geraldine, Mr. J. P. Kalaugher and Very Rev. Father Bowers.

WAIMATE.

A meeting in connection with the visit of Mr. Devlin to Waimate was held in the Borough Council Chambers, on Monday evening. The chair was occupied by the Mayor (Mr. J. W. Manchester), who said he presided at the request of Dean Regnault, who was a worthy gentleman.

Very Rev. Dean Regnault said that Ireland had still many disabilities, though improvements had been made of late. Ireland would not, however, be satisfied until it obtained Home Rule, and was in the same position as New Zealand.

Those present were elected as a committee, with power to add to carry out arrangements. The committee consisted of Dean Regnault, Messrs. G. Goldstone, W. Goldstone, Corrigan, Hickey, J. Freeman, Lyons, Ryall, Lawlor, Twomey, J. Sinclair, Harris, J. O'Connor, Costello, Milson, J. O'Brien.

Dean Regnault was elected chairman of the committee, and Mr. C. J. Goldstone was elected unanimously as secretary.

The Very Rev. Dean offered the use of St. Patrick's school for the meeting.

AUCKLAND.

Next week (writes our Auckland correspondent) a meeting will be called to make arrangements to receive the envoys. Word has been received that they speak in Wellington on December 21. Auckland date will fit in between that date and the date fixed for their departure for San Francisco, viz. January 11.

WANGANUI.

A meeting of the committee formed to prepare a reception for Messrs. Devlin and Donovan (writes our Wanganui correspondent) was held on Tuesday, there being a full attendance of members. Several additions were made to the committee, and a number of details in connection with the reception of the envoys were arranged. The secretary, Mr. Thos. Lloyd, is working hard to make the movement a success. A great amount of support is being given to the movement in Wanganui, and sympathisers in the outlying districts are being approached to give their support. Everything points to the Wanganui meeting being a great success.

DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

(From our own correspondent.)

A very successful euchre party was held at Devonport last evening in aid of the parish funds.

The request of the Right Rev. Dr. Lenihan, that the triennial meeting of the N.Z. District be deferred until March, has met with a favorable response from the branches. Of all the replies to hand only one objected to the change.

Great progress has been made by the contractors within the last month with St. Patrick's Cathedral. The building is now outlined, and its proportions easily discerned. At the present rate the work should be accomplished in the contract time, St. Patrick's Day, 1907.

Last evening the annual entertainment by the pupils of the Marist Brothers took place in the Pitt street school. The hall was packed. Quite a number of the local priests attended. The performances by the boys were highly meritorious, and evoked loud applause, in many cases encores being demanded. The good Brothers and their pupils deserve the highest commendation. The following was the programme:—Overture, orchestra; chorus, senior pupils; recitation, C. Bacon; duet, W. Fischer and H. Alder; chorus, junior pupils; dumbbell drill, senior squad; song and chorus, senior pupils; lecture, A. Smith; chorus, pupils; sketch, W. Dickson; chorus, juniors; overture, orchestra, chorus, seniors. A farce, 'The Doctor's Holiday,' concluded the programme, the characters being taken by Masters J. O'Loughlin, W. Fischer, C. McCullough, C. Lonergan, W. Tobin, D. Russell, O. Robertson, J. Wickstead, B. Buckler. Mr. P. F. Hiscocks was leader of the orchestra, and Mr. H. Hiscocks acted as accompanist.

New Catholic Church at Waimate

Over a hundred persons (says the 'Waimate Times') were present at the meeting called by Dean Regnault for Sunday afternoon last to discuss a proposal to erect a new Catholic church in Waimate. The meeting was held in St. Patrick's school, the Dean presiding. Mr. John Goldstone was appointed secretary.

The Very Rev. Dean explained at length the object of the meeting, and a drawing was exhibited, which gave the front elevation of a church in the Romanesque style of architecture, and the design was much admired by all present. The elevation of the porch, which showed three doors into the church, was 44ft, with a width of 55ft, and a 'wheel window' over the centre door. The dome depicted was not to be gone on with now. The nave would be 64ft x 32ft, giving a floor space of 2048ft, as against their present size of 40ft x 21ft, or 840 square feet. For the erection of the nave without internal work (ceiling, plaster, and possibly carving), the cost was estimated at £2500.

The Dean went on to ask—what funds had they at their disposal to justify them in making a start? First, they had the goodwill and the bank notes of the people of the parish. This he regarded as the very best asset. Then they had about £750, the result of a bazaar and art union held some years ago, and Mr. Nicholas Quinn had given £400 to erect a sanctuary and £200 more to be used as he (the Dean) wished, and £200 that might be borrowed from a fund of that amount wherewith to purchase bells for the church, and another £10 had also been given him by Mr. Patrick Quinn.

Replying to Mr. Landon, the Dean said that £3200 would give a finished work, but not including the dome.

A committee was then elected as follows:—Messrs. John O'Connor, J. Quinn, T. Twomey, F. J. Landon, Wm. Quinn, Joseph Corcoran, John Foley, M. Fox, F. Fox, J. Meehan, J. Lawlor, A. Harris, W. T. MacDermott, J. Goldstone, B. Flynn, B. Buckley, M. Frost, M. McGovern, and Father Tymons.

OBITUARY

MR. THOMAS DWAN, SEN., WELLINGTON.

Mr. Thomas Dwan, sen., founder of the well known firm of Messrs. Dwan Bros. (writes our Wellington correspondent), died at his residence, Nairn street, on Tuesday afternoon. The deceased gentleman had been ailing for some time, and his medical attendants ultimately decided to perform a severe operation. The shock was, however, rather much for a patient who had attained the advanced age of seventy-nine years. The deceased gentleman was a well known figure in this city, and took in his time an active and influential part in municipal and colonial politics. His varied experiences in many lands, his natural gifts, and a warm genial nature made him one whose absence will be greatly missed. The late Mr. Dwan was born in County Tipperary, in 1827, and early left with his father and family for America. His first experiences of life were gained in the backblocks of Canada, where his body was trained to endure so well those hardships that a subsequent eventful career was to bring. On his return to the States he graduated at the West Point Military Academy, and obtained a commission in the United States Army. His love for adventure led him to join General Walker in the invasion of Nicaragua, and it was while serving under that General that Mr. Dwan had his left leg crushed by a cannon ball. After a varied career in many capacities in the States he returned to the land of his birth, and there married. In 1854 he came to Victoria, and after some experiences on the goldfields there, he crossed to this Colony to represent at Hokitika the firm of Spence Bros., merchants, of Melbourne. On leaving Hokitika he settled at Charleston, near Westport, and resided there for many years. From Charleston he returned to California, and there held a post on the editorial staff of the 'Alta California.' On his return to New Zealand twenty-nine years ago, he settled in Wellington, and as auctioneer and journalist added to his already wide range of experience, and became generally and favorably known. During his life he visited many of the great exhibitions, and recently returned from the great exhibition at St. Louis. He was looking forward to a visit to Christchurch when he was seized with the illness that resulted in his death, the news of which will be received with regret by a host of friends throughout the Colony. The deceased was attended throughout his illness by the Rev. Father Kimbell. The interment took place at Karori on Thursday, the Rev. Father Kimbell officiating at the graveside. The cottage was one of the largest seen here.—R.T.P.