

presented, in the schoolroom, to the musical director, Mr. A. B. Reynolds; a very nice silver urn, suitably inscribed.

At St. Benedict's Masses were celebrated from 6.30 o'clock to 11 a.m., by the Rev. Father Gillan, V.G., and Rev. Fathers Duffy and McMillan. Large congregations were present.

At the Sacred Heart Church, Ponsonby, Masses were celebrated by the Rev. Fathers Molloy, Williams, and Hills, S.M., of Wellington. At the 10 o'clock Mass the choir rendered Haydn's Imperial Mass.

His Lordship the Bishop, when addressing the congregation in St. Patrick's on Christmas Day, said that before Mass a little boy had waited on him, and handed to him his little box, which contained his gathering of pennies during the year, amounting to £1. The little fellow gave it towards the new Cathedral building fund. The Bishop earnestly hoped that this good little boy's example would be widely followed. He appealed to them all not to forget, in their own happiness and prosperity, those who were less happy and prosperous. He thanked the priests of the parish, the choir, and all those who during the year had contributed to the work of the Cathedral. Next year they would be assembled in their new and enlarged Cathedral. In conclusion, his Lordship asked them to assist him in the task he had undertaken. The choir, under Mr. P. F. Hiscocks, sang Millard's Mass in finished style. Mr H. Hiscocks presided at the organ. In the evening the church was again full. Rev Father Holbrook delivered a fine sermon on the Incarnation. Benediction was given by the Rev. Father Furlong.

A very pleasant gathering took place in St. Benedict's Hall last Thursday evening, the occasion being the presentation of an illuminated address to Father Gillan from the members of St. Benedict's Church committee, this being the eighth anniversary of his appointment to the charge of the parish. Among those present were the Rev. Fathers Mahoney, McMillan, Duffy, Kehoe, Buckley, Holbrook, Williams, Molloy, Farthing, Hills, and Murphy. The Bishop, Dr. Lenihan, who presided, made the presentation on behalf of the committee, and he took this opportunity of publicly announcing the appointment of Father Gillan to the position of Vicar-General. Father Gillan thanked Bishop Lenihan for the honor bestowed on him by his election, to the rank of Vicar-General. To his committee he was deeply indebted for the very able manner in which they had assisted him to reduce the parish debts, and for their beautiful address, which was accompanied by a photo shield of the church committee. Fathers Mahoney and Holbrook made eulogistic speeches. A capital supper was provided by the ladies of the parish, and musical items were contributed by Mrs. Schallum, Miss Foley, and Messrs. Lamb, Lonergan and O'Connell. The health of the clergy (which was proposed by Mr. O'Meara, and replied to by his Lordship), brought a very pleasant function to a close.

Mr. Joseph Devlin, M.P. for West Belfast, somewhat suddenly and unexpectedly arrived in Auckland last Sunday, via the West Coast from Wellington. Word of his coming reached here on Saturday at one p.m. Hurred arrangements were made, and the Hon. J. A. Tole, Messrs. W. J. Speight, P. J. Nerheny, and M. J. Sheahan met him at Onehunga on his arrival by the 'Takapuna.' The deputation heartily welcomed the young Irish member, and learned from him that, acting on medical advice, he had reluctantly to tear himself away from the hospitality of Mr. Martin Kennedy, of Wellington, with whom he had promised to stay a few days, and seclude himself, so as to rest his throat. With this in view, he went on to Rotorua on the following Monday morning. He returns to Auckland on January 5, and stays with Dr. Lenihan until the 7th, when he leaves for New Plymouth, speaking there on the 8th. He will speak at several towns in the North Island, including Napier and Gisborne, whence he returns here on the 15th. He will speak in this city on either the 30th or 31st, and leave for San Francisco on February 1. He speaks glowingly of his southern tour, and is particularly enamored of Timaru and its patriotic citizens. He said he would not forget that town and its people.

In the early part of last week, the Old Boys' Club welcomed to Auckland Bros. John and Stratonique, Assistant-Generals of the Order of the Marist Brothers. His Lordship the Bishop, a number of priests, and the Marist Brothers attended. The Bishop, in felicitous terms, heartily welcomed the distinguished guest. Mr. Furlong, on behalf of the Club, also welcomed them. Bro. John replied, thanked the Bishop and the Club for the hearty reception accorded to them. He was pleased with the Club and its good work, and hoped it would continue to advance and prosper. On Friday

evening last the Club gave a banquet in honor of their much-esteemed president, Rev. Bro. George. The Bishop again presided, and spoke in eulogistic terms of Brother George and the great work he carried on in Auckland. He was about to be granted a holiday to visit his parents in Victoria, whom he had not seen for 15 years. He hoped that he would enjoy his well-earned holiday, and that he would be back again in Auckland with us, though he had heard his superior contemplated a change for him in accordance with their own rules. Mr. J. Furlong, on behalf of the Club, then handed Brother George a nice travelling bag, and said all the members would ever think of him with gratitude and keen affection for the lasting and good work done by him for the young men of Auckland, and to which the existence and prosperity of the Old Boys' Club bore ample testimony. Bro. George thanked the Bishop and the members of the Club for their kind expressions of goodwill towards him. What had been done was in a great measure to be attributed to others, not to himself. He would always remember them and the pleasant times he had spent with them. For the useful present he felt deeply grateful. He urged them not to lag in their efforts to make the Club the success it deserved to be. Several toasts were given during the evening, notably 'His Holiness the Pope and the King,' by the Bishop. Musical items were given by the members and the Rev. Father Hills, and a most pleasant evening was spent.

GREYMOUTH

(From our own correspondent.)

December 27.

The billiard tournament, in connection with the Catholic Club was concluded last week and resulted as follows:—Mr. W. Hassall, 1; Mr. W. Donovan, 2; Mr. Claud Simon 3. Forty-five members took part in the tournament.

Midnight Mass was celebrated at St. Patrick's on Christmas Eve by the Very Rev. Dean Carew. Hammerel's Mass (with the exception of the Credo which was from Weber's composition) was sung. Miss Kemple played the organ accompaniments very creditably. The conductor, Mr. R. Phillips, deserves great praise for the finished manner in which the music was rendered.

A very pleasing ceremony took place at the St. Columba Club rooms last Wednesday evening, when the members assembled to say good-bye to Mr. Claud Simon, who is leaving Greymouth to take up his residence in Westport. Mr. Wm. Duffy (vice-president), in presenting Mr. Simon with a handsome Gladstone bag suitably inscribed, referred to the loss sustained by the club by the departure of Mr. Simon, who was one of its most valued members, and concluded—by wishing him every success in his new home. Mr. Simon thanked the members for their useful present, which would always remind him of the happy days spent in the club rooms. Mr. Simon was also the recipient of a handsome watch guard from his fellow employees in the Greymouth Foundry.

WEDDING BELLS

CANAVAN—FAIRBROTHER.

At St. Mary's Church, Manchester street, on Monday, December 17, the marriage of Mr. John J. Canavan, of Christchurch, and Miss T. Fairbrother, of St. Albans, and late of Melbourne, was solemnised by the Rev. Father Hickson, S.M. (writes our Christchurch correspondent). The bride was attended by her sister as bridesmaid, and Mr. J. Quinlan, of Wellington, was groomsmen. After the ceremony an adjournment was made to Broadways Tea Rooms for the wedding breakfast. The health of the newly wedded couple was proposed by the Rev. Father Hickson, and in the afternoon they left for Akaroa, where the honeymoon is being spent.

The spectacle of one of New Zealand's justices of the peace wheeling a barrow opposite Taihape's Temple of Justice is creating considerable merriment in the minds of passers-by (says the local 'News'). From 'early morn' till 'dewy eve' this doughty capitalist is to be seen wheeling his barrow and shovelling like an ordinary navvy. Recently his presence was required to adjudicate in a case of obscene language, and, wiping the beads of perspiration from his forehead, he donned his coat, and in a few seconds was translated from navvy to a presiding justice. At the close of the case he made for the scene of his labor, and doffing his coat, resumed wheeling operations.