

The social celebration of St. Patrick's day was, as customary, confined to the Irish national concert, annually arranged for the benefit of Nazareth House. For weeks before the energetic committee devoted much time and thought to the preliminary arrangements, and were greatly aided by the sympathy and assistance of his Lordship the Bishop, the Very Rev. Vicar-General, and the clergy. The excellent arrangements were in a great measure due to the tact and experience of the chairman (Mr. W. Hoban) and the hon. secretary (Mr. E. O'Connor). The concert was given in His Majesty's Theatre on Monday evening, and was a magnificent success, there being a record audience present. During the evening his Lordship Bishop Grimes, in the name of the Sisters of Nazareth, thanked all who had assisted, especially the performers. The following was the programme:—Irish overture, 'Erin,' Corrigan's Military Band (conductor, Mr. Corrigan); song, 'Off to Philadelphia,' Mrs. J. E. Hamill; aria, 'In my wild mountain valley,' Mrs. Arthur Mead; song, 'The memory of the dead,' Mr. Farquhar Young; song, 'Come back to Erin,' Mrs. Gower-Burns; aria, 'The minstrel boy,' Mr. Frank Graham; songs, (a) 'Irish lullaby' (b) 'The ninepenny fiddle,' Mrs. Nina Linay; selection, 'Irish airs,' Pierrot Banjo Quartette; selection, Mr. William Densem. Part II.—Selection, 'Molly of Killarney,' Corrigan's Military Band; song, 'Killarney,' Mrs. Gower-Burns; violin solo, 'Irish dance,' Mr. Vere Buchanan; song, 'I'm alone,' Mrs. Arthur Mead; song, 'The wearin' of the green,' Mr. Farquhar Young; song, 'My Irish Molly,' Mr. R. Petersen; 'National Anthem,' Mr. R. A. Horna acted as accompanist.

A welcome reception was accorded the Rev. Father Marnane, S.M., the popular pastor of St. Mary's, by his parishioners in the Art Gallery on last Wednesday evening, on the occasion of his return after twelve months' absence in the Old Land. As, however, the usual press courtesies were not extended to the 'Tablet' representative, I am unable to give any details of the proceedings on the occasion.

## GREYMOUTH

(From our own correspondent.)

March 14.

It is with feelings of the deepest regret I have to record the death of Mrs. Mary Doolan, wife of Mr. Maurice Doolan, of Raupo (Totara Flat). Deceased, who was sixty-five years of age, was a native of Limerick, and came to the Colony over forty years ago, having resided at Raupo ever since. The funeral took place on Friday afternoon, and was the largest seen in the district for many years. The interment took place in Ahaura cemetery. Rev. Father Leen, who attended deceased during her illness, officiated at the graveside.—R.I.P.

The annual meeting of the St. Columba Club was held in the club rooms last Monday evening, about 50 members being present. The report and balance-sheet were read and adopted, and showed the finances of the club to be in a sound condition. The receipts for the year amounted to £170 13s 5d, whilst the expenditure amounted to £140 14s 3d, leaving a credit balance of £29 19s 2d. The amount of assets over liabilities are set down in the balance sheet at £449 1s 8d. The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:—President, Mr. W. H. Duffy; vice-presidents, Rev. Brother Arthur and Messrs. D. Butler and T. O'Donnell; hon. secretary, Mr. C. Heffernan (re-elected); vice-secretary, Mr. Cecil Carmin; hon. treasurer, Mr. B. J. Phillips (re-elected); librarian, Mr. W. Har-sall; sub-editor, Mr. M. J. Fogarty; steward, Mr. A. Fraser; committee, Messrs. P. J. Power, T. J. Barry (re-elected), P. J. Smyth, and Chas. Boyle; auditors, Messrs. M. J. Fogarty and J. W. Hannan. The Rev. Father Taylor is the spiritual director.

## TIMARU

(From our own correspondent.)

At the social held in the Drill Shed on Thursday evening, before the principal business of the evening had come on, Mr. T. Lynch, on behalf of the parishioners, presented Rev. Father Bowden with a gold Celtic cross and chain, the inscription on the cross being:—To Rev. Father Bowden, from Timaru friends. He briefly referred to the admirable way that Father Bowden had managed the affairs of the parish during Father Tuhman's absence, and wished him every success in his new sphere of duties. Father Bowden, in replying, stated that he had thoroughly enjoyed his stay at the Timaru parish, and took the opportunity to thank Rev. Fathers Le Floch and Finnerty for the

cordial way in which they had seconded his efforts.

Rev. Father Bowden left Timaru for the North by the mid-day express on Saturday, and carried with him the cordial regard of the many friends he has left behind him in Timaru.

## New Church at Aramoho

(From our Wanganui correspondent.)

March 13.

During the past few years the suburb of Aramoho, situated some three miles from Wanganui, has been steadily growing in population and importance. Both in the suburb itself and its vicinity a numerous Catholic population has sprung up, and the need of another church became more and more evident. Being assured of generous support the priests and people decided that a building should be proceeded with as soon as possible. Sunday last saw the foundation stone of the new church laid by his Grace Archbishop Redwood. His Grace celebrated Mass at 7.30 o'clock, and presided at the 10.30 o'clock Mass, when an address of welcome was read to him. His Grace briefly replied to the address, thanking the congregation for the welcome accorded to him, and expressing his gratification at being amongst them. In the afternoon his Grace the Archbishop, the clergy, and the members of St. Mary's congregation assembled at the Catholic school, Aramoho, and from there proceeded in processional order to the site of the new church. The procession was over a quarter of a mile in length. The Archbishop was assisted at the ceremony of blessing and laying the foundation stone by the Very Rev. Dean Grogan and Rev. Father Mahony.

After the foundation stone had been duly blessed and laid in position his Grace addressed the large assemblage, amongst whom were a number of non-Catholics, including his Worship the Mayor of Wanganui (Mr. C. E. Mackey). He congratulated the people of Aramoho, and expressed his gratification at being present to lay the foundation stone of a new church, because he foresaw the amount of good which would result therefrom. The new church, which will be dedicated to St. Joseph, would be a centre of light and strength to those in the vicinity. There those great Christian truths would be taught which were the real foundation of our civilisation, and there also the sacraments would be administered, which would give spiritual strength and life to those who received them. His Grace concluded by expressing his pleasure at seeing that Aramoho had so much advanced as to require a new church, which will be an ornamental feature to that part of Wanganui, besides enhancing the value of the property in the vicinity of the building.

During the progress of the ceremony Mr. Meull, the contractor, presented his Grace with a beautiful silver trowel, suitably inscribed, with which to perform the work of laying the foundation stone.

During the ceremony appropriate hymns were sung by the choir of St. Mary's, Wanganui, assisted by the school children. In the evening at St. Mary's his Grace preached to a large congregation. His Grace officiated at solemn Benediction, assisted by Very Rev. Dean Grogan and Father Mahony.

Collections in aid of the new church were taken up at all the services, the people responding most generously.

The plans, prepared by Mr. W. Pinches, show that the nave of the new church, which will stand on a concrete foundation 3 feet high, will measure 32 feet by 50 feet. The sanctuary, 30 feet by 18 feet, will have a main arch and two smaller arches, the latter forming two side chapels. The sacristy is 12 feet by 12 feet, and the choir gallery measures 10 ft by 30 feet. The entrance will have a fine porch, 10 ft by 9 ft, with steps and doors on either side. The interior of the church will have a principal roof; the bays are framed with panels, while a deep enriched cornice will run all round the wall, which will be diagonally lined to the dado. Light and ventilation are special features. The walls will be 16 feet high, and the height from the floor to the apex of the roof 36 feet. The front elevation will be finished by a bell turret.

Luigi Galvani, the discoverer of the galvanic current, was a pious Catholic and a lay Franciscan. The fact that his name has given rise to the formation of twenty or more words in modern English, such as galvanic, galvanometer, galvanoscope, etc., bears testimony to the importance of his discovery, and gives security for his fame.