

Eskbank, St. Andrews. The deceased lady was in her 47th year, and was a native of Woodenbridge, County Wicklow, a short distance from the Vale of Avoca. She was a prominent Catholic in the St. Andrews parish, and was ever ready to forward anything that aimed at the advancement of the Church, or the help of the distressed. She leaves a sorrowing husband, seven sons, and two daughters to mourn their loss.—R.I.P.

Oamaru

(From our own correspondent.)

November 17.

An interesting debate, 'Is trial by jury the best means of administering justice?' was held at the rooms of the Oamaru Catholic Club on Thursday last. The Rev. Father O'Neill occupied the chair, and the speakers were as follow—Affirmative, Messrs. Mulvihill (leader), Jas. Griffith, and Thos. Corcoran; negative, Messrs. J. Wallace (leader), F. Cooney, E. Curran, and Rev. Father O'Neill. There was a fair attendance of members. On the question being put to the meeting, the verdict was given unanimously to the negative side. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rev. Father O'Neill for presiding.

Our worthy president (Mr. J. Cagney), sen. left last week for a trip to Rotorua. The Catholic Club, as well as many friends, wish him a pleasant holiday and trust his health will be benefited by the change.

DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

(From our own correspondent.)

November 15.

A bazaar to last a week will be opened in St. Bonaventura's Hall, Painell, next Monday. The proceeds are to be devoted to the local church and convent funds.

Some clerical changes have taken place here. Rev. Father Molloy has been transferred from the Sacred Heart parish, Ponsonby, to the charge of Coromandel, Rev. Father Lynch from Coromandel to Kihikihi, Rev. Father Tormey from Kihikihi to Ponsonby. The parishioners of Ponsonby intend making a presentation to Father Molloy before he leaves.

To-day is the eleventh anniversary of the consecration of his Lordship Dr. Lenihan. The progress made by the diocese under his Lordship has lately been chronicled in the 'Tablet.' It is a record which shows wise administration, constant thought and attention, and a whole-hearted desire to keep pace with the ever-growing manifold necessities of a diocese widely scattered, and consequently not too easy to govern. The work accomplished by Dr. Lenihan will remain as a monument to his zeal.

Mr. W. J. Napier, who recently returned from a tour of the Old World, gave an interesting lecture on Ireland at the Hibernian Hall last Monday night, in aid of the funds of the Marist Brothers' Old Boys' Association. There were present Rev. Fathers Holbrook, Furlong, and Cahill. The Rev. Brother George, president of the Association, presided, and there was a good attendance. Mr. Napier first dealt with the sights worth seeing in the Emerald Isle. Beautiful views were shown on a screen. Mr. Napier said that on landing on Irish soil the first thing that impressed and thrilled him was the grandeur of bygone ages expressed in the monuments and historic scenes in which the land abounds. He was pained to find how indifferent the Irishman at home was to commercial progress. Business was run on easy-going lines all over the country, in marked contrast to the energy of the Irish in America and in Australasia. This he thought was due largely to the seclusion of the race in the Old Land, where none of the outside nations entered into the daily life of the people, whose one ambition was Home Rule. Home Rule, he felt sure, was not far distant, but in the meantime he thought that the people should bestir themselves and help to build up trade. The County Councils might also do more, according to their powers, notably in the direction of providing free libraries, which were at present conspicuous only by their absence. Another reason of Ireland's backwardness was to be found in the fact that she was now passing through a transition stage, and the people were in doubt as to what the ultimate outcome would be. Formerly the priests were the directors and guides of the people in all matters of public interest, when the masses were illiterate. Now the old order of priests

was passing away, and the rising generation of laity, being better educated and more enlightened than the old people, were beginning to take matters in their own hands, and act on their own initiative, so that the guidance of the priest in regard to public matters, so indispensable in the old days, was now no longer required. The people themselves were in doubt as to the outcome of the change, but all hoped that it would be to the advantage of Ireland. The Sinn Féin movement was good on the whole, but some of the means they proposed to advance Ireland were absurd. For instance, they wanted to make Gaelic the universal language in the land, to the exclusion of English. Anyone could see what that would mean. The English language was almost universal, and to exclude it would simply mean that Ireland would have no industries and no commerce, for the people would be alone in the Atlantic, with no outside communication. The lecturer was accorded a hearty vote of thanks for his address, on the motion of the Rev. Father Holbrook.

The annual meeting of the Marist Brothers' Old Boys' Association was held in the club rooms last Tuesday night. The Rev. Brother George, president, occupied the chair, and there was a good attendance. The report of the executive stated that there were 93 financial members on the roll. The various branches of the club had been carried on fairly successfully, and the cricket and tennis clubs were in a flourishing condition. The receipts amounted to £165 1s 6d, and after paying all incidental expenses, there was a small credit balance to carry forward to the next year. The report was adopted. Mr. J. J. Furlong was elected vice-president, Mr. J. McKenna secretary and treasurer, and Messrs. C. Thorne and W. Kemble auditors. It was decided to spend the sum of £50 on furnishing the rooms, Messrs. P. J. Grace, F. Carrington, and A. Thorne being appointed a committee with power to act.

An exhibition and sale of fancy work and paintings in aid of St. Leo's Convent was opened in St. Leo's Hall, Devonport, yesterday afternoon, and continued in the evening. The hall had been tastefully decorated for the occasion, and presented a picturesque appearance. The stalls were heavily laden with many useful and ornamental articles, among them being some very fine fancy work and excellent paintings, the work of the Sisters. The articles exhibited by the children were exceedingly well finished, reflecting credit on both the children and the Sisters. The various stallholders were attired in pretty costumes. Excellent business was done in the evening. The stallholders were as follow:—Fancy work—Mesdames A. Goldwater, Mathias, O'Brien, Dandridge, Coffey, Misses Eva Cogan, I. Dandridge, Amanda Cogan, and K. Wynyard. Dolls—Mrs. Boylan, Misses Boylan, and Hardley. Lollies—Misses M. Forward, D. Lane, McCallum, F. Forward. Flowers—Misses Nitts and Fogarty, assisted by Misses K. Boag, Smith, Carson, Dandridge, D. O'Leary, D. Pagna, and Johnston. Pincushions—Mesdames Dandridge, Wrigley, Miss Ball, assisted by Misses Coyne, U. Barbell, Sinclair, Wrigley. Refreshments—Mrs. Costello, Misses Lynch, Bannan, Myrtle Dunn, Boylan, G. Ewington, and L. Forward. A number of competitions were held, and resulted as follows:—Doll-dressing, Miss K. Boag; pincushion, Miss Irene Hardley; writing, Miss I. Dandridge; drawing, Leslie Carson; painting, Miss Irene Hardley; map-drawing, Miss K. Boylan. For fancy work (assorted) first prizes were secured by Misses Lena McCallum, K. Boag, Myrtle Dunn, and G. Wrigley.

Hawera

(From our own correspondent.)

The Sisters of the Convent have decided to hold their annual concert on December 18.

Last Sunday the members of the local Hibernian Society received Holy Communion in a body.

We are shortly to lose another much-respected resident from our parish in the person of Mr. T. O'Neill. He and his family have been in Hawera for some years, and have always taken a prominent interest in Church work, and they will be much missed by a very large circle of friends.

It has been decided to hold a bazaar in February next, and matters are well forward. Stallholders have been appointed and there is every promise of a successful issue. Mr. and Mrs. McCulman are arranging a euchre party for the purpose of procuring some tables and chairs for use at such functions.

The new Stations of the Cross in the Hawera Church were erected by the following donors:—Messrs. Barny, O'Shea, Cullinan, M. J. Power, Kavanagh, Bart-

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