

advocates of the railway by a majority of three votes. A feature of the debates this year is the large number of young members taking part—a fact which augurs well for the future welfare of the club.

## DIocese OF AUCKLAND

(By Telegraph, From Our Own Correspondent.)

July 27.

The district executive of the Hibernian Society has issued a circular to all branches throughout the Dominion, requesting them to subscribe to the proposed Hibernian window in the Redemptorist Church at Wellington.

The Auckland branch of the Hibernian Society celebrated its thirty-fifth anniversary last Thursday night in the Hibernian Hall. The function was a great success, there being a large attendance. Bros. Mulholland (president), Nerheny (vice-president and secretary of committee), assisted by several members, worked energetically to achieve success.

Rev. Father Mahoney, speaking at 10 o'clock Mass at Onehunga yesterday, administered a severe rebuke to Catholic parents who sent their children to State schools. He said the plea was that our schools did not offer sufficient prospects of advancement. Catholic children were then removed to the State schools, after which they 'advanced'—but not in the direction bargained for by parents. He urged his people to support our schools, whose excellence and efficiency were certified by competent Government inspectors.

A new conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society was established yesterday at Onehunga by Mr. C. Little, of Auckland. Rev. Father Mahoney and a large number of parishioners were present. After the last Mass, Mr. Little addressed those present, and pointed out the great good that was accomplished by the conferences of the society throughout the world. The election of officers resulted as follows:—President, Mr. James J. Shaldrick; vice-president, Mr. T. Crisp; secretary, Mr. A. Patten; treasurer, Mr. R. Donovan. The work of the branch then commenced, those present contributing towards the funds intended for the sick and needy. Rev. Father Mahoney is the chaplain.

His Lordship Bishop Lenihan, at the invitation of Mr. Joseph Devlin, M.P., visited Belfast about the middle of June, and received a most enthusiastic welcome. He was met at the railway station by the Rev. Fathers McCashin, Adm., McCartan, Boylan, and McGowan, Messrs. Devlin and Donovan, and Mr. J. Gleeson, of Napier. The party motored to Bangor, as guests of Mr. Devlin. Eulogistic references were made to the Bishop in several papers in the north of Ireland, which detailed the great works carried out in the Auckland Diocese, and recalled the great assistance rendered by his Lordship to Messrs. Devlin and Donovan during their visit to New Zealand. The Bishop writes in glowing terms of Mr. Devlin's hospitality. He left Belfast on June 15 for Wexford, and returns to Belfast in August.

## Otaguhu

(From an Occasional Correspondent.)

July 23.

Owing to the success of the recent art union, the funds for the erection of the new school are close up to the amount required, and consequently the work will be put in hand immediately.

The Children of Mary held a social evening in the Convent Schoolroom on Tuesday evening, July 14, when the president (Miss E. Rogers) read an address and made a presentation to the Rev. Father Buckley. During the evening songs were rendered by Misses E. Rogers, M. McEvoy, and B. McGrael.

## Waihi

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

July 15.

Considering the inclement weather, there was a good attendance at the half-yearly meeting of St. Joseph's branch of H.A.C.B. Society held last night. One candidate was proposed. Officers for the ensuing half-year were elected as follows:—President, Bro. P. Colvin; vice-president, Bro. T. Ryan; secretary, Bro. T. Collins, P.P. (re-elected); treasurer, Bro. W. Sullivan, P.P. (re-elected); warden, Bro. R. Ritchie; guardian, Bro. D. Conlon; visitors to sick, Bros. Heffron and O'Donnell. The newly-elected officers were installed by P.P.

Bro. Graham. The balance sheet for the half-year showed an increase in the sick and funeral fund of only £3 1s 7d, but at the same time £17 16s 8d had been paid out in sick pay. The management fund showed an increase of £8 12s 8d, the benevolent fund had increased by £1 10s 6d, and the entertainment fund by £16 7s 9d, showing a total increase of nearly £30. Owing to all the books having been destroyed by fire at the secretary's residence in March, the making of the balance sheet had been rendered very difficult. It was resolved to write to the Borough Council asking on what terms the proposed baths could be engaged for the opening night, and, in the event of receiving a favorable reply, to arrange for a grand aquatic carnival. It was decided that after next meeting a progressive euchre tournament be held, and that lady friends be invited.

## Oamaru

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

July 23.

The retreat conducted by Rev. Father Lowham, C.S.S.R., at the Rosary Convent was brought to a close on Sunday last. At the morning and evening services on Sunday the Rev. Father Lowham preached impressive sermons to large congregations.

The Right Rev. Mgr. Mackay returned from Queenstown last week, while Rev. Father O'Neill has gone to take up the duties of that parish during the illness of Rev. Father O'Donnell. Rev. Father O'Brien, C.S.S.R., fills the place of Rev. Father O'Neill in this district during the latter's absence in Queenstown.

A pleasant time was spent at the Catholic Club rooms on Friday evening, the programme being a mock banquet to the officers and men of the American Fleet. A long toast-list was honored, and some excellent speeches made. Mr. T. O'Grady made an admirable chairman, and during the evening songs were contributed by Messrs. T. Ford, T. O'Grady, and H. Diver, whilst Messrs. Jno. Griffiths and E. Barry gave recitations.

## NEW BOOKS

James Duffy and Co., Ltd. (38 Westmoreland street, Dublin), have recently brought out a new manual of Catholic devotions, entitled 'At Mercy's Shrine.' It is compiled by a Sister of Mercy, is published under full ecclesiastical sanction, contains practically every form of devotion that Catholic piety could demand, and is enriched with a very choice anthology of 'Holy Thoughts' from the writings of the Fathers and Saints of the Church. It also contains the Epistles and Gospels for the Sundays and principal festivals throughout the year. The new manual is printed in bold, clear type, contains nearly 600 pages, of matter, and is furnished with a complete index. It is published at the reasonable price of 2s net.

The July issue of the 'C.Y.M.,' the organ of the Adelaide Catholic Club, in addition to a record of the proceedings of the various Catholic literary and social societies in Adelaide and suburbs, has several interesting articles and sketches on various subjects.

We have received from the Minister of Mines of British Columbia the annual report on mining operations for gold, coal, and other minerals for the year 1907. The report is a very comprehensive publication, and deals in detail with the productions of the various districts. From it we learn that the mineral products for 1907 were valued at about £5,180,000, of which copper contributed nearly a third, coal a fourth, and gold a fifth.

The issue of the 'Catholic Magazine' for the current quarter is well up to the usual standard of that publication. There are several interesting articles in the present number, among which are 'Authority in Belief,' and 'A Golden Opportunity,' (by the Rev. F. S. Bartley, S.M., B.A., a sketch of the life of Miss Mary Agnes Clerke, the distinguished writer on astronomical matters, by J. J. Cullen; 'The Study of Shakespeare,' by E. J. Mahoney; 'Burke's Political Philosophy'; and 'Human Life,' by 'Narrawong.'

The latest publications of the Australian Catholic Truth Society are 'Catholic Monuments,' being a record of the work of erecting churches, schools, and charitable institutions in the Archdiocese of Melbourne, by Mr. Benjamin Hoare; 'Life of St. Aloysius Gonzaga,' the patron saint of youth, by the Rev. D. Gallery, S.J.; 'A Chat About the Index,' which gives reasons why books are condemned, by the Rev. J. Whyte. These are instructive, informative, and interesting, and will be found to be useful additions to the previous publications of the society.