

the Government to protect them from immediate danger, and for the future their ambition is to join hands with the Catholic Liberals of Ireland and to work with them for the peace and prosperity of their native land. It is a fact worth pondering over that the best element in Protestant Ulster should prefer the Papal chains of Mr. John Redmond to the sweet liberty of Sir Edward Carson.

Awaiting Home Rule.

The present Ulster Liberal Association has been in existence for only eight years, and was formed by the stalwart remnant of a great force that once sent eight Liberal representatives to the House of Commons. Since its heroic reformation it has gone from strength to strength and has increased in members, in financial resources, and in the activity of its propaganda. It has branches in many parts of the provinces, including three flourishing ones in Belfast itself. Eighty per cent. of the young Presbyterians of the city, I am told, are Liberals, and they and others are only awaiting the passing of Home Rule and the breaking down of the Orange tyranny to declare themselves openly, and join the organisation. In the rural districts, too, the position is distinctly hopeful. The Carsonite campaign has failed to capture the farmers and the farm laborers of the province, and it is not without significance that a good half of the time of to-day's meeting was devoted to the discussion of the grievances of the tenant farmers of Ulster, and that loud applause greeted a proposition that the farmers should collaborate with the laborers with a view of securing compulsory purchase on fair terms for the former and a living wage for the latter. Under the present system of purchase, declared one speaker pithily, the landlord walks away not only with the price of the farms, but also with the labourers' wages. It sounded like an echo from Limehouse.

A Queen's Island Fire.

Mr. Kempster, the managing director of Messrs. Harland and Wolff, spoke out fearlessly against the present regime of terrorism in Belfast, and expressed the view that the Government were perfectly justified in moving troops to the North. He had been told, he said, that if Home Rule was passed the Queen's Island works would be burnt down. Such an idea did not do much credit to the intelligence of the men who were dependent on the yards for their livelihood, but the threat showed the kind of feeling that they had to deal with.

Greymouth

(From our own correspondent.)

The following letter, which was received last week by the Very Rev. Dean Carew from the secretary of the Grey Education Board, speaks for itself. It will be remembered that the success of Miss Moore at last year's public examinations was something in the nature of a record, and it certainly served to bring the much-vexed question of recognition of Catholic schools into much prominence. It is to be hoped that the Catholic Federation will now take this matter up in other places, and carry it to the same successful issue as it has been brought to in Greymouth:—

'I have the honor to inform you that, under date April 29 ult., the Education Department state that the St. Mary's Convent School, Greymouth, is now approved by the Minister as the equivalent of a "secondary school" for the purposes of Miss Moore's scholarship in terms of section 72 (g) of the Education Act. I have further to inform you that, under date May 12 inst., the Department recognises the Board's award of junior Board scholarships to Miss Lucy Conaghan and Miss Gwendoline McCarthy, pupils of the Greymouth Convent School. The tenures of the above scholarships date from January 1, 1914, and payments of grants to the scholars for March quarter will be made when the money is received from the Department, probably at the end of the month.'

The St. Columba Club weekly meetings are more popular than ever this season. The increased attend-

ances and enthusiastic manner in which the members are devoting themselves to the session's work must be very pleasing to the club's officers. The tri-weekly euchre socials commenced last week, and this branch of the club's activities should be even more popular amongst the Catholic congregation than ever. Last week the evening was devoted to impromptu debates and speeches, over twenty members taking part in the programme. The subjects were chosen by Rev. Brother Arthur, and the manner in which the various speakers handled the subjects augurs well for the club's prospects this season.

On Tuesday, June 16, the St. Vincent de Paul Society are to hold a concert in the Opera House, and it is to be hoped that there will be a crowded house on the occasion.

Hamilton

(From our own correspondent.)

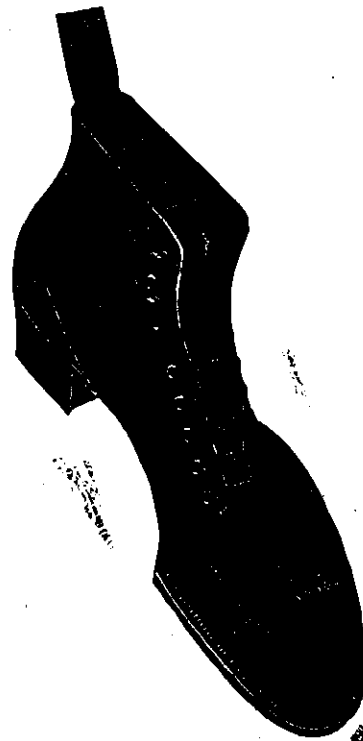
May 21.

Last Monday week St. Mary's Young Men's Club held a euchre tournament, the prizes being won by Mrs. Swann and Mr. E. McGarrigle. A very interesting debate was held last Friday evening in the club-room. The subject was—'Is Dominion prohibition the remedy for the drink evil?' The affirmative was taken by Messrs. T. Roach, P. Sweeney, C. Cussen, C. Laferty, M. O'Leary, and A. Cassidy, and the negative by Messrs. M. McCarthy, Geo. Tooman, Leo O'Malley, O'Donnell, Connolly, and T. Kelly. The question was keenly debated, and on being put to the vote of the audience, the negative side was declared winner.

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