

gation to Auckland, commencing with Mr. John Redmond's in the early 'eighties, he was prominent as treasurer. He loved his country intensely. He was born in Tyrone, fifty-eight years ago, and leaves a wife, four daughters, and one son, who is away at the front. His funeral was attended by his old Irish colleagues, all of whom evidenced keen regret at the loss of so valiant a champion. To the Irish leaders he was personally known, and two years ago they honored him in the House of Commons.

The members of the senior and junior branches of the Hibernian Society received Holy Communion at the 7 o'clock Mass at the Cathedral on Sunday. Rev. Father Cahill, who was celebrant, expressed his great satisfaction at the large number of communicants. He said that the confraternities in the parish, since he was last connected with it, had progressed beyond expectations, and he would strive, with their co-operation, to maintain them in their present vigorous state. After Mass the juvenile Hibernians proceeded to the Hibernian Hall for breakfast, to which they had invited the district and Auckland branch officers. Vice-president Bro. Woodley (Auckland branch), who takes a keen interest in the junior branches, presided. Very Rev. Chancellor Bro. Holbrook (district vice-president), Rev. Brother Phelan, and Bros. Flynn, Kane, and Sheahan (district officers) were present, and addressed the boys. The utmost enthusiasm prevailed, the boys taking an intelligent interest in the proceedings. In the evening at the Cathedral Very Rev. Chancellor Holbrook preached a panegyric on St. Patrick before a large congregation. The choir sang after the sermon 'Hail, glorious St. Patrick.' The statue of the Apostle of Ireland was beautifully decorated.

Hamilton

(From an occasional correspondent.)

March 9.

On Saturday last the boarders of St. Mary's convent were entertained at Mr. J. Clarkin's estate, Eureka. The pupils and their teachers took train to Newstead, and were there met by Mr. Clarkin's waggons and motor cars. After a long drive the party reached the homestead, 'Glen Gavin,' where a large, well-spread table was set on the verandah, whilst the spacious drawing and dining rooms were placed at the disposal of the guests. A Shetland pony, saddle horses, and a boat-swing were provided, and the magnificent tennis court was appreciated by the elder girls. When afternoon-tea had been disposed of, the visitors adjourned to the drawing-room, where a pleasant musical programme was given. Songs were contributed by Misses Stratz, Ross, Morgan, Prendergast, and Lurgmuir, and Messrs. J. and S. Clarkin. The happy party left for home about 5.30, after giving hearty cheers for their kind friends.

The Sisters are deeply grateful to Mr. and Mrs. J. and T. Clarkin, and all those who took so keen an interest in giving the boarders so enjoyable an outing.

Paeroa

(By telegraph, from our own correspondent.)

March 13.

His Lordship Bishop Cleary commenced his episcopal visitation on the east coast at Thames last Sunday morning, and arrived at Paeroa by motor the same evening, where he administered Confirmation on Monday. He then proceeded to Karangahake, and on Tuesday to Waikino and Waiki. Crowded congregations awaited his Lordship at each place, and a record number of children and adults were confirmed. Bishop Cleary left Waiki by motor for Tauranga on Wednesday afternoon, and will proceed to Opoitiki, and visit most of the Maori settlements on the coast and inland before his return to Auckland.

DEATH OF BISHOP GRIMES

(From our Christchurch correspondent.)

A wave of sadness and deep sorrow spread over the city on Monday when shortly after noon a cable message was received at the episcopal residence from the Very Rev. Chancellor Price, Adm., conveying the mournful intelligence that our universally and sincerely beloved, and zealous Bishop had passed to his eternal reward, the immediate cause of death being an operation for appendicitis from which he never rallied. On receipt of the sad news the great bell of the Cathedral was heard in muffled tones, the bell of the Anglican Cathedral tolling also in a spirit of sympathy with a bereaved people. The Catholic schools were immediately closed: all the children were assembled in the Cathedral, and united prayers were offered surely never more fervent—for the repose of the soul of the dear departed one on whose familiar form and features they were never more to look upon in this life. The signs of the public grief were witnessed in the city, where flags were hoisted half mast high.

AN APPRECIATION.

In the course of a leading article on the death of Bishop Grimes the Christchurch *Press* said: Dr. Grimes was a learned, courteous, and kindly man, and an administrator of quite unusual ability. It was, indeed, the vigorous exercise of his administrative and constructive talents that condemned him to the ill-health which was his portion for long before his death. The fine Cathedral in Barbadoes street cost him years of labor and effort, and it will remain as a notable monument to his memory. It is not within our province to discuss the zeal with which Dr. Grimes labored for his Church, and the debt which the Catholic community of Canterbury and Westland owe to him. But there is another side of his life and activity which has been the property, and the admiration, of non-Catholics as well as of his co-religionists. He was a public man as well as a Roman Catholic Bishop, and he gave his services so freely to public causes that he was for years rightly esteemed a valuable citizen. This is hardly so much a testimony to the pleasant and rational spirit of the New Zealand people as to the character of Dr. Grimes himself. His duty, he conceived, did not stop at the boundaries of the Catholic Church: so far as he was able, he believed, and he gave abundant practical evidence of his belief, it was his duty to take his part in the life of the city in which he was placed. The Canterbury public, in mourning his death, is therefore not only feeling a natural regret at the removal of the revered head of one of the religious communities, but is lamenting the removal of one of its most distinguished and helpful citizens. The dead Bishop's memory will live not only in the great work he did for his Church, but in the regard in which he was held by the whole population of the district in which he lived and labored for a generation.

No authoritative information has reached us as to the arrangements for the obsequies of the late Bishop Grimes. The Christchurch correspondent of the *Otago Daily Times* states that it is expected the remains of the late prelate will arrive in Christchurch on Wednesday, 24th inst., and that they will lie in state at the Cathedral that day. On Thursday, 25th inst., there will be a Solemn Requiem Mass at the Cathedral.

OBITUARY

MR. AMOS LAW, WELLINGTON.

The death occurred on March 9, of Mr. Amos Law at his residence, Lloyd street, Wellington, in his 80th year. Deceased lived for many years in Hokitika and Kumara, and during his last illness he was attended by the Rev. Father Hurley, of St. Joseph's parish, and died fortified by all the rites of the Church. He leaves a widow, five sons, and two daughters to mourn their loss.—R.L.P.

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