

Temuka

(From our own correspondent.)

June 21.

The ordinary meeting of the local branch of the H.A.C.B. Society was held on Monday last, the president (Bro. J. Scott) being in the chair. At the conclusion of the usual routine business a meeting of the Hibernian Club was held, when a programme for the following month was drawn up. It was decided to hold a billiard tournament for which entries are now being received.

I regret to record the death of Mrs. Bryan Flynn, of Morven, which took place in Timaru on Saturday. The deceased was a daughter of Mrs. Coughlan, Kerrytown, and a member of a well-known and highly-respected family, and had resided in this district up till fifteen months ago, when she married and removed to Morven. A Requiem Mass for the repose of her soul was celebrated in St. Joseph's Church this morning. The funeral took place this afternoon, and was one of the largest seen in this district for some time, showing the respect and esteem in which the deceased was held. The sympathy of a very large circle of friends is extended to her sorrowing husband and relatives in their bereavement.—R.I.P.

DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

(By telegraph, from our own correspondent.)

June 21.

A statue of our Lady now occupies a prominent position in the sanctuary of the Cathedral.

A Requiem Mass for the repose of the souls of our New Zealand Catholic soldiers who fell at the Dardanelles was celebrated this morning at St. Benedict's.

Private Adams, brother of Mrs. Smith, Herne Bay, Ponsonby, is among the missing.

The pupils of the Sacred Heart College are now enjoying their midwinter holidays. Rev. Brother Alphonsus has, it is reported, been appointed director of the college in place of Rev. Brother Clement.

First Communion was received on Sunday morning by 70 children at the Sacred Heart Church, Ponsonby. All were tastefully dressed in white. Breakfast was provided for the children by the confraternity of the Children of Mary.

Mr. Allen Doone concluded a most successful season of eleven nights here on Saturday. At the conclusion of the performance on Saturday evening the audience demanded the song 'A toast to Erin,' which was given by Mr. Doone, the pupils of the Marist Brothers in the audience heartily joining in the chorus. 'The wearing of the green' was then demanded, and also given by Mr. Doone.

Pirongia

(By telegraph, from a correspondent.)

June 22.

The Rev. Father O'Sullivan, C.S.S.R., closed a very successful week's mission at Ohaupo after the half-past 8 o'clock Mass last Sunday. Considering, he said, that so many of the congregation had to travel far to the church during the week, when the weather was very inclement, the attendance was one of the best during his experience of country missions in the Dominion. He congratulated the Ohaupo branch of the Hibernian Society on the great progress it has made, by almost doubling its membership since its institution about 18 months ago. Early in the mission week it was stated that subscriptions would be received for the building of the proposed church at Ohaupo. At the close of the week £435 had been subscribed for this purpose.

Rev. Father O'Sullivan opened a week's mission in St. Joseph's Church, Pirongia, at the 11 o'clock Mass last Sunday, when there was a very large congregation present. He will open a week's mission at Kihikihi on Sunday, June 27, at the 11 o'clock Mass.

Huntly

(By telegraph, from our own correspondent.)

June 21.

The new railway station at Ngaruawahia has been opened for traffic.

A steamer service between Mercer and Cambridge, under the title of the Waikato Shipping Co., has been inaugurated on the Waikato River. A successful trial run took place last Monday.

At the 11 o'clock Mass on Sunday, the Rev. Father O'Doherty announced that the Hibernians would receive Holy Communion in a body on next Sunday, and he made an earnest appeal to all the men of the congregation to approach the Holy Table at the same time.

Invercargill

(From our own correspondent.)

The pupils of St. Catherine's Convent intend giving an entertainment in the Municipal Theatre on the 30th inst., the proceeds to be devoted to the Belgian Relief fund. It is some considerable time now since the pupils of the Dominican Nuns gave an entertainment before the Invercargill public, and on this occasion theatre-goers may be sure of an excellent and pleasant evening. Lewis' famous cantata, 'Little Nell's surprise party,' will be the principal item. The following is a synopsis of the operetta:—The principals in the story are Mr. Grant, who went abroad to retrieve his fortune, and whose ship was wrecked at sea on the homeward journey; Mr. Gried, manager of Grant's property, who betrayed his trust by representing that the business was not paying; and Mrs. Grant and her little daughter, who are reduced to the direst poverty owing to the dishonesty of Gried. When matters look at their worst for the mother and child, a number of Little Nell's school companions give a surprise party in her honor, and make her many presents. At this opportune time Mr. Grant returns, and just as the children are in the midst of their fun and happiness, Gried comes on the scene, and insists on Mrs. Grant paying him certain amounts. Mr. Grant, who concealed himself on Gried's arrival, now comes forward, and calls upon the dishonest trustee for an explanation.

HIS LORDSHIP BISHOP CLEARY

(By telegraph, from our Auckland correspondent.)

June 22.

His Lordship Bishop Cleary has communicated with the Right Rev. Mgr. Brodie, V.G., by letter, just received. Monsignor Brodie is issuing a circular to the clergy of the diocese asking the prayers of the faithful for the Bishop's speedy recovery. There is no cause for immediate uneasiness, but the rest and change have thus far not produced the good results anticipated, and it has become necessary for his Lordship to go into a private hospital for further treatment.

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