

Club last Friday evening, when the members entertained their lady friends at a social evening. The first part of the programme consisted of a euchre tournament. The lucky winners being Miss A. Martin and Mr. M. Meehan. Refreshments supplied by the ladies were then handed round. After supper a short musical programme was gone through, the following contributing items:—Songs, Misses A. and L. Magee, M. McMahon, L. Barry, and Messrs. J. R. Rowe, and C. Moriarty. The president (Mr. J. H. Rowe), on behalf of the club, thanked all for their attendance, and hoped to see them all again at another such evening in the near future. The singing of the National Anthem brought a very enjoyable evening to a close. The thanks of the club are due to all who contributed items, to the ladies for providing refreshments, and to Miss Amy Gilligan, who acted as accompanist during the evening.

OBITUARY

MR. JAMES DOHERTY, LINCOLN.

(From a correspondent.)

It is with feelings of sincere regret that I have to report the death at his residence, Lincoln, on July 1, at the age of sixty-eight years, of Mr. James Doherty, one of the oldest residents of the district. The late Mr. Doherty was born in Omagh, County Tyrone, in 1847. He arrived in New Zealand in 1874, and shortly afterwards settled in Lincoln, where he spent the remainder of his life, being in the employ of the Railway Department until three years ago, when he retired from the service. He took a keen interest in Church matters, as well as in the public affairs of the district, being chairman of the public school committee for upwards of twenty years, and a prominent figure as chairman at all public meetings in Lincoln. The deceased, who had been ill for some months, was attended in his last illness by Rev. Father Bridgewood, M.S.H., from whom he received the last rites of the Church. The funeral, which took place on July 3, was largely attended, the members of the New Headford branch of the H.A.C.B. & Co., of which deceased was an active member, being present in mourning regalia. Rev. Father Bridgewood celebrated a Requiem Mass, and also officiated at the graveside. Mr. Doherty leaves a widow, two daughters, and one son, with whom deep sympathy is felt in the loss of a good husband and kind father. R.I.P.

MR. MICHAEL FRANCIS GAFFANEY,
AROWHENUA.

The many friends of Mr. Michael Francis Gaffaney will bear with regret of his demise, which took place at his residence, Bruce St., Arowhenua, on Sunday week. About a week ago the late Mr. Gaffaney contracted a cold, which appeared trifling at the time, and called for little attention; but complications developed, and on Wednesday, when medical assistance was summoned, he was found to be suffering from pneumonia. On Saturday it became generally known that his condition was serious, and he gradually grew worse, passing away on Sunday, as previously stated. The deceased was the second son of the late Mr. Michael Gaffaney, of Arowhenua, and was one of a large family. He was of a sociable disposition, and had a very wide circle of friends. He took a keen interest in all forms of sport, and gave willing assistance to any deserving public or charitable object. His lovable traits were widely appreciated throughout South Canterbury, and he will be sincerely missed. Much sympathy, too, will be felt for the deceased's wife and four children in the sad bereavement, that has deprived them of a husband and father at his comparatively early age of 40 years. A Requiem Mass for the repose of his soul was celebrated at 9.30 on Thursday morning by Rev. Father Kerley, S.M. The funeral took place immediately afterwards, and was a very large one. The members of the Hibernian Society (of which deceased was a member) marched ahead of the hearse, and six members acted as pall-bearers. The Geraldine branch was also well represented. R.I.P.

COMMERCIAL

Messrs. Stronach, Morris, and Co., Ltd., report for week ended Tuesday, July 13, 1915, as follows:—Rabbitskins.—Our next sale will be held on Monday, 19th inst. Sheepskins.—Our next sale will be held on Tuesday, 20th inst. Hides.—Our next sale will be held on Thursday, 16th inst. Oats.—The market is quiet, there being very little inquiry except for prime heavy lines for seed. Quotations: Prime milling, 4s 2d to 4s 3d; good to best feed, 4s to 4s 1d; inferior and damaged, 3s 8d to 3s 11d per bushel (sacks extra). Wheat.—Millers are not keen to operate and consequently the market is quiet. Values nominally are as follow: Prime milling velvet, to 7s; Tuscan and red wheats, 6s 8d to 6s 10d per bushel (sacks extra). Chaff.—Consignments have been coming to hand more freely during the past week, and any lines of prime oaten sheaf meet with a good demand at quotations. Inferior, however, is not so keenly sought after. Best oaten sheaf, £7 5s to £7 10s; medium to good, £6 15s to £7 2s 6d per ton (sacks extra). Potatoes.—There is a fair demand for prime tables at quotations. Inferior samples, however, are dull of sale. Best tables, £6 10s to £7; medium to good, £5 10s to £6 5s per ton (sacks in).

Te Awamutu

(By telegraph, by our own correspondent.)

July 13.

At a meeting of the Pirongia congregation last Sunday, for the purpose of liquidating the debt of £150 on the church, much enthusiasm was displayed. Mr. Krippner was among the first with a subscription of £20. Mr. Rise soon followed with an equal amount, and in a short time the sum of £84 was subscribed. This was a very generous subscription considering the whole congregation does not exceed eighteen families, and this being their fourth subscription in less than four years, each being as generous as the present one. Rev. Father Lynch congratulated the parishioners on their liberality, which was very evident by the generous manner in which they had responded to his appeal. Mr. W. McCarthy made a very efficient secretary.

Opunake

(From our own correspondent.)

The local branch of the Hibernian Society held a meeting last Tuesday. The president (Mr. J. M. Deegan) was in the chair. Two new members were received. It was decided that some of the members go to Pungarehu to get the men in that end of the parish to join the branch. Several of the members went to Mania to attend the annual Hibernian social, which was in aid of the wounded soldiers' fund, and which proved a great success.

Winton

(From a correspondent.)

The parishioners of Winton, Centre Bush, and Dipton, have taken in hand the building of a presbytery. Mr. Ryan, of Oreti, and Mr. Jas. Tobin, in canvassing the district, have met with much encouragement in this good work, between £600 and £700 being already subscribed.

The socials held by the Catholic Federation during the winter have so far been well attended. It is proposed to hold the next on Thursday, July 29, the proceeds to go to the Sisters of Mercy. The committee expect a record attendance.

Mr. David Jenkins, of Winton, has received the sad news of the death, in action at the Dardanelles, on May 2, of his two sons—Sergeant Sydney and Private Cecil Jenkins. The former was 23, and the latter 21 years of age. Both these lads were a splendid type of the young colonial soldier. The greatest sympathy is felt for their bereaved father.