

on Wednesday last, the winners being Mr. D. Falvey and Miss O'Keefe.

Mrs. Ann Murphy, an old Napier resident, died at the Napier Hospital on Sunday last, at the age of 80 years. Her remains were interred at the Napier Cemetery, Father Dowling officiating at the graveside.—R.I.P.

The Catholic social held at Scinde Hall, Napier, on Friday, July 11, in aid of the bazaar, was attended with great success, there being 120 couples present. Messrs. R. Walsh and Toner were the efficient M.C.'s, and did much in providing the enjoyment of the occasion. Miss Cox's orchestra supplied the music, and extras were contributed by Misses Eales, Bullivant, and Storkey. A dainty supper was dispensed by the ladies of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

The annual reunion of the Marist Brothers' Old Boys' Football Club, which was held in Scinde Hall on the 17th inst., was attended with great success, there being a very large gathering. The dance music was supplied by Miss Scott, while Messrs. D. Walsh, G. Collins, and G. O'Connor were M.C.'s. A dainty supper was dispensed by a ladies' committee, while the general arrangements were capably carried out by the joint secretaries, Messrs. F. O'Keefe and J. Vaughan.

The late Mr. (Alderman) L. J. O'Hara, who died recently at Paddington, Sydney, only three weeks after being elected M.L.A. for Paddington, was well known in Hawke's Bay, having been born at Taradale. He received his early education at the Meeanee Convent School. Deceased, who was for some years a prominent member of the Paddington Municipal Council, and of the Labor Party, was elected on May 24 last, at the Parliamentary by-election, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Osborn (to whom he had acted as campaign secretary). He was elected by a majority of 1618 over the next candidate. In political circles, among members of the opposing sides of the Legislative Assembly alike, deep regret was expressed that death had robbed the member-elect for Paddington of his victory. Ministers freely expressed regret, all party feeling being forgotten. Deceased had been in regular attendance at the current sittings of the State Labor Conference up to within a few days of his death. He had been associated with the Labor movement from his earliest years, was for several years president of the Paddington Labor League, for the past five years was secretary of the East Sydney Federal Labor Council, and had latterly been chairman of the A.L.P. Disputes Committee. His mortal remains were interred at the Waverley Cemetery, Father Grealy, O.F.M., officiating at the graveside. There was a large attendance at the funeral, including 200 representatives of Labor Leagues, members of the Labor Conference, employees of the Paddington Municipal Council, representatives of the State Government, Premier's Department, Federal Parliament, members of the Legislative Assembly, Police Department, Public Works and other Government Departments, and many other prominent citizens. The Mayor and councillors were the pall-bearers. The deceased's parents reside at Paddington, and he was a nephew of Mrs. J. Jeffares, of Taradale, Hawke's Bay.

Gisborne

(From our own correspondent.)

July 8.

On Sunday, June 29, the parish of Gisborne was solemnly consecrated to the Sacred Heart. Very many of the parishioners approached the Holy Table at the 7 o'clock Mass. Father Lane was again celebrant of the 10 o'clock Mass (Missa Cantata), when St. Mary's Choir, conducted by Mr. John Vita, rendered Turner's "Mass of St. Cecilia." There was Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament during the afternoon, and procession after the evening devotions. The impressive ceremony of consecration to the Sacred Heart took place prior to Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

A Mass in thanksgiving for the signing of the Peace Treaty was celebrated at St. Mary's Church on Sunday, July 6. There was a numerous congregation at both the first and second Masses. The choir sang Van Bree's Mass, and a hymn for peace which was repeated at the evening devotions. A sermon appropriate of the occasion was preached by Father Lane in the evening, and was followed by a procession and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

July 21.

Good progress is being made preparatory to the Grand Victory Fair, which opens in the Coliseum on August 9. A friendly rivalry exists between the supporters of the different queen candidates.

The Cathedral Confraternity of Diocesan Ladies of Charity, following on a most successful social in aid of their queen candidate (Miss Daphne Holmes), held recently in the Hibernian Hall, were fortunate with a jumble sale which realised about £70, Mr. G. Hayward being chiefly responsible for this fine result.

The Cathedral Parish Committee of the Catholic Federation for the ensuing year consists of the following: President, Very Rev. Dr. Kennedy, Adm.; vice-presidents, Messrs. J. R. Hayward and T. Cahill; secretary, Mr. M. Kennedy; treasurer, Mr. T. Cahill; representatives on the Diocesan Council, Messrs. T. Cahill and J. R. Hayward. The enrolment of members continues energetically at the Cathedral and St. Mary's Church.

The Celtic Club's annual reunion, which took place on Thursday evening last in the Hibernian Hall, was well attended and proved most enjoyable. Father Fogarty complimented the club on its rapid progress, and the fine spirit existing amongst members. During the evening songs were contributed by Misses E. Rodgers, E. Taylor, and S. Greenlees. Mrs. Baxter supplied the music during the evening, and the supper arrangements were under the capable management of Miss Paton.

The Sacred Heart Schoolroom, Addington, was crowded on Saturday evening, July 12, when the Christchurch Celtic Club played "Uncle Pat" and "Nabochish" in aid of the school funds, and, as on previous occasions when they were produced by the club members, both comedies were excellently staged and greatly enjoyed. The overtures were played by Miss E. Behrens and Mr. W. Mitchell (piano) and Mr. M. Mannix (flute). At an interval Miss S. Greenlees and Mr. P. Greenlees gave vocal solos very acceptably. Father Long thanked the club for its assistance, and complimented the performers on the success of their efforts to entertain. The arrangements made by the committee, consisting of Mrs. O'Rourke, Miss Sloan, Messrs. W. Nidd, P. Considine, H. Brosnahan, E. O'Rourke, J. Morrison, and J. McNamara, were much appreciated.

AMERICAN SENTIMENT.

In a letter to his Grace the Archbishop of Melbourne (states the *Tribune*), Justice Cohalan, of New York, says:—"Recent events have resulted in making very clear to the world the racial solidarity of those of Irish blood throughout the world, and to strengthen that solidarity, in the interest of liberty, is one of the aims and hopes of the men and women of Irish blood here in America. They feel that such solidarity would enable the race to stand always as a unit for justice and liberty throughout the world, and that one of the first results of it would be to greatly strengthen the hands of the people of Ireland in obtaining international recognition of the government which they have chosen."

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