

Foxton

(From our travelling correspondent.)

The Rev. Father Kelly, parish priest of Foxton, which includes Shannon, was agreeably surprised by the people of that part of the district last week, when they presented him with a horse and buggy as a mark of the esteem in which they hold him. Speaking of the presentation, the *Levin Chronicle* writes:—Father Kelly is of that type of the Irish Catholic clergy that once caused even the late Dr. Stuart (the once popular Presbyterian minister of Dunedin) to say 'They are a noble body of men.' The Rev. Doctor, who was himself a noble-minded man, could admire the self-sacrifice of the Irish clergy, who without exception sided with the poor and oppressed, and incidentally were kept in dire straits of poverty and often brought upon themselves persecution. There is no instance on record of one of these priests deserting his post; no financial or social reward could ever win them away from the side of their oppressed people. Father Kelly is such a type. There is no wonder that the Irish people show such veneration for their priests.

Otahuhu

(From an occasional correspondent.)

A concert in aid of the Catholic church fund was held in the Public Hall on Thursday night. Songs were contributed by Misses Searle and Martin, Messrs. Lonergan, Gillies, Coe, Martin, and Byrne, and recitations by Messrs. Martin and O'Connell. Mrs. Fraser and Mr. Hawthorne played the accompaniments.

There passed away on Friday night, March 17, at the age of sixty-five years, after a long and painful illness, one of the most highly respected Catholic residents of Otahuhu, in the person of Mr. Timothy Curran O'Connell. The late Mr. O'Connell was a native of Barrow, County Kerry, and came to New Zealand thirty-two years ago. He was married in July, 1889, at St. Mary's, Christchurch, and after residing in that city for some time he went to the West Coast goldfields, finally settling in Otahuhu sixteen years ago. He leaves a widow, six sons and a daughter to mourn their loss, to whom the sympathy of the people of the district is extended. Always a devoted and practical Catholic, he died fortified by the rites of the Church. The funeral cortege was one of the largest seen in the district. Rev. Father Buckley, who officiated at the church, addressing the very large congregation, referred to the many virtues of the deceased. As a father, he showed good example, and brought up his children in the love and fear of God, and was resigned to die, knowing that his children were a credit to the town and to the Catholic faith. Rev. Father Buckley again officiated at the graveside.—R.I.P.

Hokitika

(From our own correspondent.)

The annual meeting of the Catholic Club was held in the club rooms, the president, Mr. N. Warren, presiding over a good attendance of members. The annual report and balance sheet were read and confirmed, and showed the club to be in a very sound position, considering that it is only the second year of its operations. At the beginning of the year the club was in debt to the extent of about £90, and it has now reduced its indebtedness to £13, while the expenditure during the year totalled £122, the receipts amounting to £108. The election of officers resulted as follows:—Patron, Rev. Father Clancy; president, Mr. B. Cox; vice-president, Mr. C. Ward; secretary, Mr. T. Green; treasurer, Mr. G. Dee; librarian, Mr. N. Warren; committee, Messrs. J. Downey, J. Haunrahan, W. O'Donnell, L. Dwan, A. McCarthy, G. Wormington, J. Cahill, and L. Kirwan. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the outgoing officers for their services during the past year, and also the Rev. Father Clancy for his very able assistance. Mr. Warren (ex-president), in acknowledging the vote of thanks, expressed regret at his inability to continue taking an active part in the management of the club, but wished the new officers every success in the discharge of their duties. A very enthusiastic meeting was then brought to a close with a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman.

The annual grand Irish national concert was held in the Princess Theatre on Thursday evening, March 16, and proved a decided success. Much credit is due to Rev. Father Clancy and also to the secretary, Mr. Jas. Downey, for the splendid programme submitted, which was undoubtedly one of the best placed before a Hokitika audience for many years. The financial result of the concert was very satisfactory, the proceeds being devoted to the upkeep of the schools.

Nothing grieves the careful housewife more than to see her good furniture mismanaged by careless carriers. If you have to shift, be wise and get a reliable firm like the NEW ZEALAND EXPRESS COMPANY to remove your things. They are very careful, and charge reasonably too. Their address is Bond street....

Domestic

By MAUREEN

A Labor Saver.

Cover the kitchen table with zinc and it will save you a great deal of labor. It is easily cleaned, and saucepans may be put on it, vegetables, etc., cut upon it without injuring it. The zinc costs little, and will last practically a lifetime.

For Rattling Windows.

It is a great source of annoyance to hear windows rattling all over the house, and it is often the means of keeping light sleepers awake for hours. To prevent this an effective and inexpensive window wedge may be easily made by splitting a wooden clothes-peg into halves. The pointed end is inserted between the window frames, and stops all rattling of badly fitted windows.

Nut Salad.

Cut a small cup of shelled nuts rather roughly, wash well two tender lettuces, and pull them into small pieces. Drain and dry these without bruising the leaves, lay them lightly in a glass dish, sprinkling in the chopped nuts, and pour over them the following dressing: Slightly whip about four or five tablespoonfuls of cream, season it with pepper, salt, and an egg-spoonful of tarragon vinegar. Grate a piece of cheese, and hand it with the salad at luncheon.

An Old Recipe for a Cold.

Many people have great faith in onions as a remedy for colds, and the following old-fashioned one is said to be very effective:—Take two large Spanish onions, peel, and boil until soft, then chop finely, put into a basin with pepper, salt, and about $\frac{1}{2}$ ounce of butter, then pour over $\frac{1}{2}$ pint of boiling milk. Take for two or three nights before bedtime.

A Recipe for Chutney.

Two pounds of apples (peeled and cored), 2 pounds of tomatoes, 1 pound raisins (stoned), 14 ounces sugar, 2 ounces garlic (skinned), 2 ounces onions, 3 ounces mustard-seed (washed in vinegar and dried), $\frac{1}{2}$ ounce dried chillies, 3 ounces salt, $1\frac{1}{2}$ pints vinegar. Boil the apples and tomatoes in a pint of vinegar and chop all the other ingredients very fine. When the apples and tomatoes are boiled, pass them through a colander to remove the skins, and add other ingredients and remainder of the vinegar, stirring well together. Bottle and keep airtight.

The Delicate Child.

Don't overburden the delicate child with too many clothes, but have these worn made of all-wool materials, warm, yet light. There is nothing better than woollen goods next the skin. A woven woollen belt or binder will save a child from many a chill. In this changeable climate it is most necessary to keep a child's stomach well protected from sudden changes of temperature. Be very careful with regard to the feet and legs. Stockings, not socks, should be worn out of doors in winter as soon as the child is of walking age. Boots with light uppers, but strong soles, are best for children. Too heavy boots tire unnecessarily. Don't coddle by wrapping up the throat with mufflers, or forbidding a child to go out in rain or snow. If it is properly clad, and not permitted to remain in wet things, the weather will not harm it, provided the child is not suffering from cough or cold.

The delicate child needs plenty of fresh air, even more than the stronger one; let it sleep out of doors, warmly wrapped up in its 'pram,' when tiny, and be out as much as possible when it grows older. A delicate child is often excessively quick with its brain. See that this is not overtaxed. Rather keep it back from having regular lessons, than push its education in any way. A properly graduated course of physical exercises, gone through in a well-ventilated room, is a great assistance on the road to health. Be careful to first get the doctor to prescribe the amount and kind of exercise suitable for the child, otherwise more harm than good may be the result.

Plain food, plainly cooked, is the only diet possible for building up the health of the little one. No 'made' dishes, no sauces nor high seasoning should be given to children. Roast and boiled meats, suet or milk puddings, with stewed fruits, and oatmeal should be their staple foods.

The fragile child should always be made to rest quietly both before and after meals. Such a regime greatly aids digestion. Hot baths should not be given to children. Tepid water is best, while for those who are 'chesty' cold sponging of chest, back, and shoulders, followed by brisk rubbing with a rough towel, will be found very strengthening. A little sea-salt added to the water will prove still more beneficial; it can be obtained from any chemist. A delicate child should never be put into an entirely cold bath. The shock to the system is too great, and the circulation of the blood is generally too poor to give the proper after reaction and glow, therefore chill ensues.

Maureen

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Forgotten that SYMINGTON'S COFFEE ESSENCE! Whatever shall I do? Call at the nearest store and ask. They all keep it.