

Mrs. Eliza Hyland, who had lived in Wellington for nearly half a century, died this morning at the residence of her eldest son (Mr. John Hyland), in Upper Cuba street, aged 84. Deceased was born at Maryborough, Queen's County, Ireland, and came out to Wellington with her husband, who belonged to the 14th Regiment, in 1860, landing here on Christmas Eve. She accompanied Mr. Hyland when his regiment went to Auckland, and from thence to Wanganui, and back to Wellington, and she resided here from that time until her death. For the past four years she had been in failing health. Her husband predeceased her by 37 years. Mrs. Hyland has left two sons (Mr. John Hyland, of the Agricultural Department, and Mr. Michael Hyland, of Auckland, formerly a crack footballer in Wellington) and two daughters (Mrs. T. H. Brown, of Courtenay place, and Mrs. W. Hanlon, of the Wanganui district), about 25 grandchildren, and several great-grandchildren.—R.I.P.

Hastings

Special ceremonies were held in the Sacred Heart Church, Hastings, on Sunday, May 25. At the early Mass (says the *Hawke's Bay Tribune*) some fifty boys and girls from the convent schools made their First Communion. Very Rev. Father Keogh was celebrant of the Mass, and over five hundred members of the congregation also approached the Holy Table. After Mass the first communicants were entertained at breakfast by the Sisters of St. Joseph. At the second Mass, which was celebrated by Rev. Dr. Martin, of Meance, Father Keogh delivered an address to the children, in which he impressed on them the importance of the occasion, and pointed to the blessings which followed the worthy and frequent reception of the Blessed Eucharist.

The feast of Corpus Christi was observed with befitting ceremonies in the afternoon, when there was a procession of the Blessed Sacrament in which the various parish societies and sodalities took part. It was headed by the cross-bearer, then came the altar boys, Children of Mary, Hibernian Society, the children who made their First Communion, school boys, school girls, the Red Guard, Sacred Heart Choir, flower girls, acolytes, the Blessed Sacrament borne by Rev. Dr. Martin, torch-bearers, Sisters of St. Joseph, and the members of the congregation. The procession started from the Sacred Heart Church and wended its way via Heretaunga street, Willow Park road and Eastbourne street to the rear of the boys' school, where a temporary altar had been erected, and where Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament was given, after which the cortege filed its way back to Eastbourne street and returned to the church by way of Hastings street and Heretaunga street. The ceremonies concluded with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament in the church in the presence of a crowded congregation. About 3000 people walked in the procession, which, favored with beautiful weather, presented a very imposing sight.

Masterton

(From our own correspondent.)

May 30.

The Children of Mary held a very successful euchre party in St. Patrick's School last Thursday. Prizes were won by Misses Bourke and Menzies, and Messrs Rosoka and Killiher.

The usual meeting of the Hibernian Society was held on Tuesday evening. It was decided to hold the annual social in the Drill Hall on Thursday, June 12. As this is the twenty-fifth year of the branch in Masterton it is intended to leave no stone unturned to insure the social being a record one.

A large gathering of Tenui settlers was present at the Town Hall, Tenui, on Friday night, to make a presentation to Constable Collerton on his retiring from the service. Mr. Hugh Morrison, in making the pre-

sentation of a purse containing a cheque for a very substantial amount, said that on behalf of the settlers he wished to thank Mr. Collerton for keeping order in the district. One quality which everybody admired in a man is courage, and Mr. Collerton possessed that great quality, which made him respected by all. Father Hartnett, too, also spoke of the fine qualities possessed by the guest of the evening, 'but above all his rare qualities,' said the speaker, 'Mr. Collerton's outstanding virtue was that of hospitality.' On behalf of the Catholic portion of the community he made a presentation of a nicely polished Irish blackthorn walking stick.

Napier

(From our own correspondent.)

May 28.

News has been received by Mr. J. Higgins that his son, Mr. T. C. Higgins, has passed the first section of his medical course at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London. Mr. Higgins, jun., was educated at St. Ignatius' College, Riverview, Sydney.

On Tuesday, May 27, the local Choral Society held its first concert in the new Municipal Theatre. The principal vocal soloist was Mrs. Arthur Mead, of Christchurch, who is well known in musical circles throughout the Dominion.

During the week the usual theological conference of the Marist Fathers of the district took place at Waipawa, Very Rev. Dean Smyth, of St. Mary's Seminary, presiding. The members of the conference were the guests of Rev. Father Bergin, Waipawa.

On Sunday afternoon the Triduum in honor of the Blessed Sacrament was brought to a close by a procession through one of the streets adjoining St. Patrick's, and around the church grounds. The procession, which was composed of the parish sodalities and a large body of parishioners, was a fine manifestation of faith.

DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

(By telegraph, from our own correspondent.)

June 2.

Rev. Father O'Malley addressed the Holy Family confraternity last week, and Rev. Father Creagh, C.S.S.R., will do so this week.

There was Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at the Cathedral from the 11 o'clock Mass yesterday until after Vespers. In the evening there was the usual procession, when his Lordship the Bishop bore the Blessed Sacrament.

In conversation with Bishop Cleary, who returned yesterday morning from his southern tour, he explained that his escape from a serious injury at Aramoho Station was miraculous. He was in the carriage reading his Office, and he had just thrown back his head, when the bullet grazed his forehead, drawing a little blood. Had his Lordship not thrown back his head at that particular moment the bullet would have entered at the temple.

The destruction of the Orphanage by fire last week is arousing public sympathy and interest, and on next Friday night a public meeting will be held in the Chamber of Commerce room, when the Deputy-Mayor will preside. Several Members of Parliament, the chairman of the Harbor Board, his Lordship Bishop Cleary, and several prominent citizens will address the meeting. It is hoped a hearty response will be made to the appeal for so deserving an object. His Lordship the Bishop spoke earnestly on the subject at the Cathedral last night.

A special appeal was made at the Masses in the city churches yesterday on behalf of the orphans. Mothers were asked to forward any clothes available for the little ones, whose garments were destroyed in the fire. The Bishop's appeal was most pathetic. He

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