

of Waitohi) and four daughters, came to the Dominion over forty years ago. The deceased was born in County Tipperary in 1836. He landed at Melbourne in 1860, and crossing the Tasman Sea in the early days of the Otago diggings, visited the mining centres of the South Island. After revisiting Victoria, Mr. Hally returned to New Zealand, and in 1867 purchased a farm at Waitohi, where he remained up to two years ago, when he came to live at Temuka. He was very highly respected, and his death, at the ripe age of 77 years, will cause widespread regret. A Requiem Mass for the repose of his soul was celebrated this morning. The funeral took place immediately afterwards, and was attended by a very large number of people.—R.I.P.

DIocese OF AUCKLAND

(By telegraph, from our own correspondent.)

August 11.

Rev. Father Skinner, of Waiuku, addressed the meeting of the Holy Family confraternity last week and gave an interesting account of the spiritual and temporal progress of his parish. One of the Redemptorist Fathers will, in a few months' time, conduct a short mission for the members of the confraternity.

Work is going on at present in enlarging the Sacred Heart Church, Ponsonby. The population of the parish has increased so much of late that the work of enlarging the parish church has become an absolute necessity.

A new branch of the Hibernian Society will shortly be opened at Te Awamutu, where the parish priest, Rev. Father Lynch, has the matter in hand. This will make the fifth branch opened during the present year in the Auckland province.

His Lordship Bishop Cleary and the Right Rev. Mgr. Brodie intend being present at the consecration of the Most Rev. Dr. O'Shea, S.M., at Wellington on next Sunday. The district executive of the Hibernian Society will present an address from the society to the new Archbishop, and one of the executive officers, possibly Bro. Flynn (district president), will go down for the occasion. His Lordship Bishop Cleary leaves next Thursday via New Plymouth, and Monsignor Brodie goes by the express train on Friday.

The Very Rev. Father Ryan, S.J., arrived here on Sunday morning from Sydney, and in the evening at the Cathedral preached a fine sermon on the value of time. From wide experience and observations in his travels the learned Jesuit gave many illustrations of how all classes of society abused God's great gift of time. Father Ryan, who is at present the guest of the clergy at the Cathedral presbytery, leaves in a few days for Wellington for the purpose of being present at the consecration of the Most Rev. Dr. O'Shea, S.M., as Co-adjutor to his Grace Archbishop Redwood.

August 12.

An interesting lecture on 'Lourdes' was given in St. Benedict's Hall by Rev. Father Forde on Monday

evening before a large attendance. The rev. lecturer dealt with the history of Lourdes, gave an account of the many miracles that had been wrought there, and explained how some of them had baffled medical science. The lecture was illustrated by a number of excellent lantern slides, and was followed with the keenest interest. Musical items were rendered by Mesdames Hansen and Bourke, Miss Lorrigan, and Messrs. J. H. Egan and F. Bourke. Miss Armiger was accompanist, and Miss Lowry gave a number of pianoforte selections. At the conclusion of the proceedings, a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the rev. lecturer.

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SACRED HEART CONFERENCE

The third annual meeting of the Sacred Heart Conference was held in the Sacred Heart School, North-East Valley, on Tuesday evening of last week. Rev. Father Buckley (spiritual director), who presided, congratulated the members on the excellent work done during the past year. The following was the annual report presented by the secretary, Mrs. A. Rossbotham: Twenty meetings have been held during the year, with an average attendance of eight members, this being a slight decrease on the previous year. The following is a summary of the year's work:—The cases relieved numbered 141; there were 18 orders for coal, nine for groceries, and five for slippers and boots; 37 new garments, 68 second-hand garments, and 10 yards of material were given out. Parcels of second-hand clothing received, 8; visits made to the sick and poor, 70. We desire to thank the many honorary members and friends who sent us donations and material and otherwise assisted us.

Balance Sheet.

Receipts.

To balance from 1912	...	...	£ 6	4	6
„ Subscriptions	...	...	15	5	6
„ Church door collection	...	...	10	0	0
			£31	10	0

Expenditure.

By drapery, etc.	...	...	£ 4	6	11
„ Coal	...	...	4	3	6
„ Groceries	...	...	2	5	0
„ Order books	...	...	1	0	0
„ Gas	...	...	1	0	0
„ Boots	...	...	0	15	0
„ Sundries	...	...	0	9	4
„ Balance in bank	...	...	17	10	3
			£31	10	0

The following are the office-bearers for the current year:—President, Mrs. Hungerford; vice-president, Mrs. J. J. Connor; secretary, Mrs. Rossbotham.

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