

The prizes for the quarterly examination, presented by the Rev. Dr. Kennedy, were won by Eugenie Cul-loty, Julia Keane, Basil Müller, and James Keane.

In Rakaia nothing is now spoken of but the bazaar. Everything augurs well for its success. The art union, which it was originally proposed to have drawn on the closing night of the bazaar, has been postponed, and it is finally decided to fix the date for November 28. The pictures will be on exhibition during the bazaar.

On Friday, August 22, a most successful social was held in the Oddfellows' Hall. Songs were contributed by Miss W. Brick and Miss Hardy, and instrumental items by Miss Hardy and Miss Heavysides. The school girls gave a comic song, 'The big hat parade,' and the boys amused the audience by their rendering of the 'Dispensary doctor,' the 'Laughing chorus,' and a coon song. A progressive euchre tournament occupied the latter part of the evening, and was much enjoyed by all present.

Temuka

(From our own correspondent.)

His Grace Archbishop O'Shea arrived in Temuka on Friday last, and left the following day for Waimate.

Rev. Father Herring, who recently joined the Marist Missionaries, is expected to arrive in Temuka this week.

I regret to have to record the death of Mrs. Sullivan, which occurred in the early part of the week. The funeral took place on Wednesday, and was very largely attended.—R.I.P.

On Saturday last, the death occurred of Mrs. Barry at the age of 67 years. The deceased leaves a family of four sons—Messrs. John, William, and Michael Barry, of Ma Waro, and Mr. Joseph Barry, of Clandeboys,—and one daughter, Miss M. Barry, of Temuka to mourn their loss.—R.I.P.

Wrey's Bush

(From an occasional correspondent.)

A movement is on foot to promote a bazaar for the purpose of liquidating the parish debt. At a representative meeting of the ladies of the parish, over which the Very Rev. Father Lynch presided, it was decided to hold the projected carnival during December.

A very pleasing ceremony took place in the Wrey's Bush public hall on Monday evening, August 25, when the members of St. Patrick's Catholic Club entertained Mr. and Mrs. James F. Egan at a complimentary social. The president, Very Rev. Father Lynch, in making the presentation, which consisted of a beautiful writing desk, to Mr. Egan, and a handsome clock to Mrs. Egan, referred in eulogistic terms to Mr. Egan's connection with the club, the many good works performed by him for its advancement, and concluded by wishing Mr. Egan and Mrs. Egan long life and happiness. Several other speakers endorsed the remarks of Father Lynch, and wished Mr. and Mrs. Egan every happiness. Mr. Egan, on behalf of his wife and himself, thanked the members for the valuable presents, and congratulated them on the prosperous condition of the club. During the evening musical items were contributed by Mrs. J. Egan, Messrs. Cusack (2), and Egan (2). The accompaniments were played by Mr. William Egan.

Gore

The carnival in the Town Hall in aid of the building fund of the Gore Catholic church is being liberally patronised. The tug-of-war is attracting great attention. The Miners beat Hibernians rather easily, only two pulls being necessary. Albion beat Pioneer, the first pull being won fairly easily, while after a strenuous pull the second time Albion were victorious by a small

margin. Mr. R. F. Wallis acted as judge, and Mr. R. L. Christie as starter and timekeeper.

A very enjoyable function took place on August 29, when Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Ford, of Canning street, Gore, celebrated their golden wedding at their residence in the presence of a large gathering of friends, Very Rev. Father O'Donnell presiding. Mr. Ford and his wife (then Miss Ellen Crowe) came from County Galway, Ireland, to New Zealand by the same ship, arriving at Port Chalmers on March 17, 1861. Shortly after his arrival, the Gabriel's Gully Rush broke out, and Mr. Ford made the first 'long tom' which was used for the first wash-up of gold. Owing to a disastrous flood Mr. Ford left the gully and went to Dunedin, where he was married to Miss Crowe on August 29, 1863. The couple went to Groper's Bush and took up land, where they stayed for 10 years, but subsequently removed to Chatton, where they remained for 36 years, retiring a few years ago and taking up their residence at Gore. Eleven children were born of the marriage, and the grandchildren number 39. Among a host of useful and costly presents received was a purse of sovereigns, testifying to the esteem in which Mr. and Mrs. Ford are held by their many friends. The following toast list was enthusiastically honored:—'The King'; 'The bride and bridegroom,' proposed by Very Rev. Father O'Donnell and responded to by Messrs. P. Ford, sen., and Martin Ford, jun., Mr. Carr also speaking to the toast; 'The visitors,' proposed by Mr. P. Ford, jun. (Waikaia), and responded to by Dr. McIlroy and Mr. H. Adams; 'The Ford family,' proposed by Mr. Harley and responded to by Mr. M. O'Neill and members of the family; 'The grandchildren,' proposed by Mr. M. Carmody and responded to by Mr. P. Ford, jun. (Gore); and 'The chairman,' proposed by Dr. McIlroy.

DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

(From our own correspondent.)

September 1.

Forty-five summonses have been issued by the Auckland City Council against ladies for wearing unprotected hatpins in tram cars.

Rev. Fathers O'Meehan and Carr, who arrived in the Dominion a week ago, left on Saturday for Vancouver en route to Ireland. They spent a week at Rotorua.

Rev. Father Holbrook, writing from Ireland about the middle of July, said he was spending a most enjoyable holiday in the Old Land. At the time of writing, he was in far-famed Killarney.

While in Auckland the Catholic members of the Australian amateur Rugby team were entertained at the clubrooms by the Marist Brothers' Old Boys. A most enjoyable evening was spent.

Rev. Father Forde and the committee of St. Benedict's bazaar are most unflagging in their zeal. To-night and to-morrow night special Irish pictures are being shown at West's Royal Albert Hall, the proceeds of which go to the bazaar fund.

In conversation with some of the members of the British Parliamentary Party here last week, I was assured of the speedy realisation of Home Rule. I asked what was thought at Home of Sir Edward Carson's exploits, and the reply came instantly, 'He is in the last ditch.'

Through an oversight, the name of Miss Susie Martin was omitted from the long list published in last week's *Tablet* of successful pupils prepared by the Sisters of Mercy for the recent practical music examination in connection with Trinity College, London. Miss Martin was taught at St. Patrick's Convent, and passed with credit.

A very impressive ceremony took place at the Cathedral on Tuesday evening, at the weekly meeting of the Holy Family confraternity, when thirty new members were received. The Right Rev. Mgr. Brodie addressed the men, taking as his text the words, 'Young

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