

Hamilton

(From an occasional correspondent.)

August 22.

Mr. Leo. Revell has left the district to join the police force. He was a prominent singer in the choir, and his absence has already had a very appreciable effect.

The addition to the convent, in the shape of a large room, has now been completed. This room was very badly required, as there are now, I understand, over 200 children attending the school.

The Very Rev. Dean Darby has taken a much-needed holiday, the first, I understand, during the last fourteen years; and is spending a fortnight in Wellington. The Rev. Father Murphy, of Cambridge, is in charge of the parish in his absence.

Last Sunday, which was the Communion Sunday of the St. Mary's Young Men's Club, over 100 persons approached the Holy Table. The regularity with which the young men go to their duties shows clearly the good resulting from the club, which has been in existence for less than twelve months.

Very Rev. Dean Darby has now decided that the Young Men's Club will have to pay rent for the old church which is being used as a clubroom. When the Dean came to this decision, he promised to return all the money he had received from the club for the building of the new room to the convent. Although the members had given this money under the impression that they were to have their clubroom rent free, as promised by the Dean at the inauguration of the club, they very generously refused to take any of the money back.

Last Monday evening the members of St. Mary's Young Men's Club met to farewell one of their club-mates, Mr. Charles Tong, who has left to take up a position in the Railway Department at Auckland. The members of the junior football team, of which Mr. Tong was a prominent member, presented him with a travelling bag. Mr. Tong has taken a very active part in the club, and also in football, and his departure will be much felt. It will be very hard to find a half-back to fill his position in the junior team as creditably as he has done.

At the last meeting of St. Mary's Catholic Young Men's Club the programme consisted of a debate, the subject chosen being 'Should the second ballot be abolished?' Mr. E. McGarrigle presided, and the audience was large, including many ladies. The selected speakers were Messrs. T. Dillon and T. Roach (affirmative), and Messrs. M. McCarthy and J. Dempsey (negative). Strong arguments were adduced on both sides, and the contest was keenly fought. On a poll being taken the life of the second ballot was saved by the narrow margin of one vote. A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded a very pleasant evening.

Greymouth

(From our own correspondent.)

It is expected the church alterations will be completed by next Sunday.

The entries for the West Coast Competitions closed last week, when a total of 800 was received. The St. Columba Club representatives figure prominently in the list.

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