

His Grace suitably replied.

Refreshments, prepared by the ladies of the parish, were then handed round, after which was brought to a close a most enjoyable social evening.

A visit by motor car to Oamaru was made on Tuesday to Right Rev. Mgr. Mackay, V.G., who has been indisposed for some time. In the afternoon his Grace took train for Christchurch.

As a result of the collections taken at both Masses the generous sum of £130 was given by the congregations, which considerably reduces the amount owing on the bells.

DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

(By telegraph, from our own correspondent.)

A social in aid of St. Benedict's bazaar was held to-night in St. Benedict's Hall, and like its predecessors was eminently successful.

The property owned by the Church in the Richmond district has been satisfactorily sold to Mr. Thomas Darby.

A sacred concert was given last Wednesday evening in the Church of the Sacred Heart in aid of the building fund by the Cathedral choir, under Mr. Hiscocks. The attendance was most satisfactory, and the financial results should prove encouraging to the priests and people of the western parish.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament took place yesterday at the Cathedral from the last Mass until after Vespers. His Lordship the Bishop attended at Vespers, and there were also present Right Rev. Mgr. Brodie and Rev. Fathers Ormond and O'Doherty. His Lordship delivered a splendid sermon on the certainty of death. He illustrated his discourse with many and striking examples, particularly those taken from the laws of nature, some of them of the very simplest, yet in the hands of the Bishop they were amplified and explained in a manner which at once riveted attention and struck home to minds of the most ordinary capacity. It was one of those sermons which linger in one's thoughts and make an indelible impression. A procession of the Blessed Sacrament afterwards took place. His Lordship bore the Sacred Host, Rev. Fathers Ormond and O'Doherty being deacon and subdeacon respectively. Monsignor Brodie also assisted. The Marist Brothers carried the canopy, and the confraternities and children took part in the procession.

Oamaru

(From our own correspondent.)

September 8.

The ranks of the now fast diminishing band of pioneers in this district have been further thinned within the last week by the demise of two of our old and respected parishioners in the persons of Mrs. Peter

Connors and Mr. William Collins. Both the deceased spent the best part of their years in Oamaru, and were widely esteemed by all who knew them.—R.I.P.

The euchre match between the Hibernians and the Protestant Alliance resulted in a win for the former by two games, the totals being—Hibernians 43, Protestant Alliance 41. The Protestant Alliance will entertain the Hibernians to a return game at Bartrum's Tea-room on Friday night, September 12.

A social was given by the Old Boys' Club on Friday, at which occasion was taken to make a presentation to Mr. Frank Cooney of a Morris chair as a mark of appreciation of the club in connection with his marriage. Mr. Walter Sumpter, president of the club, made the presentation, and spoke of the interest the recipient had taken in the club and the enthusiasm with which he had worked for it. The gift was a mark of appreciation for all he had done for it. Mr. Cooney, in appropriate words, thanked his clubmates for their handsome gift, and for the kind expressions that accompanied it. Songs were sung during the evening by Messrs. Martin, Nicolson, Rowe, and James, and recitations were given by Messrs. Corcoran, Cooney, and Campbell. Mr. James played the accompaniments.

OBITUARY

MRS. PETER CONNORS, OAMARU.

(From our own correspondent.)

On August 25 there passed away at her residence, Ardgowan, Oamaru, in the person of Mrs. Peter Connors, a lady who was greatly beloved by all the people. She was of a kind and gentle disposition, an affectionate mother, and a good wife. Much sympathy is felt for the family, and particularly for her husband. Mr. Connors is a most energetic member of the Hibernian Society, and members showed their esteem on the day of the funeral, by attending in large numbers, amongst those present being Bro. J. J. Marlow, of Dunedin. The burial service was conducted by the Rev. Father Farthing.—R.I.P.

MR. FRANCIS NEYLON, WANGANUI.

(From our own correspondent.)

The funeral of the late Mr. Francis Neylon took place on Friday, August 29. The remains were taken to St. Mary's Church, where Very Rev. Dean Holley officiated, assisted by Rev. Father Cahill (cousin of deceased) and Rev. Fathers Mahony and Moloney. A large number of mourners followed the remains to the cemetery, where Dean Holley officiated. Mr. Neylon was a prominent citizen, and had always taken an active part in parochial matters, being a member of St. Mary's Building Committee since its inception. The deceased was born in Corofin, County Clare, Ireland, and was in New Zealand for over forty years.—R.I.P.

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