

Napier

(From our own correspondent.)

August 17.

The devotions for the Triduum in honor of the 15th centenary of St. Jerome were well attended here. Short and interesting instructions on the Bible were given on Friday and Saturday evenings by Rev. Father Tymons and on Sunday evening a sermon on St. Jerome and his work was preached by Rev. Father Clancy.

On Monday, August 8, an old identity of Hawke's Bay, Mr. J. J. Browne, died in Napier at the age of 85. The deceased was born in Donegal, and came to New Zealand 50 years ago. He lived for 40 years in Ormondville and was much respected by the settlers there on account of his sterling qualities. During the two years immediately preceding his death Mr. Browne resided in Napier.

Leslie Jeffares, of Taradale, met with a tragic death on Monday, August 15. He was employed on road construction work at Wharerata and dropped a crowbar with which he was working on a bank 12 feet above the road. He slid down the bank and became impaled on the bar, which it required the efforts of two strong men to remove. The unfortunate man was brought to town to the hospital, where he succumbed.

A young man named Tinline, of Taradale, also died during the week after a long illness.

Mrs. B. J. Dolan, who has been absent from Napier some 15 months on a visit to the Old Country, has recently returned.

Nurse Whitmore, who left last week for England, where she intends staying for several months, was farewelled at the Nurses' Club on Sunday evening, August 7.

The results of recent Rugby football matches are as follows:—August 8.—Juniors: Marists lost to High School by 16 points to 6; third grade: Marists lost to High School by 9 points to 6; fifth grade: High School v. Marists—This match was not played owing to the referee failing to put in an appearance. August 15.—Juniors: Hastings, one of the leading teams, was beaten by Marists by 3 points to nil; fifth grade: Pirates and Marists drew—6 points each.

Wanganui

(From our own correspondent.)

The Wanganui branch of the Self-Determination for Ireland League continues to meet every week at the Villa Maria, and keen enthusiasm is shown in the cause of Irish freedom. Pamphlets and literature are being distributed to counteract the misrepresentations about Irish affairs, and every effort is being made to present to the public the true side of the question. At the meeting held on July 1 the chairman (Rev. Father O'Connell) moved a motion of regret at the death of that eminent Catholic politician and champion of freedom, the Hon. T. J. Ryan. After the formal business of the meeting was concluded prayers were offered up for the happy repose of his soul.

Gisborne

(From our own correspondent.)

The annual convent social in aid of the Catholic schools will take place shortly, and special efforts are being made to make the affair a financial success.

A meeting of parishioners was held on Sunday to hear the report of the committee of ways and means in re securing a Catholic social hall. The meeting, presided over by Rev. Father Lane, was unanimously enthusiastic, and even if the tender for the Scottish Hall be not successful, the project will not be allowed to fall through. Messrs. J. J. Martin, H. Martin, and D. J. Parker were elected official receivers of donations.

Cambridge

(From our own correspondent.)

August 18.

Although the climatic conditions were most unfavorable on the evening of August 4, the euchre party and dance held in aid of St. Peter's parish proved a great success. A euchre tournament was played in the supper

room, 16 tables being engaged. Miss Boyer won the ladies' prize and Mr. E. Hart the gentlemen's. A delicious supper was partaken of during the evening and thoroughly enjoyed. About 80 couples indulged in the dancing, which took place in the Town Hall, the music being supplied by Misses Cook, Linstrom, and Wilkinson, and Mr. K. Impett. A guessing competition was won by Master C. Waite. The success of the function, both financially and socially, is due to the efforts of the energetic committee, viz., Mesdames J. F. Cleary (secretary), A. Wilkinson, London, McAsey, and Kelly, and the Misses McDevitt.

Timaru

(From our own correspondent.)

August 15.

The monthly meeting of the men's branch of the Sacred Heart Confraternity was held on the 10th inst., when the address took the form of a dialogue between the Rev. Father Hurley (spiritual director) and Rev. Father Barra on the advantages of such a society in the parish. The devotions comprise Rosary, instruction, hymns, and Benediction, and the members who attend fully appreciate their privileges. Last Sunday the members approached the Holy Table in a body at the first Mass.

On Sunday night the Rev. Father Barra preached a beautiful sermon on the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the presence of a large congregation.

Oamaru

(From our own correspondent.)

August 15.

Oamaru Catholics have at last had the opportunity of officially welcoming their new Bishop, Dr. Whyte, and one and all are charmed by his Lordship's pleasing personality and gracious manner. During his stay in our midst the Bishop had a busy time of it and he covered practically all the North Otago district, administering the Sacrament of Confirmation at Teschemakers, Windsor Park, Kurow, and Oamaru to more than a hundred children.

The blessing and opening of the new church at Richmond took place on Sunday, August 7, and in spite of the inclement weather there was quite a large congregation. His Lordship Bishop Whyte performed the ceremony, and Oamaru district has thus secured the honor of having the first church consecrated by our new Bishop. Very generous donations, including one of £500 from Mrs. J. Lynch, have resulted in the church being opened with a debt of only about £50.

On Wednesday evening, August 10, his Lordship the Bishop was entertained in St. Joseph's Schoolroom at a conversazione and a very pleasant evening was spent in song, story, and social intercourse.

There will be Mass on the 28th at Kurow and Dunroon.

EX-SUPERINTENDENT DWYER HONORED IN CHRISTCHURCH.

The Press of August 9 records a great tribute of respect paid by Christchurch's leading citizens to ex-Superintendent Dwyer on his retirement from the police force. Dr. Thacker spoke for all the citizens in an eloquent appreciation of Mr. Dwyer's services. An artistic illuminated address was presented by the people of Christchurch as a token of their esteem. With it also went a cheque for £700 and a piece of plate for Mrs. Dwyer.

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