

DUNEDIN CATHOLIC LITERARY SOCIETY.

The usual weekly meeting of the above society was held on Friday evening when the debate adjourned from the previous week was resumed.

There can be no doubt now that all is over that the subject matter of the debate was of too varied a nature for public argument. The different conditions of the two nations—one a monarchy the other a republic—England an old established nation, America comparatively new—these and other allowances required to be made before a fair argument could take place as to the respective claims of the two countries for pre-eminence in the way of being leaders in the progress of civilisation during the last 60 years. Members, too, with one or two exceptions, seemed to imagine that the advancement of invention was the very acme of civilisation. However, the debate was a thoroughly enjoyable one, and what must have pleased the senior members was the great interest taken in the proceedings by the juniors, nearly all of whom spoke, and spoke well.

Mr. McCormack, senior, confined himself to criticising the two countries *pro* and *con*, and ended by expressing his opinion that France occupied the position of leader in the advance of civilisation.

Mr. F. W. Petre occupied 25 minutes in his reply, and the leader for the United States (Mr. P. Hally) not being present, a division was taken with the result that Mr. F. W. Petre's side (British Empire) secured 11 votes, while Mr. P. Hally's side (United States) scored 9 votes. One or two members did not vote. The result was received with applause.

The following gentlemen took part in the debate: Messrs. Cantwell, J. Black, D. Columb, L. Pastorelli, J. Whitty, T. Hussey, McCormack, senr., H. McCormack, J. Hally, S. Columb, J. Scott, D. O'Neill, J. Hill and Rev. Father Ryan.

During the evening apologies for non-attendance were received from his Lordship the Bishop and Rev. Father Murphy (president) also from Messrs. Haughton and Carolin.

On next Friday evening the society will hold one of their musical evenings in the Christian Brothers' schoolroom.

A vote of thanks to the chairman (Mr. R. Dobbins) concluded the business.

ASHBURTON.

THE LATE MR. DANIEL McCORMACK.

(From the Ashburton Mail.)

THE injuries sustained by Mr. Daniel McCormack on Friday, July 23, were of such a nature as from the beginning almost to preclude hope and all along the worst was feared. The young man lingered on in great pain till about half-past four on Sunday afternoon, when the end came. He had the best medical attendance possible, no fewer than three of our doctors having been with him, and everything that skill and kindness could prompt was done, but all was unavailing, and he died as above stated. It appears the accident occurred while Mr. McCormack was harnessing, not the horse that killed him, but another, the one that did the mischief being in the near vicinity and deceased was working just behind it. Usually a very quiet beast, Mr. McCormack expected no bad behaviour from it, but in a moment it let out, with the sad result known. Deceased, who was only thirty-four years of age, was a native of Raphoe, County Donegal, Ireland, and came to this Colony with his family in 1878. After some time spent with his father at Irwin, he came to this district and for ten years was in the employ of his uncle, the late Mr. John Boyle, of Valetta, who, it will be remembered, also came to his death untimely from an accident with his team. Mr. McCormack went into partnership with his brother James and together they worked till Mr. Boyle's death, by which Mr. Dan McCormack inherited the Valetta farm, on which the accident occurred that cut him off. He was married to a daughter of the late Mr. Andrew Buckley, who, with her four children, is left to mourn his loss. Deceased was as popular a young farmer as we had in the district, a young man for whom everybody had a good word: sober, steady, a good neighbour, a fast friend, a good husband and father, and a big warm heart in him that would allow no man to go hungry away from his door. He was a true sportsman, also, and in his death both the racing clubs and the trotting club lose a valued member and enthusiastic worker. He considered it his duty to support the institutions of the county, and so his name was to be found on the members' list of the A. and P. Association, and would have been found on other lists had his time and the distance of his farm permitted. The annual meeting of the racing club of which he was a member, was to have been held on Saturday night, but after reading the minutes, the meeting was adjourned as a token of respect to their colleague, who under the same roof was on his deathbed. The funeral took place on Wednesday. It was a large procession. The coffin was carried shoulder high by personal friends—Messrs. J. and A. Bishop, D. Lynch, P. Devane, J. O'Grady, J. Sullivan, J. Devery and H. Kennedy—who took the mournful duty in turn from Devane's Hotel, where deceased died, to the Church of the Holy Name. Here Mass was celebrated, Father Quirk being celebrant; Father Bowers (Geraldine), master of ceremonies; and Very Rev. Fathers Chastagnon and O'Donnell were also present, the latter acting as choir-master, and a choir of male voices sang *Requiem* Mass. After Mass the coffin was borne to the hearse again, and the procession moved away. A hundred men on foot followed the hearse, a hundred and two vehicles came after, and a troop of fifty horsemen brought up the rear. But proof that this could hardly be given of the respect and esteem in which deceased was held in the county. At the grave there was of course the usual service of the Church conducted by the clergymen.

An occasional correspondent of the TABLET adds:—The coffin was carried shoulder high from Mr. Devane's hotel to the church, where a solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated. The church was draped in black, the effect of which was most appropriate, and everything that Father O'Donnell and the nuns could do to show the last tribute of respect for the deceased was duly observed and performed. The principal business places in the town also had their flags at half-mast, and along the route from the church to the outskirts of the town the shutters were up and doors closed as a token of respect.

There have been several deaths this last month, in fact July has been a record month for accidents resulting fatally, in Ashburton district. Mr. Andrew Buckley, Mr. McCormack's father-in-law, met with an accident which hurried his death. Mr. Ted Price, also a notoriously good horseman, met with an accident which caused his death. Mr. Thos. Walsh and Mrs. Kean, who had been lingering for some time, died in July. May God rest their souls.

WAIMATE.

(From an occasional correspondent.)

Waimate, July 27, 1897.

A LONG felt want at Waihao has, I am pleased to be able to say, now been supplied, thanks to the energy and zeal of the pastor of the parish and his faithful people. I am referring to the new church which was blessed last Sunday, 25th July, by the Right Rev. Dr. Verdon, Bishop of Dunedin, under very happy auspices. The building is in brick, modelled on Gothic architecture, the contractor, Mr. D. W. Woods, doing full justice to the excellent plans prepared by Mr. F. W. Petre. It is fifty-seven feet long, by twenty-five feet wide, the sanctuary occupying fourteen feet by twelve feet. The sacristy is ten feet by eight feet. It is lighted by very neat windows, the one over the altar being stained glass. The altar, too, though chaste in design, is very neat. The seating accommodation is excellent. The cost of the building was about £700. Dr. Verdon and the local clergy were driven to the Waihao on the date mentioned, where they were met by a large concourse of people. The entrance from the gate to the door of the church was artistically decorated with evergreens and flags, and added brilliancy to the memorable occasion. The altar and interior of the church were decorated with very commendable taste by Miss Hanly. An impressive sermon was preached by the eloquent and popular Bishop of Dunedin. The Waimate choir rendered appropriate and excellent music, (the Mass of the Annunciation), and were entertained after the service by Miss Hanly and other kind friends, the rev. party being the guests of Mr. Crowe. The collection amounted to about £200, which leaves something like £500 of the £700 to be raised. This fact speaks volumes of praise for the zealous pastor and the generosity of the people. Great credit is due to a good number of the Waihao farmers, particularly to Messrs. John and Patrick Hanley, Edward Crowe, J. Ryan, Peter Burke, J. Morris, William and N. Quin of Makikihi, V. McDonough, B. Martin, B. Fahey and M. Harney of Waitaki not only for their substantial donations, but for their ever ready willingness to give their time in carting materials etc, whenever required. I must not omit to mention that there are five acres attached to the church, the magnificent gift of Mr. Allan M. Lean. The church is a living testimony to the self-sacrificing labours of the people of Waihao and surrounding districts assisted by the Waimate friends, and is a credit alike to their parish priest and to them.

I must not forget to mention that Father Aubry's place has at last been supplied, the Rev. Father Gallais having arrived lately from Sydney. The rev. gentleman will supply a much-needed want and render valuable assistance to our pastor. We give him a *très cordial* *bonjour* to Waimate.

For those of our readers in want of crockery, lamps, china, ironmongery, etc, we direct attention to Mr. Ritchie's advertisement, in another column. His establishment, Staffordshire House, 27 and 29 George street, is replete with large stocks of the above, and hotelkeepers will find it the cheapest house to purchase decanters, glasses and other requisites.

Our readers will have noticed an advertisement in another column containing particulars of the remarkable curative qualities of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills which have now been sold in New Zealand for some time, and which we have heard have proved very efficacious in various forms of rheumatism, sciatica, etc. We have been requested by the proprietors to invite those of our readers who have used them to communicate the results to this office giving particulars of their ailment and the effect of a course of the Pink Pills.

Messrs. Dwan Bros., of Willis street, Wellington, report having sold Mr. Albert White's interest in the Central Hotel, Otaki, to Mr. J. L. Dempsey, well-known in Wellington; Mr. H. J. Walter's interest in the Western Hotel, Wellington, to Mr. M. Lahman, late of the Metropolitan Hotel, Wellington; Mr. M. C. M'let's interest in the Clyde Quay Hotel, Wellington, to Mr. T. Coiter, late of the Makuri Hotel, Pahiatua; Mr. J. Jones's interest in the Royal Hotel, Hawera, to Mr. Robert Campbell, well-known in Stratford; Mrs. L. Ross's interest in the Empire Hotel, Masterton, to Mr. Alfred Wildon Harrison, late proprietor of the Birmingham Hotel Building; also Mr. Tasker's Albion Hotel, Wangarua, to Mrs. Whelan late of the Star Hotel, Masterton.

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