

## DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

(From our own correspondent.)

June 22.

During the hour of Mr. Seddon's funeral the bell of St. Patrick's Cathedral was tolled.

At the last meeting of the local branch of the H.A.C.B. Society, past president Bro. Foley, of the Wellington branch, attended, and was heartily welcomed by the president and members.

At the meeting on Tuesday evening last of the local branch of the H.A.C.B. Society, a number of visiting members of the Onehunga branch gave an excellent entertainment, consisting of vocal items by Bros. Dane, Higgins, O'Sullivan, recitations by Bro. Boland, and portions of a debate in the Irish House of Commons by Grattan and Flood, who were represented by two of the visitors. It was a very fine entertainment, and reflected the greatest credit on the Onehunga members. Miss M. Sheahan played the accompaniments.

On Sunday last at Puhoi his Lordship the Bishop opened the new and exceedingly handsome presbytery there. It has cost £400, and is practically free of debt. This speaks volumes for the zeal and energy of the pastor, and people of Puhoi. Afterwards the Bishop blessed three new altars, and administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to thirty-five candidates. He expressed great pleasure at the progress made in the district by the Church, and the great gratification it was to him to engage in such functions as those in which all took such a good part that day. The Bishop referred in feeling terms to the death of the Right Hon. Mr. Seddon. On the Monday evening following the Bishop was tendered a public reception in the parochial school. There was a large attendance, and the whole proceedings were marked with an evident desire to make his Lordship feel that his presence afforded everyone genuine pleasure.

At St. Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday morning, June 17, feeling references were made to the late Premier. At the 11 o'clock Mass the Rev. Father Holbrook said he spoke in the name of their good Bishop, who was absent in the country, for the priests and people of the parish, when he conveyed their sincere condolences to Mrs. Seddon and her family in their sorrowful bereavement, and as citizens of this Colony they united with their fellow-citizens in lamenting the death of one who was an irreparable loss to us all. He was a great and good man, and New Zealanders particularly had every reason to cherish his good works and memory in their hearts, because of his life-long labors for 'God's own country.' He fervently hoped that he was enjoying every blessing and happiness in 'God's own country' in heaven. Before the Bishop left (concluded Father Holbrook) he asked that at the conclusion of Mass the organist, Mr. Harry Hiscocks, should play the Dead March from 'Saul,' and the congregation should stand during its performance. This instruction was carried out. The 'Dead March' was again played after Vespers. After the 10 o'clock Mass at the Sacred Heart Church the orchestra played the Dead March from 'Saul,' the congregation standing.

## HOKITIKA

(From our own correspondent.)

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Another old and respected resident of Hokitika passed away on Saturday, June 9, in the person of Mrs. McCullough, mother of Mr. Peter McCullough, attendant at the Sea View Mental Hospital. Mrs. McCullough and her husband, who predeceased her, arrived in Ross more than 40 years ago. She had all those years resided on the West Coast, first at Ross, then at Greymouth, and finally at Hokitika. She leaves a grown up family of three sons and five daughters, among whom are Mrs. Pedrazzi (Ross), Mrs. W. Garth (Greymouth), and Mr. P. McCullough (Hokitika). The funeral took place at Ross on June 11, and the large number which attended at Mass, celebrated by Rev. Father Aubry, of Hokitika, and afterwards followed the remains to the grave, showed the esteem in which the deceased was held.—R.I.P.

Residents in the Wellington district, who require well-made suits at reasonable rates, should call on Mr. T. Shields, merchant tailor, Lambton Quay, Wellington, or at his branch establishments at Masterton and Palmerston, where they will find a large stock of fashionable goods to select from....

## GREYMOUTH

(From our own correspondent.)

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The St. Columba hockey team journeyed to Kumara last Saturday and defeated the Kumara team by three goals to one. The St. Columba team have now played three matches and won them all, and are leading for the West Coast junior cup.

At St. Patrick's Church last Sunday the Very Rev. Dean Carew paid a feeling tribute to the memory of the late Mr. Seddon. He said that New Zealand could ill afford to lose such an able statesman, whose legislation had proved such a blessing to the people. One of his most worthy acts, the Old Age Pension Act, would ever stand out as in letters of gold to the credit of our late Premier. After the Benediction Miss Eileen Kemple (organist) played the Dead March, the large congregation standing.

Last Friday evening at the invitation of the Trinity Young Men's Institute, the members of St. Columba Club visited Trinity Hall, when both clubs met at a friendly euchre tournament. The St. Columba Club won by forty-eight points. During the interval for refreshments, Mr. L. de Berry welcomed the visitors, and trusted the good feeling which existed between both clubs would always continue. Mr. William Duffy returned thanks on behalf of the St. Columba Club for the very enjoyable evening they had spent, and hoped they would have many more such gatherings in the future.

It is with deep regret I have to record the death of Mrs. Noonan, wife of Mr. James Noonan, of Dobson Town, which sad event took place last Wednesday. The deceased had been a resident of Dobson Town for twenty years, during which time she had been noted for her many charitable and kind acts, and was held in the highest esteem by a large circle of friends. The deceased, who was seventy-two years of age, was a native of Tipperary, and arrived in the colonies in the early sixties. She leaves a husband, three sons, and two daughters to mourn their loss. The funeral took place this afternoon and was largely attended, friends coming from all parts of the Coast to pay their last tribute of respect. The Very Rev. Dean Carew officiated at St. Patrick's Church, and also at the Greymouth cemetery.—R.I.P.

A very pretty wedding took place at St. Patrick's Church, Greymouth, on June 20, when Miss Rebecca Dinnan, fifth daughter of Mr. John Dinnan, sen., of Cobden, was married to Mr. Henry Young, of Hawke's Bay. The ceremony was performed by the Very Rev. Dean Carew. The bride, who was given away by her father, was attired in a lovely dress of cream eolienne, handsomely trimmed with oriental lace and insertion, and embroidered with cream satin ribbon. Miss Emily Young was bridesmaid, and Mr. Edward Flaherty best man. At the conclusion of the ceremony the bridal party and friends proceeded to the residence of the bride's parents, where the wedding breakfast was laid. The presents were numerous, costly, and useful. It is the intention of Mrs. and Mr. Young to reside in Cobden, and their many friends unite in wishing them a long life of happiness and prosperity.

## The San Francisco Disaster

The saving of the magnificent St. Mary's Cathedral, of San Francisco, in spite of the fire that breathed devastation all around it, is one of the fortunate incidents of the cataclysm. The edifice was saved largely through the heroism of one fireman. The steeple had caught fire and the fireman, observing the flames, scaled the perilous height with a hose attached to his belt and played a stream on the burning section until the blaze was extinguished. Thousands cheered the heroic deed. In front of the Cathedral on the Sunday following the terrible visitation a moving spectacle was witnessed. On the steps which overlook the blackened waste that commenced just across the street, Archbishop Montgomery celebrated Mass at eight o'clock. The service was attended by thousands, covering the church steps and extending well up and down the street in either direction. The Archbishop's words and his reference to the death of Fire Chief Sullivan from injuries received in the earthquake affected the entire assemblage, tears streaming down hundreds of faces upturned to the tiny altar in the open doorway of the vestibule. The Archbishop of San Francisco, the Most Rev. P. J. Riordan, was with his brother, Rev. D. J. Riordan, of Chicago, on his way to attend the Baltimore Cathedral centenary when the disaster occurred. He at once issued an appeal for aid to all the Bishops in the United States, and returned to his stricken city.

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