

Mr. Moriarity, representative of the 'N.Z. Tablet,' who has done very good business here during the past few months, left on Wednesday morning for Napier.

The parishioners of Thorndon are to present an address and a purse of sovereigns to the Rev. Father Holley at the schoolroom, Guildford Terrace, on Thursday evening next.

The Executive of the Catholic Young Men's Societies' Federation has just completed arrangements for the supply of a large number of medallions of a special design, to be worn by members of the several societies, who are now being asked to indicate how many they need.

At a meeting on Tuesday evening it was decided to hold a concert in the Town Hall on September 12, the proceeds will be in aid of the Te Aro schools. Mr. Frederick W. Crombie has been appointed secretary. The function will be under the auspices of the members of the Sacred Heart Society.

The Rev. Father Venning, S.M., of Boulcott street, takes Rev. Father Moloney's place at St. Joseph's, and Rev. Father Macdonald, S.M., of Nelson, replaces Rev. Father Venning at St. Mary of the Angels'. Father Macdonald's place at Nelson will be taken by Rev. Father Herbert, S.M., who left for the scene of his labors during the week.

Wanganui

(From our own correspondent.)

July 16.

The St. Mary's Catholic Club and members of the choir, with some of the ladies of the parish, held a social gathering on July 11 in the Drill Hall, when there was a large attendance. The secretaries (Messrs. T. Mahoney and Beasley) deserve great credit for the way the affair was managed. The organ fund will benefit by about £35. The debating class of the club journeyed to Waverley to try conclusions with the local club, but were defeated by 20 points. The following represented the Wanganui Club—Messrs. O'Brien (leader), Lomax, Murphy, Powell, and McBrearty. The judge's decision was that he found it difficult to place most of the speakers, but the Waverley representatives were the best all-round combination. However, the St. Mary's Club are very proud of the display their representatives made. The St. Mary's Club intend producing the comedy 'Jane' in the Opera House next month.

Greymouth

(From our own correspondent.)

July 19.

The return euchre tournament between the Trinity Young Men's Club and the St. Columba Club was held in the latter's club rooms last week, when the visitors carried off the laurels by 139 points. During the interval refreshments were handed around, and songs and recitations were given.

Another of the old pioneers of the West Coast passed away at the Grey River Hospital on July 16, in the person of Mr. Michael Barry, late of Barrytown, Deceased, who was an inmate of the hospital for the last ten years, was well known as a genial and kind-hearted man, and many of his old friends will hear with regret of his death. Mr. Barry, who had reached the ripe old age of 87, was a native of Cork, Ireland. The funeral took place this afternoon and was largely attended, many coming in from Barrytown to pay their last respects to the memory of their departed friend. Rev. Father Taylor read the funeral service at St. Patrick's Church and the Greymouth cemetery.—R.I.P.

There was a large attendance of members of the St. Columba Club at the usual weekly meeting last Monday evening, when four new members were elected and three proposed. The programme consisted of a debate, 'Freetrade v. Protection.' Messrs. D. Butler (leader), M. Hansbery and Rev. Father Taylor spoke on the side of freetrade, whilst Messrs. Wm. Duffy (leader), J. Hanman, and Wm. McEvedy spoke on the side of protection. After a very interesting discussion, during which some very good arguments were advanced on each side, the judges decided in favor of protection. Mr. D. Butler (late of Christchurch) proved himself a very able speaker and clever debater, and is a decided acquisition to the club. The club held a most successful euchre party last week, about 130 ladies and gentlemen being present. The prizes were won by Miss Jane Burke and Mr. Adam Coulson. After refreshments were handed around by the club members, Miss Burke contributed a song, whilst Mr. P. Smyth gave a recitation.

The half-yearly meeting of the Greymouth branch of the H.A.C.B. Society was held last Thursday, Bro. Oscar Egden presiding. There was a large attendance of members. The report and balance sheet were read and adopted, and showed the society to be in a very flourishing state. The membership now stands at 80, which is considered satisfactory. The election of officers for the ensuing six months resulted as follows:—President, Bro. C. Egden (re-elected); vice-president, Bro. M. J. Fogarty; secretary, Bro. Joseph Tymons (re-elected); treasurer, Bro. T. P. O'Donnell (re-elected); guardian, Bro. Henry Hanrahan; warden, Bro. P. Deere (re-elected); auditors, Bros. M. J. Phillips and T. P. Fogarty; sick visitors, Bros. P. O'Doherty and M. F. Hansbery. It was decided to hold a social gathering on August 1, and to invite representatives of the branches in Greymouth, Kumara, Hokitika and Reefton.

Timaru

(From our own correspondent.)

July 23.

Mr. J. Dunne, of the C.T.C.A., a prominent member in all parish matters, has been transferred to the Waimate branch of his firm.

The members of the Altar Society have forwarded to Mrs. N. Mangos a very fine drawing-room clock with an inscription to mark their appreciation, on the occasion of her marriage, of the work she did as their secretary for about nine years. She had for even a longer period taken charge of the decoration of the altars and the work of preparing the church building for the different festivals.

The final in the card competitions for the friendly societies' cup was played last Wednesday evening between teams representing the Manchester Unity and the Hibernians. The latter team proved victorious. After an excellent supper had been partaken of Bro. Cunningham, speaking for the H.A.C.B. Society, thanked their opponents for the fine contest they had given them, and mentioned that the games just concluded formed their eighth win during this year's tournament, the total number of matches played being nine.

On Friday evening the Children of Mary, under the leadership of the Misses M. Venning, M. Mara, and B. Ryan, gave a social in the girls' school in aid of the library fund. About 200 persons were present to take part in the euchre tournament. The Misses C. Dunne and Dennehy and Mr. J. Sullivan were the successful prize takers. Refreshments were handed round by the ladies. During the interval Mr. J. McKenna sang 'Hybrius the Cretan.' Mrs. N. Mangos presiding at the piano. Rev. Fathers Bowden, Le Floch, and Finnerty were present during the evening.

A highly successful meeting of St. John's Literary and Social Club was held in their rooms on Tuesday evening, the attendance being a record one. Mr. C. Kerr occupied the chair and opened the miscellaneous programme with a short reading from Dickens. Songs were given by Rev. Father Finnerty. Messrs. J. McKenna and Conlon. Mr. J. Venning contributed a reading, and Messrs. T. Mara, R. O'Connor, and W. Hall also helped to pass the evening agreeably. Mr. M. J. Doyle presided at the piano. Refreshments were dispensed. It was decided to hold a mock Borough Council on the next evening.

(In an obituary notice in last week's Timaru letter the name 'Blackman' should be 'Blackmore'. The mistake was due to indistinctness in the copy supplied to us.—Ed. 'N.Z.T.')

DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

(From our own correspondent.)

July 20.

The Marist Brothers' Old Boys' Association will this evening hold a social gathering in the Choral Hall.

This evening the Very Rev. Dean Hackett, of Paeroa, delivers his lecture, 'Irish wit and humor,' at the Leys Institute, Ponsonby.

His Lordship the Bishop visited Panmure last Sunday, and administered Confirmation to over thirty candidates. The weather was very inclement, but despite the elements the faithful turned up in goodly numbers.

In last Saturday's 'New Zealand Herald' an article appeared on the late Mr. Michael Davitt. It was highly complimentary, and gave unstinted praise to the man who had dared and suffered and accomplished so much for Ireland.

Last evening at the City Council's meeting, when the question of the erection of workmen's homes came up for discussion, it was suggested that the Bishop's property fronting Richmond Road would be a suitable site upon which to erect them.