

presided. The Ven. Archdeacon Devoy and Rev. Fathers Kimbell and Venning were present. The Ven. Archdeacon was accorded a hearty welcome on his return from Europe. Speaking to the motion for the adoption of the report, he said it gave him great pleasure to see that the club was making such rapid progress. His former position as Marist Provincial had taken him away from Wellington a good deal, and he was therefore prevented from doing for the club as much as he would have wished. Now, however, that he was to be located at Newtown he hoped to be of more service. The election of officers resulted as follows:—Patron, his Grace Archbishop Redwood; president, Very Rev. Father O'Shea, S.M., V.G.; vice-presidents, Ven. Archdeacon Devoy, Rev. Fathers Moloney, Kimbell, and Venning, Messrs. Martin Kennedy, C. P. Skerrett, J. J. Devine, M. O'Connor, E. J. Fitzgibbon, and A. H. Casey; hon. secretary, Mr. J. McGowan; hon. treasurer, Mr. M. J. O'Leary; executive, Messrs. J. J. Gibbs, P. McGrath, A. Searie, H. Seward, M. O'Kane, F. Eller, E. T. Ryan, A. Amodeo, and N. Crombie; hon. auditors, Messrs. E. J. Fitzgibbon and F. P. Kelly. A new rule was made constituting life members. As a reward for his services, Mr. H. McKeowen was elected the first life member. During the evening presentations from the club were made to the Rev. Father Kimbell as a mark of the esteem in which he is regarded, and as a slight recognition of the good work he did for members. It was resolved to donate £5 towards the expenses of the club's delegates to the Easter Conference of Federated Societies at Auckland. Special reference was made by members to the splendid work of Mr. O'Leary as treasurer of the club during the past term.

The Senior Scholarship in Mental Science this year has come to Victoria College for the first time. The winner is the Rev. Father Bartley, of the staff of St. Patrick's College. Needless to say we are proud of the honor. Among the successful students in the degree examinations were the Rev. Father Graham, who completed his B.A. degree, and the Rev. Father Gilbert, who passed the first section.

The death occurred on Friday at her residence, Ellice street, of Mrs. J. D. Fitzgerald, formerly of Grey-mouth, and one of the pioneers of Westland. Deceased was in her 75th year.—R.I.P.

News has been received of the death at Dresden of Miss Gertrude Grace Skerrett, youngest daughter of Mr. P. J. Skerrett, formerly of Hastings, and sister of Mr. C. P. Skerrett, K.C.—R.I.P.

### Karori

(From an occasional correspondent.)

At the residence of Mr. Lessington, Karori, on February 16, the children of St. Mary's Catholic Sunday school presented the Rev. Father Moloney, S.M., with an address, which was read by Master Frank Lessington. The parents wished to record their high appreciation of the able services and the great interest Father Moloney had always taken during his short administration of Thorndon in furthering the interest both of the teachers and scholars of the Sunday school. In reply the Rev. Father thanked them sincerely and said that he would always remember them in his prayers. The following was the address. 'Dear and Reverend Sir,—We, the parents and children of Karori, cannot let this opportunity pass without expressing our deep regret at your removal from amongst us. We take this opportunity of acknowledging how much we owe you for the great privilege the little ones have enjoyed and profited by your zeal and charity which was not lost upon them, and will be held in tender remembrance by the children. In all your future toils be assured that you will have our prayers to cheer you on and support you. Do us the pleasure of accepting this little tribute which we affectionately present to you.'

In accordance with the resolution adopted by the Marist Brothers assembled at the Sacred Heart College, Auckland in January, 1907, a competitive essay was set some time ago, the subject being, 'Henry Grattan, his Life, Character, and Influence on Irish History.' The competition was open to all boys attending the Brothers' Schools in New Zealand. Two gold medals were offered as prizes by the Sacred Heart College. The first prize has been won by Master Cyril Whitaker, of Greymouth, and the second by Master William Buckley, of Wellington. The next competition is to take place in June, 1908, and will be carried out under the same conditions as the last.

## Farewell to Father Goggan, Temuka

On the evening of February 19, a very representative gathering of the Catholics of Temuka was held in St. Joseph's school room, for the purpose of saying good-bye to the Rev. Father Goggan, and of making him a presentation on his departure for Napier. The following report of the meeting is condensed from the 'Temuka Leader':—

Mr. W. Jeffries, who occupied the chair, explained the object of the gathering. After expressing his regret at Father Goggan's departure, the Chairman went on to say that when the guest of the evening came to Temuka two years ago, the church was saddled with a debt of £870; that with other amounts spent on improvements since made a total of £1450. In spite of obstacles Father Goggan would leave the parish entirely free of debt. He thought that a wonderful record, more especially as he was not in good health. He had worked here so hard, yet he would leave them on the following day and not take a shilling of their money. It was their work that had been done, and to-day their church, presbytery, and grounds were a credit to the parish, and the admiration of all who saw them. Father Goggan had done a great deal more for the parish than many knew of. When those who had agreed to sign the guarantee at the bank for the parish indebtedness went to sign the guarantee they found that the amount was £100 less than they expected, and found that Father Goggan had paid that amount from his own private purse. The gathering would wish him a complete restoration to health, and that he would be long spared to carry on the work he was so well fitted for. Although he had labored here so well he had done nothing for himself, and all he would take with him was the few pounds that had been presented to him at Pleasant Point (and part of that he had returned as a donation towards a memorial to the late Rev. Father Fauvel at the Point), and what they were presenting him with that night.

Messrs. J. Barry (president of the Catholic Young Men's Club), T. Knight (secretary), J. Fitzgerald, O'Loughlin, and D. Fitzgerald (Kerrytown), also testified to the good work done in the parish by Father Goggan.

Mr. P. Mitten, in presenting Father Goggan with a purse of sovereigns, said that he (Father Goggan) had done splendid work in the parish. He regretted that the presentation was not much larger.

Miss Mary Barry, on behalf of the Children of Mary, presented Father Goggan with an address and a handsome dressing case.

Father Goggan thanked all for their presents, especially the Children of Mary, in whom he took a great interest. With regard to what he had done, there was not much to boast of, and were it not for Mr. John Fitzgerald and a few others he did not know that he would have been able to carry out the programme which he had laid down when he came amongst them. He then enumerated certain works which he had intended to do had he remained in the parish. He referred to the good work which was being done by the Sisters of St. Joseph, who deserved more generous treatment at the hands of the parishioners. As to the debt on the parish of £1450, £1400 had been paid off. There was £50 to pay. He would put his presentation and a little more to it, and they would be free of debt. For the work he had done he deserved no credit, for that he was ordained. A priest did not want money. He always got his living. But to see his congregation united and happy was his aspiration, and when he died he hoped he would get his reward. He urged on all to help their priest, who had to do his duty because he was responsible. He had been sent out to preach the truth, and had tried to do his duty. During his ministry the attendance at church had been good, and everything had gone on well. He was going to Napier for the good of his health. He was told by medical men whom he consulted that he must go to a milder climate, and there was every prospect of his recovery. In Napier he would have much the same work to do as he had done here, and he had no doubt he would succeed. He thanked them for their present and hoped they would have every happiness and prosperity hereafter.

It was decided to carry out the work referred to by Father Goggan in his address. Mr. Barry said it would hurt them very much if Father Goggan should persevere in the determination to use his presentation to clear off the church debt. On the speaker's suggestion the amount necessary for this purpose was guaranteed by those present. After light refreshments were handed round the proceedings terminated.