

DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

(By telegraph from our own correspondent.)

June 8.

Great regret is expressed here at the illness of Miss Hackett, sister of the Very Rev. Dean Hackett.

The local branch of the Hibernian Society celebrates its 35th anniversary with a social on July 23.

The very Rev. Dean Gillan, V.G., will be absent from town during the greater part of this week on diocesan work.

The Rev. Mr. Ormond, formerly of the West Coast, will be ordained priest in Rome on Saturday next, June 13, for the Auckland diocese. He spent five years in Thurles College, Ireland, and six years at the Propaganda, Rome. He is expected to arrive here during the first week of the New Year.

Several changes take place in the diocesan clergy. Rev. Father Meagher (Puhoi) is transferred to St. Benedict's; Rev. Father O'Hara, takes charge of Paeroa; Rev. Father Bradley goes from St. Benedict's to Paeroa as assistant to Father O'Hara; Rev. Father Brennan, who recently arrived from Home, goes to St. Benedict's; Rev. Father Holbrook, of the Cathedral, takes charge of Cambridge.

On Monday, June 1, a billiard match (500 up) took place at the rooms of the Marist Brothers' Old Boys' Association between Messrs. W. E. Hackett and A. Shine. Both of these gentlemen are club members, and are in the first rank of Auckland players. The former was runner-up for the North Island Amateur Championship last year. Mr. Hackett soon established a lead, which he maintained till near the end of the game, but his opponent by solid and consistent play was not to be shaken off, caught his man in the last fifty, and finally ran out a winner by seven points, amidst great applause. Mr. Hackett's play was much admired, but it was quite evident that he was a good deal below his usual brilliant form.

The mission at Devonport, conducted by the Very Rev. Father Clune, C.S.S.R., was concluded last Sunday evening, when there was a renewal of Baptismal vows. Though the weather throughout was unpropitious, the mission was an immense success. The attendance both morning and evening was very large. Many neglectful ones of years' standing attended their duties. The Very Rev. Father Clune and Rev. Father Furlong (parish priest) heartily congratulated the congregation on the success of their efforts to wipe off the debt of over £1000 on the parish. At a recent meeting one gentleman gave £100, another £60, and several £25 each. Rev. Father Edge said he believed that in twelve months the debt would be cleared by the house-to-house collection, and a series of socials to be held during the winter months.

On Tuesday evening the rooms of the Marist Brothers' Old Boys' Association presented an unusual spectacle, being filled with ladies. This was the result of a resolution carried at the previous monthly meeting that the club should hold monthly a 'ladies' night,' to which members could invite their friends. The arrangements were in the hands of the social committee, and the function was a decided success. Progressive euchre filled the early part of the evening, the prize for which was carried off by Mrs. Malavey, of Ponsonby, a deservedly popular win. The ladies were then served with light refreshments, and a musical programme of a high order of merit concluded the evening. The principal items were given by Misses Gallagher and Jennings, and Messrs. Herbert, McElwain, Pritchard, Munday, and Adeame. The accompaniments were played by Mr. W. Clarke.

One of the most successful club functions ever held took place in the rooms last Friday evening, in the shape of a smoke concert as a farewell to Mr. Harry Herbert, who is about to leave the Dominion. During the evening the president referred briefly to the general esteem in which Mr. Herbert was held not only by the members of the Old Boys' Association (of which Mr. Herbert is a life member), but also by the general public of Auckland. He reviewed the work done by Mr. Herbert for the club since its inception, and said that they might well be proud to rank as their intimate friend a gentleman whose ability he felt sure would ultimately secure him a foremost place in his profession. He then presented Mr. Herbert with a silver-mounted pocketbook suitably inscribed as a memento of their regard. Mr. Herbert replied, thanking them all in feeling words for their kindness, and assuring them of his gratification at the thought that he would always remain a member of the Association. An excellent programme of musical items was gone through. The whole proceedings were marked by great enthusiasm.

Last Sunday evening Father Holbrook took farewell of the Cathedral congregation. He said he came amongst them from Ireland immediately after his ordination, and for six years labored amongst them. He thanked them for all the kindness shown him, and begged that they would constantly remember him in their prayers. After Vespers a large meeting of Father Holbrook's friends, many from the outside parishes, assembled in the Hobson street convent school. Mr. P. J. Nerheny was elected chairman, Rev. Father Murphy treasurer, Mr. M. J. Sheahan secretary. After several had spoken, eulogising the sterling worth of Father Holbrook it was decided to present a purse of sovereigns and an address to him at a near future date. A large number of collecting books were handed round, and an active canvass was at once begun. The meeting expressed the wish that only one presentation should be made, and invited all societies to amalgamate with the main body. The committee meets again next Sunday night.

Reefton

(From our own correspondent.)

June 4.

On Saturday, May 30, quite a gloom was cast over the town when it became known that a miner, Mr. P. Goodwin, had been killed by a fall of rock at the Progress Mine. The deceased had only commenced work on the Monday previous. The secretary of the Miners' Union received word from Ashburton to take charge of the body and make all necessary arrangements for it to be conveyed there. The remains were taken to the Sacred Heart Church on Tuesday afternoon, where the Rev. Father Henry said the prayers for the dead.

His Grace Archbishop Redwood arrived in Reefton on Friday morning, May 28, and the same evening he was entertained at a concert by the pupils of the convent school. During the evening Miss E. McKittrick read an address of welcome. His Grace in reply thanked the Sisters of Mercy and the children for the cordiality of their welcome, and made kindly reference to the good work the Sisters of Mercy were doing in the parish. On Sunday Rev. Father Galerne celebrated the eleven o'clock Mass, after which he welcomed his Grace to Reefton, and said that the Church had made great progress here and that the parish was free from debt. His Grace in reply thanked Father Galerne for his cordial welcome, and congratulated both priest and people on the spiritual and financial condition of the parish. Later the Archbishop preached an impressive sermon. His Grace confirmed altogether about 86 children and adults, many of the latter being converts. In the evening his Grace preached to a crowded congregation. On Monday, June 1, his Grace, accompanied by Father Galerne, drove to the Lyell, where he confirmed 18 candidates.

Palmerston North

(From our own correspondent.)

June 7.

Another round of the Friendly Societies' euchre tournament took place in the room of the H.A.C.B. Society on Friday last, in which the Hibernians proved successful.

To-day (the Feast of Pentecost), an unusually large number approached the Holy Table. The Rev. Father Costello celebrated the 11 o'clock Mass, and the choir, under the direction of Mr. W. T. Ward, sang Mozart's Eleventh Mass. In the evening there was a procession of the Blessed Sacrament, in which the school children, the Children of Mary, and members of the Sacred Heart Society took part.

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