

during the quarter. Accounts for £83 were passed for payment, of which £10 represented sick pay.

Mr. J. Hayes, son of Mr. E. Hayes, Lower Hutt, who is being transferred to Auckland, was tendered a farewell evening, in the form of a smoke concert, in the Oddfellows' Hall on Thursday last at Lower Hutt, by the members of that branch of the Hibernian Society, of which he has been secretary for some time past. There was a very large attendance of members, Very Rev. Father Lane and Rev. Father Walsh were also present, and Messrs. Jas. McCusker (of S. Patrick's branch, Wellington), and Mr. Cashmore. Bro. E. Connelly presided. The principal toast was that of the guest, proposed by Bro. E. Connelly, who, in referring to the sterling qualities possessed by Bro. Hayes, remarked that the Society was losing one of its best members and Lower Hutt one of its best citizens. Rev. Father Walsh then presented Mr. Hayes with an umbrella and travelling rug. Mr. Hayes suitably responded.

### DIocese OF AUCKLAND

(By Telegraph from our own correspondent.)

Right Rev. Mgr. O'Reilly is still enjoying his well-earned holiday in Sydney.

A most successful social in connection with the Sacred Heart parish was held last week.

A meeting, thoroughly representative, in connection with the forthcoming bazaar at St. Benedict's, was held on yesterday. Great interest and activity are being displayed, and the results should prove eminently satisfactory.

Last week reference was made to the delay in starting certain municipal works. During the week the first instalment of a general drainage loan of £100,000 came to hand, and in two months a start will be made with the undertaking, which embraces Auckland and its extensive suburbs and boroughs.

Very Rev. Father Keogh, of Wellington, returned last Saturday from Rotorua after his first visit to our wonderland. He was astonished at its peculiar and awesome character, and expressed the opinion that no idea can be gained of it from reading or hearing about Rotorua—'you must see it,' he said. Father Keogh preached a charity sermon at the Cathedral in aid of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

His Lordship the Bishop, accompanied by the Right Rev. Mgr. Gillan, yesterday viewed a site in St. Benedict's parish which, it was thought, would be a desirable place for a school, and which it was proposed to purchase. In the Mount Eden district a property has already been secured for church purposes. The Bishop is keenly alive to both the present and future needs of Church in our growing city.

The monthly social, under the auspices of St. Benedict's Old Boys' Club, was held on last Friday evening in St. Benedict's Hall, which was crowded. The social proved a magnificent success. A billiard tournament commences to-night at the club rooms. On August 10 a dinner will be held to commemorate the anniversary of the opening of the Marist Brothers' Old Boys' Club.

Rev. Father Holbrook, at the Cathedral last evening, delivered a discourse on cremation, which attracted the attention of the Auckland *Star*, which devoted over half a column to it. The rev. preacher showed the reasons why cremation was a practice which the Church condemns. The arguments put forth by the advocates of cremation were interestingly treated, and the large congregation listened with keen attention to it.

A pleasing testimony to the popularity of Father Carran, of St. Francis' Church, was to be found in the large gathering at the Oddfellows' Hall last night (says the *Thames Star* of July 3), when a valedictory social was accorded him. The programme opened with a pianoforte duet by Miss Dunbar and Mrs. Mullins. This was followed by vocal items by Misses Mountain, McPike (2), and Messrs. Rickit and Armstrong. Master Cooney delivered a recitation, and Mr. Chapman delighted the audience with a recitation and ventriloquial items. Mr. T. E. Mullins then briefly stated the object of the meeting—viz., to bid farewell to the Rev. Father Carran, and as a slight token of this appreciation and the general esteem in which he was held he asked him to accept a purse of sovereigns, and with it the heartiest wishes of his people that he might be long spared to continue the good work he had so nobly begun. Father Carran suitably replied, stating that when he was first informed of his appointment under the Right Rev. Mgr. O'Reilly and among his own folk, he was more than gratified. A few evenings previous, at St. Francis' Church, Mr. Ed. Whittaker presented Father Carran with a handsome travelling bag prior to his departure from Thames. The choir was present in full muster, and general regret was expressed at Father Carran's contemplated departure. Mr. Whittaker,

in making the presentation, wished him, on behalf of the choir, who subscribed to the gift, a successful career. The recipient suitably responded, and said that he would always reserve a warm place in his heart for Thames.

### DIocese OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

The Rev. Father O'Connell, S.M., assisted by the Rev. Father Tyler, M.S.H., Darfield, concluded a successful mission on the Midland Railway works at Broken River last week. The various services were largely attended by Catholics and non-Catholics alike.

In a football match on Saturday, after a fast and close game, the Marist Brothers' Old Boys drew with the Linwood Old Boys, neither side scoring. Bro. Virgilius was referee. In the primary schools competition the Marist Brothers' School team defeated the Addington School by 11 points to 3.

His Lordship the Bishop made reference in the Cathedral on Sunday to the death of the Venerable Bishop of Maitland. The late Bishop Murray visited Christchurch with Cardinal Moran on the occasion of his Eminence's last visit to this city. Of a group of prelates and local and visiting clergy, numbering 20, photographed at the time, no fewer than six are now deceased, including five that belonged to the diocese of Christchurch.

Following a short preparatory retreat in the Convent of the Sacred Heart, conducted by the Ven. Archpriest Le Menant des Chesnais, S.M., seven religious of the Institute of Notre Dame des Missions received the habit in the convent chapel on last Thursday afternoon. The Ven. Archpriest Le Menant des Chesnais, S.M., presided at the ceremony, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Kennedy, of the Cathedral. Others of the clergy present in the sanctuary were the Very Rev. Dean Ginaty, S.M., V.G., Very Rev. Dr. Kennedy, S.M. (Rector of St. Patrick's College), Rev. Fathers Hyland, O'Hare, Hoare, S.M., Gilbert, S.M., Graham, S.M., and Drohn, M.S.H.

A large audience gathered in the Hibernian Hall on last Thursday evening, when a most enjoyable picture entertainment was given under the auspices of the Christchurch Catholic Club by Mr. Foley. The programme consisted mainly of a fine series of cinematographic views, wherein the humorous, pathetic, and instructive were judiciously blended. Several vocal items, very well rendered and suitably illustrated, formed an attractive addition. At the conclusion of the entertainment the president (Mr. J. R. Hayward) cordially thanked Mr. Foley for his kindness in providing an evening's amusement which had so well pleased all present, and also materially augmented the funds of the club.

Under the auspices of St. Joseph's Conference Society of St. Vincent de Paul one of the most successful and enjoyable evening's entertainments yet given in Lyttelton took place on last Wednesday evening in aid of the fund for providing a suitable hall for the purposes of the Mission to Catholic Seamen. The attendance was very large, and taxed the capacity of the schoolroom to the utmost. A card tournament proved an attractive portion of the programme, and among the prize-winners were Miss G. Knight, Miss Flynn, and Mr. Hancock. Musical items were given, Miss M. Williams being accompanist, and refreshments were provided by lady friends. Thanks are due to Miss Williams for much appreciated help, Mr. J. Maher (of the Lyttelton Club), and Mr. Bradley for assistance, and to the Lyttelton Marine Band for the use of piano. At the conclusion of the entertainment the Rev. Father Cooney warmly thanked Mr. H. Anthony for promoting such an enjoyable gathering, and congratulated him on the success of his efforts in a cause which appealed to the generosity of everyone.

### OBITUARY

#### MRS. JOHANNA CARROLL, MORNINGTON.

An old colonist in the person of Mrs. Johanna Carroll, wife of Mr. Edmund Carroll, Mornington, passed away on July 7, at the age of 75 years. The deceased, who was born in Moycarkey, Tipperary, was a niece of the late Rev. Father Dee, of Moycarkey, and sister of the late Mr. David Dee, merchant, Dublin. She left her native land at the age of 20 years, and was married in Hobart 49 years ago. The remains were taken to St. Joseph's Cathedral on Wednesday evening, and on Thursday morning a Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of the deceased was celebrated by the Rev. Father Corcoran. The funeral, which was private, took place immediately after the Mass. The Rev. Father Coffey, Adm., assisted by the Rev. Father Corcoran, officiated at the interment in the Southern Cemetery.—R.I.P.