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Hastings

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

August 2.

Mr. Moriarty, the representative of the Tablet, was in town to-day, and his presence brought forth an eloquent appeal from Very Rev. Father Keogh at the 11 o'clock Mass on Sunday on behalf of the Catholic newspaper and Catholic literature in general.

Mr. Edmund Moriarty, an old and respected resident of Hastings, passed away at his residence on Tuesday, July Deceased was a devoted member of the Church, and led an exemplary life. He had been suffering for some considerable time from cancer, so that his end was not unexpected. The funeral took place on Thursday, July 29, and the cortege was one of the longest seen in the district for some time. The members of the Hibernian Society, of which deceased was a member, attended in a body to the number of 75. The Rev. rather Quinn officiated at the graveside.—R.I.P.

Very Rev. Father Keogh, S.M., B.A., late rector of St. Patrick's College, arrived in Hastings on Thursday evening last to commence his new duties as parish priest. On Friday morning he was the guest of the pupils of the convent schools at a concert given in his honor, at which a presentation of an address was made by the children to a presentation of an address was made by the children to their future pastor. The concert programme was as follows: Welcome song, 'Vivat, pastor bonus,' pupils; action song, infants; club exercises, juniors; song, 'Come to the woodland,' juniors; song, 'The minstrel boy,' seniors; recitation, Miss Alma Poppelwell; song, 'The shamrock,' girls; recitation, Miss Ivy Horne; song, 'In happy moments,' girls; recitation, Master Peter Bridgeman; song, 'Let Eria remember,' boys; flower drill, junior girls. Master Dan O'Brion then read the following address: o'Brien then read the following address:

'Very Rev. and Dear Father,—We are assembled here

to-day to bid you welcome. Welcome to Hastings and to our schools. It is indeed a great honor, which we assure you, dear Rev. Father, we appreciate, to have you with us as our future pastor and guide. We trust that you will find your new children, in their small way, worthy successors to have all waying and a consolation and a glory to you to your old pupils, and a consolation and a glory to you.

May God bless you with health and strength to fulfil your. duties in Hastings for many long and happy years. This is the fervent prayer of your devoted children, the pupils of the Convent Schools.'

Speaking on behalf of the Sisters and children, Rev. Father Quinn extended a hearty welcome to Very Rev. Father Keogh, who, he said, had been his professor for many years at St. Mary's College, Dundalk, where he (Father Quinn) and all the pupils under Father Keogh had reamed the benefit of his wise souncel and gentle rule. The reaped the benefit of his wise counsel and gentle rule. children of Hastings would find him a father and a friendone who would enter into their little joys and sorrows and help them to fit themselves for their different walks in life.

In replying, Father Keogh thanked the children very sincerely for their warm welcome, and for the kindly motives which prompted their presentations to him. He wished them every happiness and success in their future careers, and concluded by granting them a holiday.

In the evening Very Rev. Father Keogh was tendered a reception by the Catholic congregation in St. Patrick's Hall, which was filled with an overflowing audience, including representatives of the general public. Mr. W. T. Dennett presided, and the visitors included Rev. Fathers Dennett presided, and the visitors included Rev. Fathers Goggan and O'Connor, of Napier, and Rev. Fathers Tymous and Macdonald, of Meeanee. The first part of the programme took the form of a short musical entertainment, consisting of the following items: 'The radiant morn, Sacred Heart Choir; duet, 'Love's nocturne,' Mr. and Mrs. V. R. Roach; pianoforte solo, Master F. Sheehan; song, Miss Hickey; mandolin solo, Miss Cronin; song, Mr. Avison; quartet, Misses Hickey and Vickers and Messrs. O'Sullivan and Vickers.

At the conclusion of the concert an address of welcome was read by Mr. Dennett to Father Keogh as follows: 'Very Rev. and Dear Father,—We, the parishioners of

Hastings, beg to offer you a sincere and hearty welcome

to our midst. When it became known to us that we were to lose Dean Smyth sorrow filled our hearts. He had labored long and well for the spiritual and temporal welfare of his flock, and we could not part with him without genuine regret. Our sorrow was, however, greatly lessened by the announcement that his successor was to be Very Rev. Father Keogh. Your fame reached us long before the news of your appointment to our parish. We have heard of the noble and great successes you have achieved in the highest educational institutions during the past thirty-four years in the Old Land and also in New Zealand. To sever connec-tions with your beloved staff, college, and pupils must have caused you a keen pang. Still, we trust our loyalty to you and our fidelity in following, your wise counsels will compensate you in some measure for the sacrifice you have made. Once more extending to you a sincere and hearty Cead mile failte, we beg to be, your devoted children, the parishioners of Hastings.'

Mr. Dennett also read the following telegrams:—From Dean Smyth: 'Gladly uniting with parishioners in hearty welcome.' From Very Rev. Dean Regnault (Provincial), Wellington: 'With Hastings congregation in wishing you

welcome and success.

Mr. Dennett welcomed Father Keogh on behalf of the congregation, and Rev. Father Quinn and Rev. Father Goggan (who was a fellow-student with Father Keogh in

Goggan (who was a fellow-student with Father Keogh in France) also extended their greetings, and wished Father Keogh health and God's choicest blessings in his new work. In returning thanks for the very cordial reception accorded him, Father Keogh paid a high tribute to the great work accomplished by Dean Smyth in Hastings, which he (Father Keogh) hoped to continue.

Refreshments were then handed round, and Father Keogh mingled with the assemblage, being introduced to those present by Father Quinn.

Invercargill

(From our own correspondent.)

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August 10.

For the first time in the history of the Catholic Club its representatives took part in an inter-club debate on Monday, August 2, the other team being the representatives of the local Y.M.C.A. The debate took place in the Catholic Club rooms. The president (Mr. Jas. Collins) was in the chair, and Mr. W. G. Mehaffey (rector of the Central School) acted as sole judge. The subject was 'Leasehold v. Freehold.' The Catholic Club, represented by Messrs. J. Mulvey (leader), T. Pound, G. W. Woods, and L. W. J. Morton, supported leasehold, and the Y.M.C.A. team, consisting of Messrs. McDonald, Ball, Strang, and Rowlands, favored the freehold. There was a large attendance and keen interest was taken in the debate. Rather an unorthodox proceeding took place at what should have been the conclusion of the discussion, when Mr. S. McDonald (Y.M.C.A. leader) claimed the right to reply on behalf of the negative side. The chairman pointed out that such a proceeding was contrary to parliamentary procedure and to the rules of debate. Mr. Mulvey, at this stage, interposed that the representatives of the Catholic Club were quite willing to allow Mr. McDonald to have his reply, recognising, however, that he was not so entitled. Mr. McDonald accordingly replied. Mr. Mehaffey, in giving his decision, complimented both sides on the excellence of the debate, which he characterised as one of the best he had listened to. He hoped that both clubs would endeavor to promote more inter-club debates in the town. It was very pleasing for him to note that the young men there that night thought of other things besides football. His decision was in favor of the Catholic Club, 373 points against 370. Complimentary references were made by both leaders to the judge, and the proceedings terminated with a vote of thanks to the chair. Congratulations are extended to the club on their fine effort, especially as their opponents are 'old hands at the game,' their leader (Mr. McDonald) being at one time a city counc time a city councillor.

The Hibernian Band has been fortunate in securing the services of Mr. J. McGrath, who is recognised as one of the leading cornet players in the Dominion. He is an Invercargillite, but has been in Wellington for some time past.

Waihi

(From our own correspondent.)

Last night the opening meeting of the newly-formed Catholic Young Men's Club took place in the Hibernian Hall. There was a good attendance, and Mr. J. S. Ritchie occupied the chair. In an introductory speech the Very Rev. Father Brodie explained the aims and objects of such a society. A good programme of songs, recitations, ven-triloquial art, and step dances was contributed. Light :efreshments were provided.

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