

the evening pianoforte solos were played by Misses Emily Woods and Jessie Lamb. Songs were contributed by Misses Staunton and K. Falkner. His Lordship expressed himself well pleased with the progress of the Club.

NEW ZEALAND: GENERAL.

THERE will be no mayoral elections in the Colony this year. so the present mayors remain in office until April.

THE crops in the South Canterbury district are reported to be looking remarkably well.

THE Southland Frozen Meat Company is erecting abattoirs at Matakaua. A contract is in hand to slaughter 200 head of cattle, fattened on Edendale Estate, for the Home market.

THE contents of the *Triad* for October are, as usual, varied and interesting, and comprise articles on art music, science, and literature.

THE Roslyn Tram Company, Dunedin, has the honor of being the first corporation in New Zealand to use electricity as a motor power for their cars. A trial of the new cars took place last week with very satisfactory results.

THE Christchurch people object to November 9 being proclaimed the peace celebration holiday, as it will be the People's Show Day, and would, they think, be hurtful to the Agricultural Show.

A FIRE occurred early on Friday at Papanui, near Christchurch, by which the Town Hall was completely destroyed. Hopkins's grocery store, and the shops of Lake (bootmaker) and Roberts (tobaccoist) were burned down.

As a souvenir of his management of the Wellington tramways, Dr. Grace's partners presented him with a silver epergne and candelabra, designed and made locally. The weight of the dome is 200oz, and the articles are said to be the most valuable of the kind ever made in New Zealand.

THE reputation of New Zealand as a health resort has evidently reached London, for we are informed that a number of cracksmen are on their way from England. Very likely the police were making London too hot for them, and so they have decided to pay us a visit.

IT is reported that the timber trade of the Colony is remarkably brisk at present. The Kauri Company have a million feet ordered for Wellington and Lyttelton alone, seven vessels being employed in the carrying of it. During the next few months two million feet of white pine will be sent from Wellington to Sydney, where the demand is also very brisk.

OUR readers in different parts of the Colony would oblige us very much by sending to this office marked copies of local papers containing items of Catholic news. Many of our friends feel disappointed when we do not notice some event reported in a local paper, but they should bear in mind that exchanges are liable to miscarry, and furthermore that there is the possibility of a paragraph being overlooked.

A sad affair occurred at Wanganui last week, when George Watts, a carter, was drowned in attempting to save a woman who had jumped off the wharf. He swam towards her for some distance, but seeing a boat going to her assistance, turned back, and shortly afterwards sank. A sailor named Miller also jumped off the wharf, and rescued the woman before she finally went down, holding her up till a boat reached them. The body of Watts was found three-quarters of an hour afterwards, and attempts were made at resuscitation. Restoratives had to be applied to Miller, who was in an exhausted condition.

THE Wellington correspondent of the *Otago Daily Times* says:—Bishop Grimes, of Christchurch, who has just arrived by the Waikare from Australia, informed a reporter that the recent Sydney Conference decided, among other things, to establish a Catholic Truth Society for the dissemination of Roman Catholic literature. There was nothing professedly political about the Society, and in discussing its formation politics were set aside. Of course some subjects, such as education, must have a political side, but the main object was to disseminate the truth about the Church. Steps are also to be taken to organise missions to non-Catholics, and prisons outside the Church will be visited in a special manner to hear lectures. It is hoped in this way to remove erroneous impressions. These missions will be similar to those undertaken in North America by the Paulist Fathers.

ON Monday evening of last week a very successful social gathering was held in Hawera for the purpose of giving the Catholics of the district an opportunity of saying good-bye to the Rev. Father Osborne, of Masterton, who had been in charge of the parish during the absence on holiday of the Very Rev. Father Power. During his short stay in this town (says the *Hawera Star*) Father Osborne, by his geniality and other good qualities, made a host of friends, who did not feel disposed to allow him to depart without some manifestation in his honor. The social, which was held in the Opera House, was well attended, and proved very enjoyable. The Flynn Family orchestra played some tuneful selections, which were much appreciated; songs were given by Messrs L. O. Hooker, Hayes, Rapley (Stratford), Wakeman, and Scott, and a duet by Misses Nelly and M. Flynn. Mr. Fraser recited humorously. Prior to the supper adjournment, the Rev. Father Osborne took the opportunity of thanking the promoters of the social, and expressing the regret he felt at having to leave Hawera, the warm-hearted people of which place had shown him such great kindness during his stay here. He would, he said, ever retain kindly recollections of Hawera folk, and hoped at some future date to be able to pay the

district another visit. He would have very much liked to have remained in Hawera, but his superiors willed otherwise, and there was nothing left for him but to obey. In bidding farewell to those present, he expressed the hope that, should it so fall out that they would never see each other again in this world, they would meet in a better land, where there would be no parting. An excellent supper was provided by the ladies of the congregation. The ladies' committee consisted of Misses Flynn (2), Sutton, and Carroll, Mesdames Sullivan, Sutton, Roche, O'Donnell, and Hooker, the last-named making an indefatigable secretary. The gentlemen's committee were Messrs Russell, Sullivan, O'Donnell, and Hooker. Among those present was the Rev. Father Johnston, of Stratford. At the conclusion of the social Mesdames Hooker and Sullivan (on behalf of the parishioners) presented Father Osborne with a purse of sovereigns, the rev. gentleman making feeling acknowledgment. Father Osborne left by the next morning's express, carrying with him the hearty good wishes of the Hawera Catholics, many of whom assembled at the station to bid him farewell.

THE GENERAL ELECTION IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.

THE result so far of the General Election in the United Kingdom has occasioned but little surprise. It was practically a foregone conclusion. The success of the war in South Africa and the complete disorganisation of the Liberal Party will have the effect of sending back the Conservatives to power with an overwhelming majority. Partly in consequence of the war trade has been for some time in a flourishing condition in Great Britain, and so long as this state of things lasts the industrial classes are as enthusiastic in favor of a spirited foreign policy as the most pronounced Tory. The Government put the war as the foremost plank in their platform, and the result so far has been an emphatic approval of their policy.

When the last mail left Home it was said that the Conservatives would make an attempt in Ireland to wrest some of the seats from the Nationalists. Like the Opposition in England the Irish Party had not made much provision for the election, and it would not be a matter of surprise if they did lose some seats. Up to a few days ago the following Nationalists were reported to have been returned:—Waterford, Mr. J. E. Redmond; Newry, Mr. P. H. Carvill; Leitrim South, Mr. J. Tully; Roscommon South, Mr. L. P. Hayden; Kerry East, Mr. J. Murphy; Tipperary South, Mr. J. Cullinan; Cork East, Captain Donelan; Mayo South, Mr. J. O'Donnell; Kilkenny City, Mr. P. O'Brien; Clare East, Mr. W. H. K. Redmond; Galway East, Mr. J. Roche; Mid-Cork, Dr. Tanner; Westmeath South, Mr. D. Sullivan; Dublin North, Mr. J. J. Clancy; King's County (Tullamore Division), Mr. Burke; Limerick East, Mr. Landon; South Meath, Mr. Carew; Sligo South, Mr. O'Dowd; Donegal West, Mr. Boyle; Galway South, Colonel Nolan; Kerry South, Mr. Boland; Carlow, Mr. Hammond; Connemara (Galway), Mr. W. O'Malley; Kildare South, Mr. Minch; Londonderry County, Mr. Justin McCarthy; Mayo East, Mr. John Dillon; Tipperary North, Mr. P. J. O'Brien; Limerick City, Mr. Joyce; Cork South, Mr. E. Barry; Down South, Mr. McCartan; Longford South, Hon. E. Blake; Leix Division (Queen's County), Dr. M. A. Macdonnell; Monaghan North, Mr. D. MacAliese; Roscommon North, Mr. J. J. O'Kelly; Wexford South, Mr. P. F. French; Cavan West, Mr. M. Govern; Sligo North, Mr. McKillop; Wicklow East, Mr. Cogan; College Green (Dublin), Mr. Navette; St. Stephen's Division (Dublin), Mr. McCann [this is a gain for the Nationalists]; Cork City, Mr. Wm. O'Brien; Galway South, Mr. Dufty; Limerick West, Mr. O'Shannessy; Longford North, Mr. J. P. Farrell; Queen's County (Osory Division), Mr. Delaney; Clare West, Mr. J. R. Maguire; Kerry North, Mr. M. J. Flavin; Waterford East, Mr. P. J. Power; Wicklow West, Mr. J. O'Connor; Kilkenny North, Mr. P. McDermott; Donegal East, Mr. McFadden; Kilkenny South, Mr. O'Mara; Cork West, Mr. Gilbooly; Mayo West, Mr. R. Ambrose; Mid-Tyrone, Mr. G. Murningham; Donegal South, Mr. J. Swift MacNeil; Cavan East, Mr. S. Young.

The Galway city seat has been captured by a Conservative in the person of Mr. H. P. Morris, who contested the constituency at the previous election, when there were two Nationalist candidates, the numbers then being—Pikerton 595, Leamy 405, Morris 395. It is evident the Nationalist vote was again split on this occasion, and consequently the Conservative got elected.

Mr. T. P. O'Connor has been returned for his old constituency, Scotland Division of Liverpool.

The following is the state of parties so far: Conservatives, 273; Unionists, 49; Liberals, 92; Nationalists, 64.

OBITUARY.

MR. JOHN FITZGERALD, OAMARU.

General regret was felt in Oamaru when it became known that Mr. John Fitzgerald, of the Imperial Hotel, had passed away. The sad event took place on the 6th ult. The deceased was a member of a well-known and highly respected County Waterford family. During his residence in Oamaru he had made a large circle of friends. Mr. Fitzgerald was noted for his genial disposition and uprightness of character. He was a practical Catholic, and an ardent lover of his native country, and his demise at the comparatively early age of 40 years was keenly felt by his many friends. The large attendance at the funeral was an evidence of the high respect in which the deceased was held. A widow and three children are left to mourn their loss.—R.I.P.