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Hibernian Society

(From our Auckland correspondent.)

The half-yearly meeting of the N.Z. District, No. 3, of the H.A.C.B. Society was held in the Hibernian Hall on August 26. Bro. C. Little, D.V.P., in the absence of Bro. the Hon. W. Beehan, D.P., took the chair. The officers present were: Bro. J. B. Stead, P.D.P., Bro. W. Kane, D.S., Bro. M. J. Sheahan, D.T. The following delegates attended:—Thames, Bro. Harney; Dunedin, Bro. J. Smith; Auckland, Bros. F. Gordon and V. Williams; Christchurch, Bro. D. Flynn; Denniston, Bro. Kilty; Onehunga, Bro. Crisp, Napier, Bro. Jos. Mason, Wellington, Bros. M. Carmody and G. Rice, New Plymouth, Bro. W. Prime; Leeston, Bro. John Patterson, New Headford, Bro. A. C. Stead, Timaru, Bro. P. J. Nerheny, P.D.P.; Oamaru, Bro. H. Duffin; Gisborne, Bro. M. O'Sullivan, P.D.P. The D.P., Hon. W. Beehan, wired his regret for non-attendance, and wished the meeting every success. Finance, Funeral fund, £497 2 9s; death claims paid for the half-year, £160, net profit, £91 11s 8d; current account in banks, £1012 9s 11d, amount invested in city freehold security, £3900, management fund, £65.

It was decided to make a presentation to Bro. Sullivan, of the Timaru branch, who, in six months, had nominated 65 new members.

A new branch at Palmerston North was opened by the District President on Sunday, August 22. At Wellington South another branch was opened. Two motions on the order paper by the Christchurch and Timaru branches were withdrawn. The Timaru delegate moved that the Board congratulates Bro. the Hon. W. Beehan upon his elevation to the Legislative Council. This was unanimously agreed to. The following were nominated for the various offices:—President, Bros. C. Little and P. J. Nerheny; vice president, Bro. John Patterson, M. O'Sullivan, F. Gordon, Jas. Smith, district treasurer, Bros. M. J. Sheahan and D. Flynn, district secretary, Bro. W. Kane and Bro. J. B. Stead, auditors, Bros. F. J. O'Meara and P. O'Kane.

Notice of motion was given by the Dunedin branch bearing upon the laws. Notice of motion by the Wellington branch was tendered relative to the removal of the executive to Wellington. The Hon. W. Beehan wrote to say that the Registrar and Revising Barrister had nearly completed the revision of the laws of the Society, and they would soon be ready for the printer.

WEDDING BELLS

BOYLE—SHEEHAN.

At St. Peter's Catholic Church, Wrey's Bush, took place recently (writes our travelling correspondent) the marriage of Mr. Michael Joseph Boyle, eldest son of Mr. John Boyle, Heddon Bush, to Miss Mary Sheehan, second eldest daughter of Mr. Sheehan, North Wairio. The bride, who was given away by her father, was attended by two bridesmaids—Miss Ellen Sheehan (sister of the bride) and Miss Mary Ellen Theresa Boyle (sister of the bridegroom). Mr. Francis P. Boyle was best man. The church was crowded with the friends and relatives of both parties. The bride wore a stylish costume of violet velvet, with white silk front, with the usual wreath and veil. The ceremony was performed by the Very Rev. Father Walsh. In the evening a dance was held. Mr. and Mrs. Boyle left on their honeymoon trip for Christchurch, taking with them the best wishes of a large circle of friends for their future happiness.

OBITUARY

MOTHER VINCENT, WELLINGTON.

(From our own correspondent.)

I record, with regret, the death, from consumption, of Mother Vincent, sister of Very Rev. Father Lane, of the Lower Hutt, which took place at the convent, Hill street, on Friday afternoon. The deceased lady was in the 20th year of her profession, and arrived in New Zealand in 1880. Though in a delicate state of health for the last seven years she was able to attend to her various duties until a week ago. Her death was a most edifying one, and the Very Rev. Father Lane was present at her death-bed. A solemn Requiem Mass for the repose of her soul was celebrated on Saturday.—R.I.P.

MR. NICHOLAS MACKIN, COUNTY DOWN

Word has been received by the last Frisco mail of the death at Lurganeagh, Killeck, County Down, Ireland, of Mr. Nicholas Mackin, at the early age of 30 years. He followed the occupation of farming, and was the only brother of Dr. Mackin, of Wellington.—R.I.P.

MR. E. F. TOLE, AUCKLAND.

(From our own correspondent.)

I regret to announce the death, on August 22, of Mr. Edward Francis Tole, fourth son of the late Mr. John Tole. The deceased, who at an early age, exhibited remarkable talent and ability, determined, after some years of arduous study, to adopt the profession of his late father, that of a land surveyor. He soon became a prominent member of the Government Survey staff, and was placed in charge of some of the principal surveys undertaken in those days. He was of Irish birth, an extremely well-read man, and made the history of his country, in which he was always deeply interested, one of his most devoted studies. A good Catholic, he was ever mindful of the welfare of his Church and its many charitable institutions. A competent Maori scholar, he readily achieved the notice of the principal northern chiefs, and retained their respect and affection to the last. He was brother of the late Commissioner of Crown Lands, Mr. Daniel Austin Tole, and of the Hon. J. A. Tole, the present Crown Prosecutor in Auckland.—R.I.P.

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