

would disarm suspicion. He said that if Ulster frankly accepted the Government's proposals as a basis of peace, the Nationalists would accept them in the same spirit. It would be a tragedy if Sir E. Carson and his friends refused to assist in creating good government in Ireland. Mr. Redmond went on to say that if the Opposition in a moment of unwisdom and passion rejected this far-reaching and generous suggestion, then the Government owed it to Ireland and to the Empire to put the Bill on the Statute Book without delay, and to face with firmness any movement to overawe Parliament and subvert the law by menace or arms.

Mr. O'Brien said the Prime Minister's suggestions were hateful and intolerable. Ulster was indulging in a gigantic game of bluff.

Mr. Tim Healy said he would rather have no Bill than the proposed modifications. He was certain that Mr. Redmond was going to swallow perpetual exclusion. The four excluded counties would be boycotted by all the Irish outside. There would probably be a movement in the American Congress to put a tariff on Belfast linen and other products to prevent them from being consumed in the United States.

The debate was adjourned till the 16th inst.

### Hamilton

(By telegraph, from our own correspondent.)

March 10.

Preparations for the annual picnic of St. Mary's parish are now well under way, and given fine weather there is every reason to hope that it will be even more successful than those of past years. Drags will be waiting at the church gates at the conclusion of the 9 o'clock Mass on St. Patrick's Day, and the children will be taken to Mr. Moroney's. The picnic executive have obtained a handsome cup to be won outright by the competitor scoring most points in the 100, 220, and 440 yards. This competition is open only to financial members of the club, and nominations close on Sunday next. All classes are well catered for.

Very Rev. Dean Darby is at last to have a much-needed assistant, and the Rev. Father Finn, who is at present relieving in the Gisborne parish, has been appointed to assist the Dean. It is expected that Father Finn will take up his duties about the end of the week. To show the growth of the Waikato during recent years, it may be mentioned that the parish over which the

Dean presided twelve years ago has increased in population to such an extent that it has been subdivided, and four priests now officiate where once the Dean was able to attend to the spiritual wants of the people.

After the evening devotions on Sunday the members of St. Mary's Catholic Men's Club entertained at the clubrooms Messrs. Power and Caughey, two of the American athletes. Notwithstanding that the club's secretary (Mr. M. McCarthy) had only a few hours' notice given him, still he, with the co-operation of Mr. Simpson (choirmaster), and the members of the choir provided a short but very attractive musical programme. In an address of welcome Very Rev. Dean Darby, who presided, dwelt on the fact that the club was privileged in being asked to entertain two of the chosen amateur athletes of the United States. He reminded the athletes that they came to New Zealand not as strangers but as elder brothers, of whose achievements their younger brothers in New Zealand were justly proud.

Messrs. Power and Caughey briefly replied, expressing their great pleasure at the hospitality shown them since they landed in New Zealand, and remarking that the pleasure of the evening would be long remembered, even when they had left these shores.

Refreshments were served by the ladies, assisted by the young men, to whom great credit is due. A most pleasant evening was brought to a close by the singing of 'Auld lang syne,' and three cheers for the visitors. Mr. Charles Speight, secretary of the Hamilton Amateur Athletic Club, thanked the meeting for the help they had given to make the stay of the visitors pleasant in Hamilton.

### Waimate

(From an occasional correspondent.)

A Solemn Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of Henry Burger was celebrated in St. Patrick's Church, Waimate, on March 9, there being a large congregation. The celebrant was Rev. A. Burger (son of deceased), deacon, Rev. Father Kerlev, S.M.; subdeacon, Rev. P. Smyth, S.M.; master of ceremonies, Rev. Father Murphy, S.M. Very Rev. Dean Tubman, S.M., and Rev. Father Lynch assisted in the sanctuary. The solemn music of the Mass was rendered by Rev. Fathers Bowers, Aubry, S.M., Finnerty, S.M., and Mr. W. Goldstone.

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