

Gore

(From an occasional correspondent.)

At the last meeting of the H.A.C.B. Society, which was largely attended, Bro. R. Ferris, P.P., was elected secretary, *vice* Bro. M. T. Francis, resigned. Complimentary tickets were received from the Milton branch.

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AUCKLAND NEWMAN SOCIETY

(By telegraph, from our own correspondent.)

July 27.

The July meeting of the Auckland Newman Society was held at St. Mark's Convent, Ponsonby, yesterday (Sunday) afternoon. There were some seventy members present, and Rev. Brother George occupied the chair. A good deal of correspondence from members of Parliament declaring their opposition to the so-called referendum for the introduction of the Bible into the State schools of the Dominion was read and favorably received at the meeting. The principal business of the afternoon was an address delivered by Rev.

Father Doyle on Gray's 'Elegy.' Father Doyle pointed out that some of the most beautiful elegies in the whole world are to be found in English poetry. He said Gray was the laureate of the poor, and out of their round of toil, their simple annals, and their narrow cells he built up the elegy. The central idea of the poem was that man is great not by virtue of the magnitude of his duties. The charm of Gray's work rests in the simplicity and universality of its thought, enshrined in language at once clear, beautiful, and harmonious.

An interesting discussion followed the address, in which most of the members took part. A cordial vote of thanks was passed to Father Doyle for the interesting matter he had placed before the meeting. It was decided to hold the next meeting at the Sacred Heart College, when a debate will be held on Scott's works. The meeting was brought to a close by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament in the convent chapel.

At the request of the teachers' committee controlling schools' football in Invercargill, a match eventuated last Saturday between the Marist team, premiers for the past three years, and a combination from the various town schools. The wearers of the Green and Black made up in dash, fearlessness, and combination what they conceded in size and weight by engaging in such a contest. Eventually they ran out victors by 9 points to nil, and had not much difficulty, under the greatest of all tests, of keeping their line intact. Cook secured two tries and Wells scored one.

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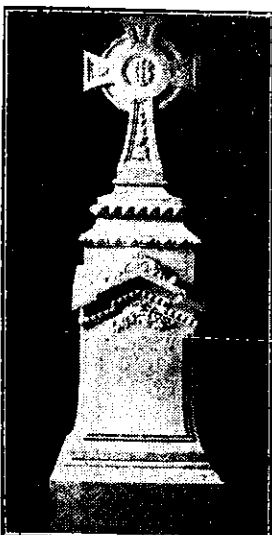
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