

Fogarty, Miss Griffiths, Miss Moss, A Friend, Mrs. Toal, and Anonymous (2). During the week four cases of clothing were sent down to the Early Settlers Hall, ready for shipment to England.

## OBITUARY

### MR. JAMES BOURKE, KILBIRNIE.

(From our Wellington correspondent.)

The death occurred on Friday evening, May 7, of Mr James Bourke, one of the oldest and most respected citizens of Wellington. Mr. Bourke was a staunch Catholic, a prominent Irishman, and one of the Church's most generous benefactors in this city. The late Mr. Bourke arrived in Wellington about 47 years ago, and for about 45 years of that time was a resident of Kilbirnie, where he carried on a wool-scouring business. He was a native of Limerick, and came of an old Irish family remarkable for its adherence to the faith. He took a keen interest in the development of Wellington, and was a member of the first Melrose Borough Council. In the early days, before the erection of churches at Kilbirnie, South Wellington, and Buckle street, Mr. Bourke was a familiar figure at the nearest church in those days—St. Mary of the Angels', Boulcott street, where he and the members of his family attended. As a tribute to his memory, and in accordance with his expressed wish, the burial service was held at that church. The Ven. Archdeacon Devoy, S.M., celebrated a Solemn Requiem Mass, and his Grace Archbishop O'Shea, who was present, made feeling reference to the many good qualities of the deceased. The music was rendered by the Rev. Fathers Venning, S.M., Kimbell, S.M., Peoples, S.M., and Queady. There were also in the sanctuary, Very Rev. Father Roche, C.S.S.R., Rev. Father Kelly, C.S.S.R., Very Rev. Dean Lane, and Rev. Father Walsh (Lower Hutia). Very Rev. Father O'Connell, S.M., officiated at the Mount Street Cemetery, where the interment took place. Rev. Father Peoples attended the deceased in his last illness. Mrs. Bourke predeceased her husband some years ago. His four sons are Messrs. M. P., C. J., T. J., and J. P. Bourke, who are well-known wool buyers of this city. The last-named is at present in England. One of the daughters is Sister Mary Vincent of the Convent of Mercy, Wellington South, and another is Mrs. J. O'Shea, Hawera, wife of Mr. J. O'Shea, brother of his Grace Archbishop O'Shea. The others are Miss Bourke (Kilbirnie), Mrs. A. Vickers (Blenheim), Mrs. T. Quirk (Gisborne), and Mrs. O. Hickman (Marlborough). Mr. Bourke's death was referred to feelingly in all the churches on Sunday. Particular reference was made at St. Patrick's Church, Kilbirnie, by the Ven. Archdeacon Devoy, to the many good qualities of the deceased, and to the loss his death meant to the Catholic community of Wellington. On Tuesday evening, at the meeting of the confraternity of the Holy Family at St. Gerard's Church, the Rev. Father Kelly, C.S.S.R., referred to the deceased as a benefactor of the Redemptorist Order, and commended his soul to the prayers of the members of the confraternity.—R.I.P.

### MRS. MARY RICHMOND, PORTOBELLO.

The many friends of Mrs. Richmond will regret to hear of her death, which took place after a very short illness on April 13. The deceased was born in County Tyrone, Ireland, 76 years ago. When quite a young woman she arrived in Victoria. A few years later she came to New Zealand, with her husband, and settled at Portobello, where she resided till the date of her death, a period of 45 years. She was of a loving, quiet, and generous nature, always faithful to her religious duties, and greatly esteemed by old and young. She leaves a brother (Mr. James Doherty, Owaka), and one adopted daughter to mourn their loss.—R.I.P.

## Christchurch North

May 17.

On Sunday there was Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from the 11 o'clock Mass until evening devotions, when the usual procession took place.

There was a reception of the Children of Mary on Sunday evening, when seven new members were received. The Rev. Father Hoare, S.M. (spiritual director) officiated.

On Sunday morning after Mass, the Catholics of Hornby presented Mr. D. Roberts, who is leaving on an extended holiday, with a travelling rug. The Rev. Father Hickson, S.M., made the presentation, and expressed the regret of all at parting from such an esteemed member who, by his generosity and hearty co-operation in Church affairs, had earned the esteem of all, and wished him a pleasant holiday and many years of health and prosperity.

(From an occasional correspondent.)

A meeting of St. Mary's parish committee was held in Ozanam Lodge on Sunday, May 9. Very Rev. Dean Hills, S.M., Adm., presided, and there was a fair attendance of members. It was decided to obtain plans and specifications for the continuation of the wall in front of the presbytery. The treasurer reported that a sum of £11 13s 11d had been received at the church doors by means of the penny collection during the last month, and that the amount in hand to date, including balance from picnic, was £29 8s.

## Hamilton

(From a correspondent.)

At the inaugural meeting of St. Mary's Ladies' Club, the following officers were elected:—Patron, Very Rev. Dean Darby; president, Miss Doyle; vice-presidents, Mrs. Chainey and Miss K. Fraser; secretary, Miss T. McCarthy; treasurer, Miss B. Stapleton; committee, Misses Chitty, Lena Lafferty, and A. McCarthy. The club starts with a membership of about thirty. The formal opening took place on Tuesday evening, May 11, when a very pleasant time was spent.

A few evenings ago, Mr. J. B. Hooper, who is retiring from business, and is leaving Hamilton, was entertained at a social gathering in St. Mary's Club-rooms, and presented with a handsome case of pipes by St. Mary's Football Club, of which he had been at one time president. An excellent spread was laid for the company which numbered about sixty. Mr. A. J. Hair presided. Several toasts were honored, including 'Our boys at the front,' which was proposed in an able speech by Mr. Hardman. During the evening musical items and recitations were given by Messrs. Jordan, Wright, A. and H. Fort, Cusseus, Parlane, Weir, and McMillan. A very enjoyable evening closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

## Te Awamutu

(By telegraph, from our own correspondent.)

May 17.

Mr. Dennehy, the representative of the *Tablet*, visited here last week. He met with much success. Rev. Father Lynch is very anxious that no family in his parish should be without our only Catholic paper.

There was no Catholic candidate for the mayoralty, or among the twelve candidates for the eight vacancies in the council in the recently formed borough of Te Awamutu. The same dearth did not prevail in the contest for the representation of these districts on the Auckland Harbor Board. Of the three candidates, Mr. Frank Quin, Te Awamutu, the only Catholic, was elected with a substantial majority. This result shows that Catholics are needlessly timid in aspiring to public honors in the Dominion. Ohaupo, a newly-formed township, eight miles distant, has a public school committee all of whom are Catholics. It is only a few years since Catholics took much interest in this matter.

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