

bloodshed, tyranny, and anarchy in past years of Ireland's history, it does not lie in our mouths to taunt her children with treachery and disloyalty.'

The new Catholic church at Motukaraka was blessed and dedicated on Sunday, April 3. The northern tribes began putting in an appearance on Friday in great crowds. The Very Rev. Dean Lighthart performed the ceremony of blessing, after which High Mass was celebrated by Rev. Father Becker. Very Rev. Dean Lighthart made an appeal in English and Maori, and gave a very instructive sermon, explaining the great self-sacrifice these Motukaraka Natives had made in building this church. The music of the Mass was rendered by the Whakapara and Motiti choirs. Dinner followed, and two tables (each accommodating nearly 200) were relaid six times. At the evening service the Rev. Father Becker preached. On Monday morning all the Masses were attended by crowds of devout Natives, the rest of the day, and especially the whole of the night following, being given up to speech and singing.

Rotorua

(By telegraph from our own correspondent.)

April 18.

The Rev. Fathers Kennedy, O.F.M., and Dunne, of Wilcannia, arrived in Rotorua on Saturday last. The former remains until Saturday, but Rev. Father Dunne intends spending a fortnight here. The 10 o'clock Mass on Sunday was celebrated by Father Dunne, who preached on the 'Mercy of God' to a large congregation. In the evening Rev. Father Kennedy preached an eloquent discourse on the Catholic devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary to a very large congregation.

I regret to have to report that the Very Rev. Dean Lighthart, who was due back in Rotorua on Sunday from a visit to the north, was unable to leave Auckland owing to a severe attack of influenza.

Waihi

(From our travelling correspondent.)

During the past fortnight the Very Rev. Father Murray and Rev. Father Whelan, C.S.S.R., have been conducting a mission in Waihi with great success. The early morning Masses at 6.30 were well attended, and in the evening large numbers of the faithful attended church to listen to the impressive discourses of the zealous missionaries. Speaking on one occasion the Very Rev. Father Murray exhorted the people to be always on their guard against the blighting influence of bad literature, and urged on all parents the great necessity of watching over the reading of their children and supplying them with good books. The mission was brought to a close on Sunday last, when the Papal blessing was bestowed on the faithful. On the evening of the same day one of the missionaries left for the Thames to open a mission there.

Paeroa

(From our travelling correspondent.)

On Sunday morning last the mission which had been conducted in Paeroa by the Rev. Father Gilmartin, C.S.S.R., was brought to a close. During the week the church proved all too small for the large numbers that flocked to hear the eloquent preacher, and every morning the edifying sight of large numbers approaching the Holy Table was witnessed. On the Friday night preceding the close of the mission the church was beautifully decorated in honor of the Blessed Virgin, and a learned discourse on the reasons why Catholics so love the Mother of God was preached by the missionary. At the half-past 7 o'clock Mass on the last Sunday morning the whole congregation almost without exception received Holy Communion, and caused Father Gilmartin to speak in terms of praise of the faith displayed by the people of Paeroa. Father Gilmartin left later for Karanghake, where he is at present conducting a week's mission.

Waikato

(From our travelling correspondent.)

The bazaar which the people of Matamata held quite recently in order to raise funds to clear off the debt on their church was a pronounced success. Every evening the hall was crowded by large numbers of generous people, who supported the fair in the most liberal manner. At the close of the bazaar the parish priest, Rev. Father Murphy, thanked everybody who had in any way helped to make the function the success it was. It is pleasing to note that the amount raised exceeded the expectations of the promoters.

Palmerston North

(From our own correspondent.)

April 17.

During the past fortnight, and more particularly during the last seven days, Palmerston North has had several

fires, which destroyed buildings and property worth thousands of pounds, daring robberies, and two dreadful tragedies, the victims being respected and valued members of the Church. To have on the evening of last Wednesday week two big fires at considerable distance apart, both going on together, to be followed later in the evening by one at Messrs. Miller and Georgie's and two other incipient fires, was sufficient to cause the greatest anxiety and consternation. On Sunday night, when the people were going home from church, they heard the sad news of the shooting of Sergeant McGuire, who had been mortally wounded whilst carrying out his duties. The gloom of this sad event had scarcely lifted when the appallingly sad mistake of the shooting of Mr. Michael Quirke, of Pahiataua, followed on the Tuesday night. The rest of the week was free of incident except a few more fires, that of the premises of the Palmerston Sash and Door Company being the largest yet seen here. Then came the demise of Sergeant McGuire in the Hospital, followed by the capture of Powelka at Ashhurst. The sympathies of the whole community go out to the bereaved relatives of Messrs. Quirke and McGuire.

The many friends of Mr. W. Scanlon will be pleased to hear of his appointment as manager of the W.U.F.C. branch at Eketahuna. Our local Catholic Club and the H.A.C.B. Society, of which he is the president, will feel his departure very much.

Temuka

(From our own correspondent.)

The Temuka Catholic Young Men's Club held a smoke concert in the club rooms on Tuesday evening last. There was an attendance of about 85, and Mr. E. B. Gillespie (president) occupied the chair. After the toast of 'The Pope and King' had been duly honored, the secretary read an apology from the Rev. Father Fay (who was unavoidably absent), wishing the club every success, and enclosing a handsome donation from himself and Rev. Father Le Floch.

The toast of 'The Spiritual Director' was proposed by Mr. F. F. O'Connell, and responded to by the Rev. Father Le Floch. That of 'The President' was proposed by Mr. F. D. O'Connell, who referred to the excellent work done by Mr. Gillespie during the time he was associated with the club, he having filled the position of secretary for the past two years with remarkable success. Mr. Gillespie, in replying, thanked members for the honor done him in electing him president. He had always the interests of the club at heart, and would do his best for its welfare. He expressed pleasure at the large attendance, which augured well for the forthcoming session. He then referred to the many changes which had taken place during the year, all of which tended to retard the progress of the club, special mention being made of the death of the Ven. Archpriest Le Menant des Chesnais, S.M., the club's patron. Several members had unfortunately to sever their connection with the club owing to removal from the district, notably Mr. C. A. Winn (past president) and Messrs. P. Kane and G. Spillane (members of the executive). During the last two years the club membership had increased from about twenty active members to about ninety, whilst a sum of considerably over £200 had been raised during that period. Special mention was made of a present of twelve volumes to the library by the Rev. Father Le Floch, and also of gratuitous services rendered to the club by Messrs. Alfred Clinch, P. Kane, and A. Gillespie. In conclusion, he expressed a hope that the coming session would prove one of the most profitable and enjoyable in the club's history.

The other toasts honored during the evening were 'The Farming Interests,' proposed by Mr. J. Tangney, and replied to by Messrs. J. Scott and M. Fitzgerald; 'The Secretary,' proposed by Mr. Scott, and replied to by Mr. J. Tangney, who promised to do his utmost to further the club's interests; 'The Past President,' proposed by Mr. R. Wareing, and replied to by Mr. Winn; 'Kindred Sports,' by Mr. F. F. O'Connell, and replied to by Messrs. P. Gillespie, M. Melvin, and J. Farrell.

During the evening songs were contributed by Messrs. Fitzgerald, Coughlan, Spillane, and Mulvaney, and recitations by Messrs. Jas. Farrell, R. Wareing, and F. D. O'Connell.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. W. Fitzgerald for presiding at the piano, also to the chairman, after which the proceedings were brought to a close.

The cost of maintaining patients at the different county hospitals in the Dominion for the year from April 1, 1909, to March 31, 1910, shows that at Napier the cost was highest (7s 6d per day) and Southland lowest (4s 3d per day).

Mr. J. Goer, 'our bootmaker,' Majoribanks street, Wellington, importer of high-class footwear, stocks a splendid assortment of ladies' and gentlemen's boots and shoes, and makes a specialty of handsewn work...

Mr. W. T. Quinton, tailor and mercer, Lambton quay, Wellington, is offering special value in suits at particularly low prices. He devotes particular attention to dress and dinner suits...