

Rev. Father Price, who was received with hearty applause, apologised for the absence of his Lordship Bishop Grimes, and stated that the Association was pleased to welcome its friends, and especially the artists who had assisted in the programme. The aim of the Association was to gather in the young people and give them interests when they had left school, and their training also embraced athletics and training in arms. Father Price concluded with a few words in praise of the work that the association had done.

DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

(By Telegraph from our own correspondent.)

June 19.

His Lordship the Bishop returned on Saturday from the Episcopal conference held recently in Wellington.

His Lordship the Bishop administered the Sacrament of Confirmation yesterday at Birkenhead.

The net proceeds of the last St. Patrick's Day celebration was £188. Taking all things into consideration, the result must be considered very satisfactory.

A special service in connection with the King's Coronation will be held on Thursday morning. His Lordship the Bishop will preside, and Very Rev. Dean Hackett will preach the occasional discourse.

The mission conducted by the Rev. Father Hunt, C.S.S.R., at Devonport has been very successful. During the past week he has been engaged at Birkenhead, and on to-day he begins a three-days' mission at the Takapuna Boys' Orphanage.

On yesterday, the Sunday within the Octave of Corpus Christi, there was High Mass at the Cathedral at eleven o'clock. Rev. Father Holbrook was celebrant, Rev. Father Wright deacon, and Rev. Father Ormond subdeacon. At the conclusion of the Mass there was a procession of the Blessed Sacrament, after which the devotion of the Forty Hours was begun. In the evening the sermon was preached by Rev. Father Tormey, of Ellerslie.

Otaguhu

(From an occasional correspondent.)

June 15.

A fairly successful social was held here on Friday night last in aid of the church funds. The weather was unfavorable, but a fair number of people attended, and were treated to a first-class evening's enjoyment.

A special meeting of the Otaguhu Catholic Club was held on Wednesday evening, June 14, for the purpose of making arrangements for the purchase of a billiard table. There was a large attendance. Mr. A. Patten, of Onehunga, was present, and in the course of a very instructive address on the subject under consideration, touched briefly on the work done by Catholic clubs in other places. It was arranged that a table should be bought, and a committee was set up to go into the matter and report. The president (Rev. Father Buckley) thanked Mr. Patten for his attendance.

Aramoho

(From our own correspondent.)

June 16.

The sanctuary of St. Joseph's Church has been nicely painted and decorated. The Altar Society are deserving of praise, as it is to their efforts that and other works connected with the beautifying of the interior of the church are due.

The choir, under the direction of Rev. Father Moloney, is making good progress. The Rev. Father attends one evening a week at the practice, and when it is considered the amount of work that is to be done in a large parish like Wanganui, he must be making a sacrifice to come to Aramoho for that purpose.

The members of St. Vincent de Paul Society held their usual conference on Sunday evening after Vespers. Very Rev. Father Holley was present. The society here is making steady progress. Several new members join at every conference. Two of the brothers attend the Old Men's Home every Sunday, and by their efforts induce the Catholic inmates to practise their religious duties. A subscriber to the *Tablet* takes a copy with him for the old men which they greatly appreciate.

His Grace the Archbishop, speaking at Gisborne on a recent occasion, gave a practical illustration of the crusade of false charges, and it showed how the faith of Catholic children is undermined by means of the Bible lessons in State schools (writes the Melbourne correspondent of the *Freeman's Journal*). A Catholic teacher had to remain to keep order whilst a non-Catholic Bible woman was giving instruction. She said to the mixed class—an old man was found crying in the street, and he said that the cause of his distress was that he had not a shilling to pay for confession to the priest! But it is almost waste of time to refute those people, who at stated periods bring forward their stock calumnies against the Church.

THE IRISH ENVOYS

Waihi

(From our own correspondent.)

The envoys of the Irish Parliamentary party had an enthusiastic reception at Waihi, and on arrival of the special train which conveyed them from Paeroa were met by his Worship the Mayor (Mr. J. Newton) and members of the local committee. The delegates were driven to the Academy Theatre escorted by the Waihi Federal Band playing Irish national airs. The meeting proved a most successful and enthusiastic one, and the funds of the party will be augmented to the extent of some £130 as the result of local effort.

The Mayor presided, and seated with him on the platform were the envoys (Messrs. William A. Redmond, M.P., and John T. Donovan, LL.B.), the Very Rev. Dean Hackett (Paeroa), Very Rev. Father Brodie, Mr. H. Poland, M.P., Rev. Wells-Smailes (vicar of St. John's), Messrs. M. J. Sheahan (secretary and organiser of the Auckland provincial tour), T. Collins (local secretary), and many others.

The Mayor briefly introduced the envoys, and emphasised the fact that all people liked to have the management of their own affairs in their own hands. The people of Waihi had not been satisfied with county rule, therefore they resorted to borough rule. He would call upon Mr. Redmond to deliver the opening address.

Mr. Redmond, who was enthusiastically received, traversed the lines of his speeches as delivered elsewhere, and concluded by thanking them for their hearty reception.

Mr. Donovan was the next speaker, and said that his friend had covered the entire ground of the Irish question. They were working for Ireland for the Irish, and would ask for nothing more or accept nothing less. They brought a message of good cheer and encouragement, and could say that 'all goes well.'

Mr. Donovan proceeded to make out a strong case for Ireland's claims, and gave a vigorous reply to correspondence against the movement in the local paper. Mr. Donovan concluded by referring to the splendid reception which the envoys had received in the Dominion. On resuming his seat he was loudly applauded.

Mr. M. Sheahan explained that the moneys collected were sent direct to Mr. Martin Kennedy (Wellington), who transferred them to the trustees at headquarters. The envoys came here out of pure patriotism, and in Mr. Donovan's case at considerable personal loss.

Mr. H. Poland proposed—(1) 'That this meeting of the citizens of Waihi expresses its hearty thanks to Messrs. Redmond and Donovan for their able presentation of the case for Home Rule for Ireland, and earnestly hopes that during the lifetime of the present Imperial Parliament a measure will be passed into law granting to Ireland the power of self-government through its own legislature, which is the inalienable right of every free people'; (2) 'That this meeting pledges itself to support the Irish Parliamentary Party under the leadership of Mr. John Redmond until Ireland's parliamentary freedom shall have been secured.'

The propositions were seconded by Mr. W. M. Walnutt, J.P., and on being put to the meeting were declared to be carried unanimously.

Mr. Redmond returned thanks, and referred to the good services of the band, committee, and all other friends, who had so ably assisted, and at his instance a vote of thanks was carried by acclamation to the Mayor.

Hamilton

(From an occasional correspondent.)

Mr. Donovan, one of the Irish delegates, accompanied by Mr. Sheahan, arrived here by the express train from Ngaruawahia. They were met at the station by the reception committee, consisting of Mr. Greenslade, M.P., Colonel Bell, Messrs. George Main, T. McGloin, W. Jeffries, P. J. Hackett, D. Moroney, T. Darby, J. Harney, W. Jones, and H. Roche. After the usual introductions, the visitors were escorted to the Winter Show. Afterwards they were driven to Mr. George Main's Waikato Hotel. Considering the inclement weather and the counter attraction of the Winter Show, we had a most successful meeting. The Mayor (Mr. J. A. Young) occupied the chair, and on the platform were the following: Mr. Greenslade, M.P., Colonel Bell, Rev. Fathers Darby and Lynch, Messrs. C. Parr, W. Jeffries, T. McGloin, P. J. Hackett, J. Harney, J. Bourke, H. Roche, D. Moroney, T. Darby, P. Quinlan, J. Pohlen, and D. McDonald. The addresses created a most favorable impression, the applause being frequent and enthusiastic. Mr. Greenslade moved a resolution, which was seconded by Colonel Bell, thanking Mr. Donovan for his address, and emphatically approving of the extension of a full measure of self-government to Ireland. The resolution was carried unanimously amidst the greatest enthusiasm. The chairman announced at the end of the meeting that the amount collected in and around Hamilton was £165. The amount is very fair considering the difficulties the committee had to contend with. Messrs. Donovan and Sheahan with others were afterwards entertained