

residents of the Temuka district are in entire sympathy with the people of Ireland in their efforts to secure Home Rule, as we believe it would be to their advantage, as well as that of the British Empire as a whole, if it was granted.

The resolution was seconded by Messrs. J. J. Nolan, D. Ferguson, and J. M. Twomey, and carried amid applause.

Greymouth

Messrs. Redmond and Donovan arrived in Greymouth by train from Hokitika on Friday evening, and were met at Kumara Junction by the members of the committee who had arranged for them to address a public meeting at the Opera House later in the evening. They were escorted to Revington's Hotel and at once arrived on the balcony where the Mayor (Mr. A. C. Russell), Sir Arthur Guinness, Very Rev. Dean Carew, and a number of the councillors and leading citizens were introduced to them. By the time these introductions were over there was a large attendance of the public.

At 8 o'clock a very large crowd had assembled at the Opera House, which was thoroughly well filled, and his Worship the Mayor presided, being supported on either side by the two envoys. There were also on the platform, Sir Arthur Guinness, Very Rev. Dean Carew, Mr. J. Ryall (County Chairman), Messrs. R. Larkin, Finn (members of the Council), Messrs. M. Phillips, J. Flynn, J. Creagh, J. Dowling, T. V. Byrne, J. Jackson, P. E. Danied, H. F. Doogan (hon. secretary of the committee), and many others.

The Mayor briefly opened the proceedings and introduced Mr. Redmond.

The convincing and eloquent addresses of Messrs. Redmond and Donovan made a deep impression on the audience, and were frequently applauded.

At their conclusion, Sir Arthur Guinness moved that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded to Messrs. Redmond and Donovan for their lucid address on the question of Home Rule.

Mr. J. Ryall seconded the motion, saying that the envoys had made a wonderful appeal, which he hoped would be answered freely, as the cause was a just one.

The motion was put and carried unanimously. Mr. J. Kerr moved 'Success to the cause of Home Rule,' and dwelt at length on the advantages of local self-government in New Zealand. He hoped the appeal would be responded to substantially.

Mr. T. Keenan seconded the motion, which was carried with deafening applause.

After the collectors returned, the Mayor announced that the collection had amounted to £460.

Mr. Redmond said that the only thing he could say was 'Good old Greymouth.' It had proved the third best town in the Dominion, and he thanked them from his heart for their support of the cause of Home Rule, and for their noble enthusiasm. He then moved votes of thanks to the Mayor, the Battalion Band, Mr. and Mrs. Cadzow for attending to sing and play those charming national airs of Old Ireland, Sir Arthur Guinness for his cordial support of their cause, the committee and hon. secretary, Mr. H. F. Doogan, who had worked so hard to make their mission successful.

Reefton

By telegraph from our own correspondent.)

June 23.

Messrs. Redmond and Donovan held a successful meeting at Reefton. Notwithstanding the inclement weather a sum of £125 will be available for the fund. This amount is a record for Reefton. Mr. W. Irving (County Chairman) welcomed the envoys, and Mr. H. Betts moved a resolution stating that Home Rule must strengthen the Imperial union.

CATHOLIC CLUBS

HOKITIKA.

(From the club correspondent.)

The billiard tournament, which had been in progress for some time past, was brought to a successful issue last week, when Messrs. C. Ward and W. Owens met in the final. The game proved very exciting and interesting, especially in the concluding stages, Mr. Ward winning by the narrow margin of three points.

The euchre tournaments, which were so popular last winter, are again proving equally so this year. Three have already taken place, on the last occasion eighteen tables being occupied. The first prizes fell to Miss M. Roberts and Mr. J. Lock. On last Tuesday night readings from favorite authors occupied the attention of members. A very good attendance was present, and, judging by the enthusiasm displayed, it appears as if this more serious side of club life is likely to become popular. The readings given were of a very interesting character, and were criticised by the Rev. Father Clancy, who gave very useful information to the various readers.

The long-talked-of branch of the H.A.C.B. Society is at last to be formed in our midst. The dispensation

has been granted, and it has been decided to proceed with the opening of the branch, which will probably take place within the next two or three weeks. About thirty candidates have already signified their intention of becoming members.

ST. BENEDICT'S, AUCKLAND.

(From the Club correspondent.)

The half-yearly meeting of the above club was held in the club rooms on June 11, there being a large attendance. The president (Mr. G. Rice) was in the chair. The report for the half-year showed the club to be making rapid progress, 53 new members being received during the last month. The following is the result of the election of officers for the ensuing term:—President, Mr. G. Foy; vice-presidents, Messrs. J. Furlong and W. Flemming; secretary, Mr. W. Hoare; treasurer, Mr. J. Duggan; librarian, Mr. R. Early; assistant librarian, Mr. N. Mahoney; auditors, Messrs. A. J. Fernandez, W. Wright, and O. J. Lorrigan; sick visitors, Messrs. W. Wright and J. Duggan; executive committee, Messrs. J. Lyons, R. Owens, H. Buckler, W. H. Clarke, J. Duncan, and W. Woodlock. The meeting terminated with a hearty vote of thanks to the retiring officers.

On Wednesday night, June 14, the newly-formed debating branch of the club held their first meeting, which was a great success, there being close on 100 members present. The Rev. Father Currau presided. The night was devoted to impromptu speeches, each member called having to speak on a subject for five minutes. At the close Mr. J. J. O'Sullivan, who has been appointed director of this branch of the club, complimented the speakers on the able manner in which they dealt with the various subjects.

CHRISTCHURCH.

(From our club correspondent.)

June 21.

In the Christchurch Catholic Club rooms on Monday evening Mr. R. Dobbin delivered a lecture before the members and friends of the club. Mr. J. R. Hayward (president) was in the chair, and amongst those present were the Rev. Dr. Kennedy, the Rev. Fathers Quinn and Hanrahan. The Rev. Dr. Kennedy apologised for the absence of his Lordship the Bishop, who was unable to be present. In introducing Mr. Dobbin the president on behalf of the club thanked him for his kindness in consenting to give an 'Evening with Dickens.' Mr. Dobbin said he could not call it a lecture, but a little home talk about 'Pickwick Papers.' At the conclusion the Rev. Dr. Kennedy, in moving a vote of thanks to the lecturer, congratulated the club for having secured Mr. Dobbin to give such a humorous and educational treat.

The item on the syllabus for Tuesday evening last was a 25-up billiards tournament. Thirteen entries were received, the result being Messrs. B. O'Connor 1, J. Cronin 2, and P. J. Healy 3.

The committee entrusted with the arrangement of the Novelty Entertainment, which is to take place on July 27, are holding meetings weekly. The proceeds are to go towards paying off the debt incurred in furnishing the new rooms.

OBITUARY

MR. JOHN MELICAN, NEWMARKET.

We regret to have to report the death of Mr. John Melican, Newmarket, Auckland. Mr. Melican, who was in his seventy-fifth year, was well and widely known in Otago during the early days. The deceased, who leaves a grown-up family (including Messrs. M. and J. Melican of the N.Z. Railways) was respected by all with whom he came in contact, and will be much missed by a large circle of sorrowing friends.—R.I.P.

Palmerston North

(From our own correspondent.)

June 25.

The half-yearly meeting of the H.A.C.B. Society took place on Tuesday last, Bro. J. Gleeson presiding. The members in regalia approached the Holy Table at the 7.30 o'clock Mass this morning.

On the Feast of Corpus Christi there was Mass at 7 o'clock, at which large numbers approached the Holy Table. From the 9 o'clock Mass until the evening devotions there was Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

On Thursday last, Coronation Day, notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, there were good congregations at the 7 o'clock and 9 o'clock Masses, the latter being a *Missa Cantata*. The occasional sermon was preached by the Rev. Father Costello. Rev. Father Kehoe conducted the choir. St. Patrick's chimes rang out for a short time at 12.30 and again in the evening.

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