

purse of sovereigns, subscribed by the members, accompanied by a letter, to Bro. R. P. O'Shaughnessy at Wellington, expressive of the esteem in which he is held by members, and in appreciation of his services to the branch. It was decided to invite members of the Catholic Club to a social evening on Wednesday, August 2. The notices of motion on the order paper for district board meeting were considered, and instructions given to delegates. Accounts to amount of £63 16s 3d were passed for payment. The following officers were elected:—President, Bro. E. L. McKeon; vice-president, Bro. M. J. O'Connor; secretary, Bro. F. J. Doolan; treasurer, Bro. G. Dobbs; warden, Bro. P. Healy; guardian, Bro. J. Donohue; assistant secretary, Bro. W. P. Daly; sick visitors, Bros. B. McAloon and J. Devonport; auditors, Bros. J. Ainger and M. Grimes; past presidents to management committee, Bros. G. Getson and M. Grimes; delegates to district meeting, Bros. E. Dane, D. Flynn, and C. Teehan. It was resolved to present a P.P. collar to Bro. M. Grimes in recognition of services to the branch. The officers were installed by Bro. F. J. Doolan, district deputy, assisted by Bros. G. Getson and J. McCormick, past presidents. The District Deputy congratulated the elected officers, and advocated various methods for improving the prospects of the branch. The newly-installed officers expressed their thanks and appreciation for the honors conferred, and the president asked the assistance of members generally in his endeavour to extend the branch. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the retiring officers, and responded to by Bros. Getson, P.P., M. Grimes, P.P., and H. Sloan.

### Timaru

(From our own correspondent.)

July 11.

Quite a gloom was cast over the town on Thursday by the accidental death of Thomas Hertnon on the football field. The deceased, a young man of about twenty-six years of age, was a promising young Catholic, and one of the senior players of the game who left good teams to help the Celtic (Catholic Club) to reach the senior status. He was one of the most exemplary members of the club, and was popular with all classes of the community. The Rev. Father Murphy happened to be near when the accident happened, and was able to help spiritually the dying man. The funeral on Saturday afternoon was one of the largest ever seen in the district. Over two thousand people were present, the cortege being a representative one. The pall-bearers were Messrs. O'Brien, Courtney, Fitzgerald, and Dalton. The procession was headed by the members of the Hibernian Society, one hundred strong, in full mourning regalia, then the Celtic Football Club, Athletic Football Club (Temuka Catholic), and following came large contingents from all sports clubs and unions of the town. The Rev. Father Murphy officiated at the graveside. Messages of sympathy reached the bereaved family from all over New Zealand. The Acting-Prime Minister, the Hon. Sir James Carroll, telegraphed as follows: 'I have just heard the sad news of the distressing sudden death of your son. I extend to you (Mr. and Mrs. Hertnon), my sincerest sympathy in your great loss.'—R.I.P.

On Friday afternoon the ladies of St. Ann's Guild made a presentation of a silver rose bowl on stand to Mrs. J. Scott, who is leaving Timaru. The members expressed their appreciation of the good work done for the society by the departing officer, and wished her every prosperity in her new home. Afternoon tea was dispensed, and an enjoyable hour or so passed happily.

The devotion of the Forty Hours' Adoration was carried out this year with all the customary solemnity, notwithstanding the smallness of the temporary church. The Rev. Father Quinn preached to a crowded congregation on the Sunday evening, and the Rev. Father Fay (Temuka) preached on Monday evening. The devotions concluded on Tuesday morning by a Missa Cantata, celebrated at 9 o'clock. During the three days at the early Masses large numbers approached the Holy Table.

July 17.

An old and esteemed Catholic, in the person of Mrs. Maria McGuinness, relict of the late Mr. Daniel McGuinness, passed peacefully away at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. J. Skinner, on Thursday morning last. The deceased lady always took a deep and practical interest in all matters pertaining to the Church, of which she was a devoted member. She leaves three sons and two daughters to mourn their loss. The funeral took place on Saturday morning, and was largely attended. Rev. Father Tubman, assisted by Rev. Father Aubry, officiated at the graveside.—R.I.P.

A successful sale of work under the auspices of St. Ann's Guild, was held in the girls' school on Thursday and Friday last. The four well-laden stalls were presided over as follows:—Plain and fancy, Mesdames O'Rourke and Gillespie; sweets, Mrs. Fitzgerald and the Misses Mara, Kane, and others; refreshments, Mesdames Power and Leight; produce, Mesdames Patton and Brosnahan. On Thursday evening an excellent musical programme, arranged by Miss E. Spring, was given, those contributing being Misses Wederell, Beri, E. Spring, Messrs. Wotherspoon, O'Connor, and McGrath. Mrs. Gillespie, as secretary to the guild, did good work for the fair.

### DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

(By Telegraph from our own correspondent.)

July 17.

Two events have stirred the city in the past week. An attempt has been made to dislodge from his position the city engineer—an attempt which has evoked strong protests from the press, while councillors are equally divided on the subject. The matter comes up again on Thursday for further consideration. The second event was the discovery of considerable pilfering on the wharf.

His Lordship Bishop Grimes, accompanied by Rev. Dr. Kennedy, arrived here yesterday by the East Coast steamer, and was met on arrival by Right Rev. Mgr. Gillan, V.G., Rev. Fathers Holbrook and Edge. In the evening his Lordship preached in the Cathedral on devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. He showed that from early times down to the present day this devotion was practised and encouraged by the Church. To-day his Lordship and party visited the various convents and scholastic institutions, with which he was very pleased. To-morrow his Lordship leaves by the Atua for the Islands.

### Invercargill

(From our own correspondent.)

July 17.

The Rev. Father Creagh, C.S.S.R., concluded the retreat for the Dominican Nuns on Saturday evening last.

On Thursday next the Hibernian Band will hold a social gathering in the Victoria Hall. A large number of tickets have already been sold, and a very successful evening is anticipated.

In connection with the recent visit of the Irish envoy, just on £200 was collected in Invercargill, and a net amount of £180 will be forwarded to the New Zealand treasurer.

The St. Mary's Tennis Club held a very successful social in Victoria Hall on the evening of Wednesday, July 12. The first part of the evening was devoted to progressive euchre, and the prizes were won by Miss Katie McGrath and Mr. Durham.

At present the Athletic Football Club are leading for the Galbraith Shield under the S.R.F.U. There is only one more match to play, and should they be successful, they will have obtained the coveted shield for the first time since they have joined senior ranks. As a junior team they were most successful, winning the junior championship on several occasions, so it is very pleasing to note their present success as seniors.