

caused him to undertake more than his strength could bear, and which no doubt hastened his death. He is no longer head of the governing body of Christchurch, but he leaves to us a legacy of eminent uprightness, even amongst the upright. We may inquire what was there about him which has caused such widespread mourning, Why is every class and every age affected? Was it the cultivated mind, so well stored with information which has caused regret so universal at his death? True, his knowledge was extensive, his memory accurate and retentive; it was an intellectual treat to converse with him. But not in his remarkable ability do I find sufficient to account for the mourning and sorrow which pervade every household in this city. It was his singleness of purpose and his indomitable courage in fighting for what he believed to be right. He was often against us in politics, on the education question, and on other subjects, but we never questioned his motives. We always believed that he was doing what he conceived to be his duty. As a good and faithful husband and father he loved his home, and our hearts go out in sympathy to the sorrowing members of a once happy household.

A quarterly general meeting of the society of St. Vincent de Paul, under the circumscription of the Particular Council of Christchurch, was held in the meeting room of the Cathedral Conference (south tower of the Cathedral) on last Monday evening, in honor of the feast of St. Vincent de Paul. The Very Rev. Father Price, Adm. (spiritual director), was present, and representatives of the conferences of the Cathedral, St. Mary's (Christchurch North), and St. Joseph's (Lyttelton) Mission to Catholic Seamen. Excellent reports were given by the several presidents of the works of conferences. Especially interesting were the remarks of Bro. H. Anthony, president of St. Joseph's Conference, showing a membership of thirteen active brothers. This conference is promoting a bazaar and art union of paintings in aid of the funds for the erection of a meeting and social hall at Lyttelton for the use and benefit of the Mission to Catholic Seamen. The assistance of all members of the society and lady friends was asked for and readily granted, on behalf of the enterprise. With this united effort it is hoped sufficient funds will be acquired to have the hall erected early next year. Reference was made by the president to the loss sustained by the whole Catholic community in the death that morning of Bro. E. O'Connor, who for many years had been a member of the society, filling most of the offices, and for about nine years guiding its destinies as president of the Cathedral conference. The Very Rev. Father Price, Adm. (spiritual director), in addressing the meeting, referred in feeling terms to the death of Bro. O'Connor—a sad event which would be widely deplored. Eulogising his noble work in the city and his long connection with the affairs of the Church, the Very Rev. Father Price spoke of the edifying death of Bro. O'Connor which showed a manifestation of faith which deeply impressed him (Father Price), and revealed the deceased to have been a life-long man of prayer. He expressed himself in appreciative terms at the encouraging reports from the various conferences, as given by the several presidents, and the excellent work being done on all sides. He particularly impressed upon members the duty of personal piety, which, more than anything else, would commend our work to the sympathy and good-will of others.

DIocese OF AUCKLAND

(By Telegraph from our own correspondent.)

July 31.

Sir Joseph Ward cabled from Aden to Mr. Nerheny condoling with him on the death of Mrs. Nerheny.

Rev. Father Finn, of St. Benedict's, who has for some time been in indifferent health, left last week for Gisborne en route to Queensland.

His Lordship the Bishop returned from Australia on Sunday morning, and was met on arrival by several of the local clergy.

The total sum forwarded last week from the Auckland district to the Home Rule fund amounted to £2086, £1100 of which was the result of the city meeting.

I regret to have to report that the Rev. Mother of the Sacred Heart Convent, Renuera, is seriously ill. On Saturday night she received the last Sacraments, and on Sunday the prayers of the congregation were asked for her.

Rev. Bro. Clement (Superior of the Sacred Heart College) was taken to the Mater Misericordiae Hospital last Friday night, suffering from pleurisy. General regret was expressed, and all hope that he will make a speedy recovery.

The thirty-eighth anniversary of the local branch of the Hibernian Society was celebrated on Friday night in the Hibernian Hall by a euchre party. The attendance was very large, in fact the largest for many years. The lady's prize was won by Mrs. Leonard. A most enjoyable evening was spent.

After concluding a mission at Cambridge last Sunday, Rev. Father Hunt, C.S.S.R., who has been actively engaged in this diocese for some months, proceeded to Huntly, where he gave a renewal mission. The religious exercises, both in the morning and evening, were well attended. On Friday night Father Hunt, after his eminently successful labors, left for Wellington.

Mail news from Home brings word that Rev. Father Furlong had arrived safely in Ireland, after a most delightful trip. On being interviewed by a press representative in Wexford he gave a glowing account of this Dominion's progress, and referred to the steady increase in its population during the last decade. Father Furlong found his mother in the best of health. He learned on arrival of the great success of the Irish envoys at their meeting in Auckland.

Invercargill

(From our own correspondent.)

July 31.

The Marist Brothers' School is at present closed for the mid-winter vacation, and will re-open on Monday next, the 6th prox.

The members of the Hibernian Band are at present practising assiduously for the South Island Bands' Association contest, which is to take place at Christchurch in December next.

At the 11 o'clock Mass on Sunday the Very Rev. Dean Burke, V.F., referred at length to Socialism, and to the necessity of having Catholic literature in the homes of the people.

Mr. Hazleton, M.P., before leaving New Zealand, sent a very nice letter from Wellington to the secretary of the local committee, expressing his thanks for the very pleasant time he spent in the Southland district, and assuring a hearty welcome to any of those who had helped the cause should they ever visit old Ireland.

ST. CANICE'S CLUB, WESTPORT

(From the club correspondent.)

July 25.

The debating branch of St. Canice's Club met last evening, Rev. Father McMenamin occupying the chair. The attendance of members was a record, a large number of ladies were also present. The subject for discussion was, 'Should the leader of a democratic government accept a hereditary title?' Mr. T. Q. O'Brien led for the affirmative side, and was supported by Mr. J. J. Radford, and the negative side was championed by Mr. F. O. Gorman, supported by Mr. A. M. Kirby. The other speakers that followed were Messrs. R. Sproule, E. Roche, D. Driscoll, R. Kiely, J. Lambert, J. Carmine. On being put to the meeting the supporters of the negative side were declared winners by a fair margin. The debate proved the most interesting and successful that has yet been held, and a strong effort will be made to maintain this standard,