

Sunday school, 4s 9d; catechisms, 3s; assistance to poor, £1 10s; groceries, £1; hymn book, 6s; balance in bank, £8 11s 6d.

During the holidays the Confraternity entertained the children attending the Blaketown Sunday school at a picnic on the beach. During the afternoon the party adjourned to Mrs. Cusack's residence, where afternoon tea was served, and the children presented with prizes by Rev. Father Finnerty, S.M. Each child received a small gift. Two special prizes for attendance were gained by Cora Allison and Ivy Thompson. Before returning home the children presented Mrs. Cusack with an address and gold brooch in acknowledgment of her kindness in placing her residence every Sunday at the disposal of the society for the use of the catechism class.

The Ladies of Charity express sincere gratitude to the Very Rev. Dean Carew, S.M., for the kindly interest and encouragement manifested towards their confraternity and charitable work in St. Patrick's parish, and also to the Rev. Father Finnerty, S.M., spiritual director, for much thoughtful help which is greatly appreciated by the members.

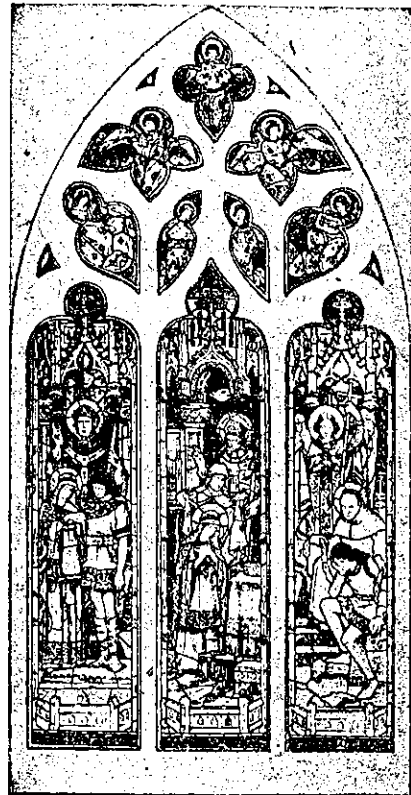
The Irish Envoys

Messrs Richard Hazleton, M.P., W. A. Redmond, M.P., and J. T. Donovan, the Irish Envoys, arrived in Launceston on February 10, and were met by the members of the local reception committees. They reached Hobart by the express the same evening, and were received by the Mayor, the Aldermen, representative citizens, and members of the Federal and State Parliaments. The envoys began their Tasmanian campaign with a great meeting at the King's Hall, Hobart, when there was a generous response to the appeal for funds to assist the Irish Parliamentary Party in the coming fight for Home Rule. On the following evening they spoke at Port Cygnet. The programme for the remainder of the tour consisted of addresses at the various centres:—Geeveston, New Norfolk, Launceston, Westbury, Deloraine, Devonport, Latrobe, Ulverston, Forest, Wynward, Burnie, Waratah, Zeehan, Queens-town, concluding at Gormanstown on March 4. They will open the campaign in New South Wales on March 7 with a meeting in Sydney, and on completing the tour of New South Wales will proceed to West Australia some time in May.

Mr. Richard Hazleton, M.P., visited Port Arthur on Sunday, February 11, at the invitation of the United Irish League of Tasmania, and inspected the cottage occupied by Smith O'Brien when a prisoner on parole at the penal settlement. About 50 people were present. Mr. Hazleton, at the cottage, gave an address on the aims and objects of the Home Rule Party; contrasting the present methods of the Party with those

of the Young Ireland Party in 1848, when in despair their leaders advocated physical force. Subsequently he inspected the old penal settlement where the prison buildings are now roofless and falling into complete ruin.

The South Australian elections on February 10 resulted in the defeat of the Labor Cabinet led by Mr. Verran. Parties, however, are rather evenly balanced. The metropolitan constituencies polled heavily for Labor, Mr. W. J. Denny (Attorney-General) heading the poll for Adelaide with the splendid total of 12,418 votes.



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