

Town and Country News

Eketahuna-Hamua Notes

(From our own correspondent.)

October 10.

Interest in the euchre parties held every Monday evening, is being well maintained. The continued success is largely due to the ladies committee—Mesdames W. J. Minogue, W. Coulton, and J. Harper, and the Misses E. and T. Gooding, A. Whitaker, and B. and M. O'Regan.

A successful dance was held at Newman. Mr. P. Dillon, as secretary, was responsible for the enjoyable evening and the excellent financial return.

Regret is felt that Mr. O'Donnell, of Parkville, is still in indifferent health; a fervent wish is here expressed for a rapid recovery.

The examination in Christian doctrine of the children attending the classes, resulted in prizes being awarded by the Rev. Father Doherty to W. Spring (senior A) and Isobel Spring (senior B), and Rudolph Daube, Norma O'Regan, and B. Harper in the junior class.

The new bridge at Hukamui is now completed, and is a great boon to the Hukamui parishioners in shortening the distance to Mass on Sundays.

Mr. A. Dougherty has been elected choir-master at Hamua. Miss Maureen Mahony, A.T.C.L., is the official organist. Mr. T. Golder is deputy choir-master.

Mr. M. Galvin, of Hamua, has captained the representatives in all the big football encounters this year. The Hamua team again won the shield.

Rotorua Notes

(From our own correspondent.)

October 10.

The usual fortnightly dance and "500" tournament, which were postponed for a month for various reasons, were resumed last Monday evening in "Dixieland," a very fair crowd attending. The ladies' first prize for the card tournament was won by Mrs. Wiggins; consolation prize, Miss Monk. The gents' first prize was won by Mr. J. Pennington; consolation prize, Mrs. A. Smith (who played a gents' hand). Mrs. Douglas' orchestra supplied very spirited music for the dancers.

Rev. Father Smyers, who has been curate here for the past five or six months, has left for Africa, where he has been transferred to the Belgian Congo Mission. Rev. Father Spierings, of Tokaanu, who will be relieving here pending the arrival of Father Smyers' successor, preached very eloquently at the ten o'clock Mass on Sunday and again at evening devotions.

Considering the inclemency of the weather, the October devotions have been very well attended to date. The local paper credits it with five fine days for the month of September, but this scribe is rather inclined to think that an exaggeration. When will the weather clear up? is a cry heard on all sides.

The drawing of the £500 art union in aid of St. Michael's School has been extended one month.

Reefton Notes

(From our own Correspondent.)

October 10.

It must have given joy to the heart of Rev. Father Ginisty to witness the number responding to his call for resurrecting Dean Rolland's long lost sodality. The First Friday saw great numbers receiving the regalia of the arch-confraternity. On the first Sunday there was a general Communion of sodalists, and procession of the Blessed Sacrament in the evening before Benediction. It reminded one of the closing scene of a mission. Father Ginisty preached a beautiful sermon on devotion to the Blessed Sacrament, and exhorted his sodality members to live in close communion with Our Divine Lord in the Sacrament of His love. At the close of his sermon he feelingly referred to the memory of the late Dean Rolland who had established the sodality, and it was said by the *Messenger of the Sacred Heart* at that time to have been one of the best flourishing in the southern hemisphere. Father Ginisty said surely Dean Rolland must have looked from heaven with pleasure on his dear old Reefton and blessed the revival of his old sodality. It is intended to extend the branch to all the outlying districts, and it is hoped the parishioners, in large numbers, will join the big army doing honor to Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. At a general meeting that followed evening devotions the director gave a clear statement on the present state of the sodality and practical advice on the establishing of a library in connection with the arch-confraternity. The members will also have a club with now and again "evenings" to foster social intercourse. This information was received with great pleasure and members are eagerly looking forward to the opening of the club. All wish the sodality every success and hope it will double its membership to carry on the good work undertaken. It is Father Ginisty's intention to form a men's branch at an early date.

OBITUARY

MRS. ELIZABETH MARY RYAN,
WEEDONS, CANTERBURY.

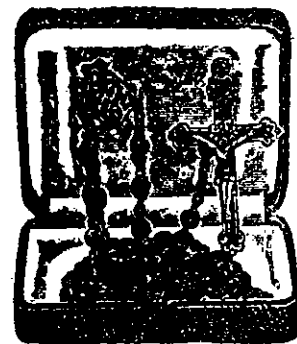
With much regret the death is recorded of Mrs. Ryan, wife of Mr. P. F. Ryan, of "Grasslea," Weedons, well known in Hibernian circles throughout the Dominion through his connection with the New Headford branch of the society. Mrs. Ryan was the youngest daughter of Mrs. Cumneen, of Broadfields, one of the oldest and most respected residents of the district. Mrs. Ryan passed away on September 30 (Feast of the Little Flower), after a long, painful illness, borne with great fortitude. Of a most lovable nature, her cheerfulness, kindness, and practical charity, endeared her to all with whom she came in contact. Her generous charity made her life a noble one—noble with

ease and grace, with which she so readily assisted in every work that was for the uplift of the individual or the furtherance of the work of God's Holy Church. The late Mrs. Ryan leaves a husband and four children, together with a wide circle of relations and friends, to mourn their loss and respect her memory. The funeral took place on October 2, a lengthy cortege of over 100 cars and other vehicles proceeded to the Lincoln Church, where Requiem Mass was celebrated by Rev. Father O'Hare, assisted by Fathers Leen (Rangiora), Creed (Leeston), O'Connor (Addington), J. Hanrahan (Papanui), O'Meeghan (New Brighton), and Lordon (Cathedral). A beautiful tribute was carried out by Mrs. Maganness, representing the Paparua County Council, of which Mr. Ryan is a member; the grave being lined with beautiful white and pink blossoms. The wreaths were sent from all parts. Sincere sympathy is extended to the sorrowing husband and relatives.—R.I.P.

MR. MICHAEL SCANLON, WESTPORT.

The community was shocked on October 1 (writes our Westport correspondent) to learn of the death of Mr. Michael Scanlon, occurring with distressing suddenness and only six months' after that of his brother, Matthew. Deceased had been seriously ill some months back but had apparently recovered, and his rapid decline and unexpected demise came as a shock to all. The late Mr. Scanlon was a native of Charleston, and the second son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Scanlon. He took a keen interest in all public affairs, being at various times president of the Trotting and Jockey Clubs, and a member of the Buller Rugby Union, White Star Football Club, and the Council of the School of Mines, and was actively interested in all movements for the welfare of the town. His death will be greatly regretted as he was a man of kindly and genial nature, and universally respected. The remains were interred in the Orawaiti Cemetery; Rev. Father Sweeney officiating at the graveside. To the bereaved family the sympathy of a wide circle of friends is extended.—R.I.P.

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