

The Bishop will also explain the devotion, and in order to spread it throughout the parish, organise a sodality of the Holy Face. I may add that parents were requested to bring their children to the church on Friday next at 9.30 a.m., in order that they may be blessed.

#### THE LATE MR. M'CLOY.

Much regret is felt at the death, at the early age of forty years, of the late Mr. Alexander M'Cloy, who was well known and much respected not only by his co-religionists but also by others for his many excellent qualities. The deceased, who was a farmer and an old resident in the Leeston district, was born in the County of Antrim, Ireland. His death was occasioned by a fall from his horse, and he died, after a short illness of three days, on Sunday week, September 20 last, at his late residence, Doyleston. On Wednesday last his remains were brought to the Leeston Catholic Church, where, at 9.30, a Solemn Requiem Mass was said for the repose of his soul by the local parish priest, the Rev. Father Chervier, who also officiated at the grave. There was a large congregation present and when the sacred rite was over the funeral cortege, which numbered forty well-filled vehicles and fourteen horsemen, re-formed and proceeded to the Catholic cemetery on the Leeston and South-bridge Road, where the deceased was interred. Mr. M'Cloy leaves a wife and three children to mourn his loss.—*R. I. P.*

#### TIMARU.

The Aloysian Society held its closing meeting of the session on Tuesday last. The Rev. Father Tubman, president, presided and delivered a short address, passing in review the work done during the year, and the marked advancement shown by members in debating and declaiming. He especially thanked those members who by their regular attendance and earnest work had made the meetings of the society so interesting and instructive. The finances were shown to be in a very satisfactory state and it was decided that the annual picnic of the members and their friends be held this year as heretofore. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the rev. president for his untiring efforts on behalf of the society, similar compliments being paid to the other officers. One member who pays court to the muses recited an original poem. The author on a previous occasion was made the subject of some verses by another member, and this poem was of a retaliatory nature, the style of its composition and the "palpable hits" evoking roars of laughter.

The St. John's Lawn Tennis Club held its opening day on Thursday, the 12th inst. The officers for this year are:—President, Rev. Father Lewis; vice-presidents, Rev. Father Tubman, Misses McGuinness, Aldridge, Howley, Mullins, Quinn and Dennehy, treasurer, Miss C. McGuinness, and secretary, Mr. J. P. McGowan. The tennis court of last year was abandoned and a new court has been made in a section adjoining. The opening was a great success, the members and their friends being present in good numbers. The court was pronounced by all to be a great improvement on the old one. Afternoon tea was provided by the body of members and a very pleasant afternoon was spent.

In parochial matters the great topic of interest is the forthcoming bazaar. The bazaar is to be held to clear off the debt remaining on the "Priory" and will take place during the agricultural show week, a strong committee of ladies and gentlemen has been formed and the members, the ladies especially, are busily employed in making all the necessary preparations for a monster success. All previous efforts in the same direction have been very successful, and it may be reasonably anticipated that the result of the present undertaking will be equally satisfactory.

A pleasing item to note is the increase of the membership of the local branch of the Hibernian Society. Through the energy of some of the members a considerable number of the young men of the parish have joined the ranks. At the quarterly meeting held on Thursday, the 24th inst., the president, Brother O'Kane, was presented by the district officers (Auckland) through the branch secretary, Brother Dennehy, with a handsome members' sash as a reward for proposing and initiating over twelve members within six months. Several members are exerting themselves to earn a similar reward and the result is that the membership of the branch is rapidly increasing. An effort is being made to establish a female branch, but difficulties have arisen in making arrangements for medical attendance which will delay the formation of a branch for some time.

An alteration in the teaching staff of the Brothers' school has been made by Brother Dunstan being removed to Wellington, his place being supplied by Brother Gregory. Brother Dunstan's departure was very sudden and unexpected, and, being held in good esteem, many expressions of regret were made at his leaving without an opportunity being available of bidding him good-bye and marking in a befitting manner the high appreciation in which his services were held during his stay in Timaru. The "fourth" Brother is still in the course of construction, and when duly completed and safely landed here should prove to be a wonder. The plans and specifications were adopted some time ago, but no further result has been achieved. The Brothers scored a marked success this year in the examination of their school by the Government Inspector who again drew attention to the insufficiency of the staff. If this fourth Brother could be secured before this generation passes away, then with a full complement of teachers the school would be second to none of the primary schools in the Colony. It is to be hoped this long felt want will be shortly supplied, and when supplied will be duly appreciated in a practical manner by the parents who will reap the benefit.

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## SPORTS AND PASTIMES.

**CYCLING** discipline.—Cyclists are placed under rigorous discipline in Austria. No rider is permitted to pass through the streets unless he passes an examination in competency. He must be able to mount or dismount on either side, must be able to back pedal, and show complete mastery over the machine. Should he pass, a certificate is given bearing his photograph, and he must produce this when it is demanded—particularly after a collision.

**Sea Bathing**.—There are several rules which one should keep in mind with regard to bathing at the seashore. A strong and vigorous person may bathe early in the morning before breakfast, but young children and those not strong should not bathe until more than two hours after eating. Avoid bathing when the body is cooling after perspiration. Leave the water immediately if the slightest feeling of chilliness is observed. Persons whose hands and feet have a feeling of numbness and cold after being in the water a short time should not bathe in the open air. Do not bathe when tired.

**Across Siberia on a Bicycle**.—The latest intelligence to hand when our Home files left London, of the cyclist-traveller, Mr. R. L. Jefferson, came from Tomsk, in Central Siberia, and was to the effect that he had safely accomplished the feat of riding a bicycle across the dangerous Siberian steppes, the Tartar and the Baraba, the two largest in Asiatic Russia. Mr. Jefferson set out in March last from London, with the intention of riding his bicycle to the capital of Siberia, Irkutsk, and so far his ride has been successful, although it must not be supposed that the journey has been without difficulties and dangers. He was some 1000 miles from the finish of his enterprise, but with good weather he hoped to reach his destination in three weeks from Tomsk. The total journey from London to Irkutsk is 6571 miles.

**Cycling promotes temperance**.—Almost every young man now can cycle. Seeing a young man pass, going like the wind, and as straight as an arrow, a friend (writes the Rev. J. M. Strachan, B.D., Kilspindie, in "Life and Work") said: "That is the champion cyclist in our county." Recently I had the pleasure of meeting him. He has over seventy prizes gained by cycling, forty-one gold medals, three silver ones and the rest made up of such things as a silver tea-set and a marble timepiece. Last year he rode 100 miles in 5 hours 34 minutes 22 seconds; and last year also he won the 50 miles road record in 2 hours 30 minutes 9 seconds, which means that he went on a road for fifty miles at the speed of one mile in every three minutes and much less than half a second. He began his successful career by finding that the more regularly he pedalled and the straighter he rode he went the quicker. In a long race—he has broken three times the road record for 100 miles—there is no time allowed to take any refreshment. It must be taken on the back of the bicycle. This champion cyclist usually takes fruit or some thin gruel. "Did you ever take spirits of any kind?" I asked. "I mean whisky or brandy." "No. They cut the breath short. You can't race and take brandy. Anyone who tries it is soon broken-winded and puffed. It may help for a little, but it leaves you worse. I believe that if five or six men were together in a race, say two miles from the tape, and one was handed a drink of brandy, it might let him break away and win easily. But if he had ten miles or had a long race before him he would find great difficulty in riding. His breath would be out." "So you don't believe in brandy?" "No. It may help for a short spurt, but is no good for a long run. Only a temperate man can be a good racer." As I thought of the wide meaning of this as applied to life instead of cycling, I said: "Do you know you are giving a strong testimony for temperance? We ministers often teach that spirits do more harm than good for a long and successful life, and that they are only good in say an accident or illness, when you need strength to pass quickly some danger. Would you kindly allow me to make known your experience and words? People are willing to believe a champion cyclist." "Yes, I am quite willing."

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"The codfish," said the professor, "lays considerably more than a million eggs." "It is mighty lucky for the codfish that she doesn't have to cackle over every egg," said the student who came from the country.

**Hoax**, "What, you buying a bicycle? I thought you detested them." Joak, "So I do, but I've been run over long enough. Now I'm going to have my revenge."

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Mr Gawne, of Dunedin (says the *Southland Times* of April 13, 1891), has just been on a visit to Invercargill to push business a little. Not that it wants much canvassing, for since he commenced the manufacture of his Worcestershire Sauce, the demand has kept pace with his capacity to supply it. He makes a really good thing, indistinguishable from the famous Lea and Perrin's, which he places upon one's table at a much lower price, and trusts to that to secure a steadily growing trade. Those who have not yet tried the colonial article should put their prejudice aside for a time and test the question with a bottle or two.—ADVT.