

and five daughters, who have the sympathy of the community in their sad bereavement.

The Rev. Father Malloy experienced a very exciting adventure on Easter Monday. He was returning from Charleston in a trap, and being informed that Mountain Creek was in a dangerously swollen state owing to heavy rains, he decided to cross the creek on horseback. He had succeeded in getting half-way across, when the animal suddenly turned over, and Father Malloy had considerable difficulty to reach the bank. Besides being severely bruised, he lost his bag and other belongings. Father Malloy had been visiting Charleston for the purpose of giving the faithful an opportunity of assisting at Holy Mass on Easter Sunday, and much sorrow was evinced when the regrettable mishap became known. It is pleasing to record that Father Malloy, whose exceptional zeal in all matters concerning the welfare of the parish is unbounded, has not suffered any serious after effects from his unpleasant adventure.

The Ven. Archpriest Walshe was the celebrant at the two Masses on Easter Sunday. At the nine o'clock Mass the women's branch of the Sacred Heart Society approached the Holy Table. Archpriest Walshe preached an instructive discourse at the last Mass on the day's festival. The choir gave a capital rendering of selections from the works of Mozart, Weber, and Winter. The Ven. Archpriest also officiated in the evening, and preached on the Gospel of the day. The artistic decoration of the altar reflected much credit on the Sisters of Mercy.

A distressing fatality, resulting in the loss of two lives by drowning, occurred on Easter Sunday morning. A local resident named John Golding, 41 years of age, and his son Frederick, aged 8 years, were fishing off the tip head. The boy accidentally fell in the river, and the father, who was unable to swim, jumped in and made a desperate effort to rescue his son. The tide going out caused a heavy backwash, and although he succeeded in getting a hold of the boy, he soon became exhausted and both sank. The deepest sympathy has been extended to the bereaved widow and orphans, and a charitable appeal to the public on their behalf has met with a very generous response.

April 11.

The Altar Society of St. Canice's Church has ordered a monstrance from France, at a cost of about £15. The congregation has good reason to feel proud of the Society, which continues to display commendable zeal and energy in its endeavors to beautify and suitably adorn the altar.

Mr. D. Mikkleson, of Sergeant's Hill, is at present seriously indisposed. He is an esteemed member of the local Hibernian Society, and his friends unite in wishing him a speedy recovery from his severe illness.

The men's branch of the Sacred Heart Society approached the Holy Table at the nine o'clock Mass at St. Canice's Church on Sunday last, the Rev. Father Malloy being celebrant.

The social in aid of the Sisters of Mercy's school, which is to be held in the Victoria Theatre next Thursday evening, promises to be a great success. An attractive programme has been arranged for the occasion. The following ladies are working hard to ensure the success of the social: Mesdames Flynn, Curran, Hennessey, Radford, Tee, Mulquin, and P. Connell, and the Misses N. Ready, Murphy (2), Carr, and Hall.

The St. Canice's branch of the Hibernian Society continues to progress steadily. Since the recent successful mission given at St. Canice's Church by those zealous and eloquent Redemptorists, Fathers Mangan and Murray, there has been a welcome increase in the membership. The Society recently sustained a loss by the death of Bro. Daniel Sullivan, who was the victim of a fatal accident. The late Mr. Sullivan was a popular member, and some 40 members of St. Canice's branch journeyed to Charleston to pay their last sad tribute of respect to his memory.

A gift of a beautiful statue of the Sacred Heart has been made to St. Patrick's Church at Addison's Flat. The name of the donor, whose generous act is greatly appreciated by the congregation, has not been disclosed. The Altar Society of the pretty little church has decided to have altars of the Sacred Heart and Blessed Virgin erected at an early date.

The steamer 'Shiela,' which has been specially constructed to suit the requirements of the port, has completed loading, and leaves on Tuesday for Hong Kong with a cargo of 4700 tons of coal. The Westport Harbor Board, having expended large sums of money on the port, including the purchase of the 'Rubi Seddon,' an up-to-date dredge, greater facilities for the despatch of vessels employed in the coal trade will be offered in the near future.

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DIocese OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

April 18.

His Lordship Bishop Grimes leaves to-day (Monday) for Wellington.

A census of the Catholic population of the city and suburbs is in course of compilation.

The Rev. Father Mangan, C.S.S.R., having completed his missionary labors in the Rangiora parochial district, set for Australia last week.

Mr. J. Quinlan, of the Telegraph staff, and secretary of the Catholic Club, was entertained by the members at a social gathering last week, and was presented by the president, Mr. R. O. Duncan, on behalf of the club with several useful articles.

A little fellow named Charles Alphonso Sloan, aged nine years, son of Mrs. Sloan, Spreydon, lost his life by a rather peculiar accident last week. He attended the Addington Catholic school, and in the evening, on his way home, was driving a cow which kicked him on the left side of the face near the temple. Although knocked down and shaken he did not appear to be seriously hurt. During the early hours of the morning, however, he was seized with serious illness, and although medical assistance was at hand, he suddenly expired. Much sympathy is felt for the bereaved parent.

Speaking at the High Mass in the Pro-Cathedral on Sunday the Rev. Father Mahony commented strongly on the wilful persistence of some Catholic parents in sending their children to the State schools. It seemed superfluous, after all that had been said times out of number, to point out the grievous wrong they were inflicting on their children in subjecting them to a godless system when a superior education and above all sound religious instruction and a thorough moral training were attainable at our own Catholic schools, simply for the asking. He knew from experience what our Catholic schools were capable of, and also what they need expect from those of the State, and what was more, he was satisfied in his own mind that probably all those of our faith who advocated the State system on the score of greater efficiency and the children's speedier acquisition of knowledge, were for the most part incapable of forming a sound judgment.

Timaru

(From our own correspondent.)

April 18.

A very pleasing function took place in the offices of the Canterbury Farmers' Cooperative Association on Tuesday evening last, the occasion being the presentation of a handsome silver dinner service and set of carvers to Mr. Thomas Quinn on the eve of his marriage. Mr. A. Austin, the company's accountant, in making the presentation, referred to the many good qualities of the recipient; his genial and obliging manner, and the thoroughness and capability with which he performed his clerical duties. On behalf of the Association's employees he wished Mr. and Mrs. Quinn a long and happy life. Mr. Quinn heartily thanked them for their handsome gifts and the many kind words which accompanied them. He could not accept all the good things said of him, and rather thought that they were painting an ideal for him to aspire to. The Children of Mary, hearing that Miss Annie Dillon was about to enter the bonds of Matrimony with Mr. T. Quinn, presented her with two well-mounted religious pictures as a mark of the esteem in which she was held during her lengthy term as a member of the society.

Hearing that there was some likelihood of Mr. J. P. Fitzgerald being transferred temporarily to his company's Waimate branch, a number of his friends could not let such an event happen without showing in some tangible way the esteem and respect in which he is held. This took the shape of a smoke concert, held in Mr. Tobin's Criterion Hotel on Saturday night, 9th inst., at which he was asked to accept a gold-mounted watch guard with shield engraved with Irish emblematical designs, as a small token of the regard in which he was held. Mr. Fitzgerald, in accepting this handsome gift, thanked all for their present and good wishes and hoped that the bonds of friendship and comradeship would continue whilst life existed.

Akaroa

(From an occasional correspondent.)

A most successful concert in aid of the convent, Akaroa, was held on Easter Monday night. The school children gave a number of musical and other items, consisting of a fan drill, humorous dialogues, a burlesque

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