

**Waihi**

(From our own correspondent.)

December 6.

Last Sunday the devotion of the Forty Hours' Adoration was commenced in St. Joseph's Church. At the half-past seven Mass there was a very large number of communicants, including over 40 members of the Hibernian Society, who wore regalia. The Right Rev. Mgr. O'Reilly, of Thames, was present to assist the Very Rev. Father Brodie in the ceremonies of the day. He preached at the eleven o'clock Mass and again at the evening devotions. In the morning Monsignor O'Reilly congratulated the Hibernians on their progress in Waihi, and recommended all to join them. In the evening he preached a sermon on the Blessed Eucharist, the church being crowded.

Last night the St. Joseph's branch of the H.A.C.B. Society changed its place of meeting from the convent schoolroom (where it has been held since its establishment) to the old church. The opening night of the new meeting room was celebrated by a social gathering. Members of the church choir were present by invitation, and there was a large attendance of members and lady friends. A progressive euchre party was held, and various musical and other items were given during the evening.

**Greymouth**

(From our own correspondent.)

December 8.

A very pleasant evening was spent at the St. Columba Club rooms last week, when the members and friends assembled at a progressive euchre party. During the evening refreshments provided by the ladies were handed round. Several songs and musical items were rendered. These parties have become extremely popular. The St. Columba Club billiard tournament was concluded last week, and resulted as follows: Mr. Bert Munson 1, R. C. Heffernan 2, and W. M. McCormack 3. The winner secures the trophy presented by Dr. J. McBreaty, jun., and the second and third receive trophies.

The excellence of the education imparted to the children attending the Catholic schools is exemplified by the results of the recent annual examinations held by the Education Board Inspector (Mr H. Smith). In the Greymouth Convent School the total number of pupils on the roll is 139, of whom 132 presented themselves for examination. Of these all passed successfully, the Sisters of Mercy thus obtaining 100 per cent. of passes. In the Marist Brothers' School, out of 129 pupils on the roll, 120 were presented for examination. The percentage of passes is not yet known, but judging from previous results it is expected to be high. In the Brunner school, conducted by the Sisters of Mercy from Greymouth, out of a total roll number of 51, there were present 53 for examination. The Inspector records but one failure, that of a pupil from another school, who had been but a few weeks under the instruction of the Sisters.

A list of winning numbers in the Akaroa Convent art union is published in this issue.

The art union in aid of the funds of the Catholic church, St. Andrews, was drawn on Friday last. A list of the winning numbers appears elsewhere in this issue.

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