

(Bro. H. O'Leary) was presented by the members with a framed emblem of the society. The president and several members spoke of the good-work done by Bro. O'Leary, who was one of the founders of the Masterton branch in 1889. Bro. O'Leary suitably replied, and gave a brief outline of the branch since since formation.

The Garryowen Hockey Club held their annual social in the Wenvoe tea-rooms last Wednesday. The Very Rev. Dea. McKenna presided. Invitations had been issued to the various other clubs, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. During the evening the Very Rev. Dean presented the medals won during the season: For the best player in the team, Miss K. O'Leary; the most improved player, Miss R. Frost; the player who attended the most practices, Miss R. Chapman. The Very Rev. Chairman also presented Miss M. Stempa, the club's popular secretary, with a silver-mounted purse, suitably inscribed, and expressed regret at losing her services owing to her departure from Masterton.

The results of the examinations in practical pianoforte and singing, held at St. Bride's Convent, under the auspices of the Trinity College of Music, London, have been made available by the examiner. These show that the Sisters have again sustained their reputation as teachers of singing and pianoforte, as out of the twenty-four pupils entered for the examination they achieved the very creditable result of securing passes (and in many cases honors) with all the candidates. This result is all the more meritorious when it is considered that for three years in succession not one failure has been recorded in these examinations out of all the pupils entered. The highest honors of the examination rest with Theodora Shapter, who entered for the A.T.C.L. in singing, and secured honors with 87 marks. Last year this same lady achieved a similar distinction in pianoforte. The other results were as follows (the maximum marks being 100, of which 80 count for honors and 60 for a pass):—Singing: Senior singing—Bride Flahavan, 77. Junior singing—May Harris, 70; Madge Kelliher, 69; Gladys Turner, 68. Preparatory (singing)—Muriel Welch, 84 (distinction); Dorothy Fowler, 83; Rita Hodgins, 73; Rose O'Dowd, 64; Margaret Byrne, 62. Pianoforte: Senior honors—Marjory McKenna, 88; Mary O'Neill, 85; May Boustead, 81; Colina McKenzie, 77. Intermediate honors—Alma Fuller, 85. Intermediate pass—Coralie Smythson, 81; Kera Te Whaiti, 74; Olive Isaacson, 67. Junior pass—Effie Wall, 76; Mary Burke, 68; Clarence La Roche, 67. During his stay in Masterton the examiner (Mr. H. Saint George) paid a visit to St. Bride's Convent one evening, and entertained them with some violin music, which was much appreciated by the Sisters.

**DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH**

(From our own correspondent.)

October 5.

In a private letter Miss Irene Ainsley, the talented vocalist whose concert company is now touring the North Island, states that in many of the towns visited they have had record audiences. An equally satisfactory tour in the South Island is confidently anticipated.

The Marist Brothers' Old Boys visited Burnham on Saturday week, and played a drawn game with the Industrial School, each side scoring 9 points. The visitors assisted the inmates of the school to give an enjoyable entertainment. Mr. J. Donnell thanked the masters and boys, and especially Messrs. Archey (manager) and Anderson, for the welcome that was accorded the visitors.

At the great public meeting on last Wednesday evening to promote the construction of a ship canal, to connect Christchurch with the sea at Sumner, his Worship the Mayor (Mr. C. Allison), who presided, commenced his address by reading the following telegram from his Lordship Bishop Grimes:—'Wish-meeting and patriotic scheme every success; canal, methinks, would make Christchurch chief and wealthiest city in Dominion.' These sentiments were loudly applauded.

In the course of a sermon recently in the Anglican Cathedral, Bishop Julius, as reported in the local papers, indulged in some characteristic plain speaking. 'There were hundreds (he said) who came to the Cathedral had a prayer-book provided for them, joined heartily in the hymns and listened a while to the service, and when the plate went round they "went blind." They gave nothing, and never meant to.' He was speaking thus because on the congregation lay the claim for help for the poor and struggling round the diocese, and he implored them to give.

The devotion of the Forty Hours' Adoration was commenced at St. Joseph's Church, Lyttelton, on Sunday morning last. Both Masses were celebrated by the Rev. Dr. Kennedy, who also preached morning and evening. On Monday and Tuesday Masses are to be celebrated at 6.30 and 9 a.m. On Monday evening the Rev. Father Hoare, S.M., will preach, and the devotion will terminate after the last Mass on Tuesday morning.

At the ordinary meeting of the North Canterbury Board of Education held last week the agitation for religious instruction during school hours received its quietus probably for a considerable time. The Appointments Committee reported that it had further considered the matters of school hours and religious instruction in schools, and recommended the adoption of the following regulation, which embodied the principles laid down in previous resolutions of the board:—'The ordinary hours of instruction in every district or aided school in the North Canterbury Education District shall in all the standard classes be five hours each day during five days of each week, but for the preparatory classes need not exceed four hours; and the teaching shall be entirely of a secular character. No teaching of a religious character shall be given in any school between the time of opening the school in the forenoon and the time of closing the school for the day.' The recommendation was adopted.

Preaching at St. Mary's Church, Manchester street, at the 11 o'clock Mass on last Sunday week, the Very Rev. Father Regnault, S.M., Provincial, taking as a basis for his discourse the lives and labors of the early missionaries in the Dominion, enlarged in eloquent terms on the excellent work now being done in compiling the records of these noble men of past days. The reading of these 'Memoirs' in the pages of the Tablet are (said he) an inspiration, and those responsible for their production are performing a magnificent service not alone for the benefit of present-day readers, but for the edification and enlightenment of posterity. It is a work, he continued, that has not been taken in hand a day too soon, and were it not for the devotion of those now so engaged a vast amount of most valuable and interesting information already collected would have probably been lost for all time.

The Solemn Triduum in honor of the Blessed Sacrament in the Cathedral was commenced on last Friday morning. In the evening there was a good congregation, when the Rev. Father Hyland (Rangiora) preached on the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, with a fervent exhortation to his hearers to more fully realise the inestimable privilege and duty of assisting thereat. On Saturday evening the Rev. Father Bell, S.M., delivered an instruction in simple but effective terms. The concluding sermon was preached on Sunday evening after Vespers by the Rev. Father Cooney (Lyttelton) to a crowded congregation on the 'Divine Institution of the Blessed Sacrament and the Real Presence.' Procession and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament concluded the beautiful devotion, in which very many participated and approached the Holy Table. During the afternoon of Sunday especially the faithful in numbers attended at Adoration.

Mr. John Coakley and his family, much respected Catholic residents of Waiapu, who are leaving the district, were the recipients of an address from their co-religionists. They were also entertained at a social farewell gathering in the local hall on last Friday evening. The hall was crowded with people from all parts of the Amuri, and the Rev. W. R. Campbell, of Hanmer, presided. Mr. D. D. Macfarlane, on behalf of his numerous friends in the Amuri district, presented Mr. Coakley with an illuminated address, which testified to the esteem in which Mr. Coakley was held during his residence of thirty-three years in the district, and a massive tea and coffee service and a pair of silver candle-sticks. Eulogistic speeches were made by Messrs. F. S. Northcote and R. A. Chaffey, the Rev. John Watt, and the Rev. Father Richards. Colonel Chaffey, on behalf of the Waiapu Haek Racing Club, presented Mr. Coakley with a pair of field-glasses, as a mark of appreciation of his services for nearly thirty years as clerk of the scales. Miss Coakley was presented by Misses Lyford and Mannion, on behalf of her Amuri friends, with a silver-backed comb and brush, while Miss Irene Coakley received a very pretty brooch, Misses D. Creed and E. Crocker making the presentation. Miss Coakley was also the recipient of a presentation from the Waiapu Ladies' Hockey team. Mr. J. Leonard Coakley, in the unavoidable absence of his father from indisposition, thanked the donors for the presentations made to the family. A programme of music, etc., followed.

The adjourned annual meeting of the Christchurch Catholic Club was held on last Tuesday evening. The Rev. Dr. Kennedy was present, and there was a good attendance of members. The

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