

Ashburton

(From our own correspondent.)

The usual monthly 'At home' of the Ashburton Catholic Club was held on July 22, when a musical and dramatic entertainment was given. The following contributed to the musical portion of the programme:—Misses Soal, Madden, Messrs. D. McDonald, Cunningham, V. Madden, Ramsey, and W. B. Keane. Miss Soal acted as accompanist, and Miss Brophy contributed a pianoforte solo. The dramatic club, which has just been reformed, produced a one-act comedy, 'Mrs. Green's Snug Little Business,' and the characters were sustained by Messrs. F. J. Pritchard, W. B. Keane, T. Brophy, J. Lennon, and W. Lennon, all of whom did remarkably well. At the last meeting the programme consisted of a spelling bee, which proved very interesting. Mr. F. Hanrahan was the winner, after a very close finish. During the past month a ladies' debating club, under the name of the St. Mary's Catholic Literary and Debating Society, was started. It has begun with a very strong membership. The following are the officers:—President, Mrs. Pritchard; vice-president, Mrs. McCormick; secretary and treasurer, Miss Buckley; committee, Misses Buckley, Fitzgerald, Murphy, McDonnell, and Mesdames Walsh and Soal.

Napier

(From our own correspondent.)

The *Tablet* representative, Mr. Moriarty, has just concluded his business here and reports having been very successful.

Prior to her departure from Napier Miss Kearsting was presented by the members of the St. Patrick's church choir with a handsome gold cross suitably inscribed. The presentation was made by Mr. F. O'Connor (conductor). Rev. Father O'Connor, who was also present, spoke highly of the good qualities of Miss Kearsting, and wished her every success.

Mr. P. Halley, President of the Conciliation Board, at the conclusion of his business in Napier was met by the employers and employees and presented with a gold watch in recognition of his valued services. One employer, in his eulogium of Mr. Halley, said that he had repaired the fracture between the employers and the employees in a most satisfactory manner. The employer had said the affair was black, the employee said it was white, but Mr.

Halley proved to them that it was grey. Mr. Halley in reply spoke very highly of the good work done by Mr. D. McCarthy, the local secretary of the unions, and said that if each district had a secretary like Mr. McCarthy there would be very little work for the Conciliation Board.

Greymouth

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

It is with extreme regret that I have to record the death of Miss Mary Roche, which sad event took place at her late residence, Tainui street, last Sunday morning. The deceased was well known throughout the West Coast, having arrived here from Melbourne about thirty years ago. Miss Roche was a fervent Catholic, and was always a foremost worker at bazaars or any entertainment for the benefit of the Church. She was a native of Ireland, and was 58 years of age at the time of her death. A Requiem Mass for the repose of her soul was said on Tuesday morning. The funeral left St. Patrick's Church on Tuesday afternoon for the Greymouth Cemetery, and was largely attended, friends coming from all parts of the Coast to pay their last tribute of respect. The Very Rev. Dean Carew, who also attended deceased in her last illness, officiated at the church and graveside. Her sorrowing sister has the sympathy of the community in her sad bereavement.—R.I.P.

Masterton

(From our own correspondent.)

The Masterton Mounted Rifles, under Captain J. C. McKillop, held an exceptionally well attended full-dress church parade at the 10.30 o'clock Mass at St. Patrick's Church last Sunday. The corps chaplain (the Very Rev. Dean McKenna) preached a most impressive discourse on the occasion.

The usual meeting of the H.A.C.B. Society was held last Tuesday, Bro. Richards in the chair. There was a large attendance of members. The quarterly balance sheet was read, which showed the branch to be in a sound financial and flourishing condition. Two candidates were proposed for membership. Bros. H. O'Leary and F. Treader were elected trustees, and Bros. B. Chapman, J. Curry, and S. O'Regan were appointed delegates to the Masterton Friendly Societies' Council.

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