

## DIOCESE OF DUNEDIN.

Rev. Father Coffey will make a collection at Waipori on Sunday on behalf of St. Vincent de Paul's Orphanage, South Dunedin.

The Sisters of Mercy, South Dunedin, acknowledge with thanks receipt of £1 from 'A Friend,' Lawrence, in aid of St. Vincent de Paul's Orphanage.

Mr. A. V. Dunne, who left Balclutha on Monday for Dunedin, was presented with a handsome walking stick and pocket book by the Catholic Sunday School children.

The following pupils of the Dominican Convent, Invercargill, passed the examination in musical knowledge (theory) held in Invercargill on 9th June:—Intermediate Honors—Nellie Shepherd, 85; Mabel Feldwick, 65. Intermediate Pass—Mabel Feldwick, 96. Junior Honors—Mary Herlihy, 92; Jane Roche, 84. Junior Pass—Annie Baird, 99; Carrie Sheehan, 94; Lily Godby, 91; Kate McGrath, 90; Kate Griffen, 89; Mary Herlihy, 86; Alice Collins, 81.

A pleasant evening's entertainment was arranged by the committee of the South Dunedin Catholic Literary Institute for the weekly meeting on the 12th inst., and the programme was carried out to the satisfaction of the large number present. Messrs. Miscall, Mullins, Fitzgerald, Nolan, M'Curdy, and O'Connell were very successful in their various parts; and the rendering of several musical selections by the Bruton family met with well-deserved recognition. Master E. Durning gave two recitations in a manner that promises well for his future as a reciter. Miss Fitzpatrick also sang and played some selections on the pianoforte very acceptably. The Rev. Father Coffey presided, and announced that the prize essays on Dunedin would be read at the next meeting.

The annual social of the local branch of the Hibernian Society was held in St. George's Hall, Milton, on Friday evening. The hall was tastefully decorated with evergreens for the occasion, and the weather was perfect. Among the visitors were Bros. Marlow and Hoar of the Dunedin branch, Bro. P. Walsh, on behalf of the Milton branch of the H.A.C.B. Society, welcomed the visitors and trusted that they would have many similar meetings. In the course of his remarks he pointed out the advantages to be derived from becoming a member of a friendly society, and urged upon the young men present, who did not belong to any society, the necessity, or at all events the advisability, of doing so at once. The visiting delegates suitably replied, and returned thanks for the invitation to be present at the annual gathering. On the whole (says the *Bruce Herald*) the social was very successful, and the committee who had charge of the arrangements are to be complimented for the manner in which they discharged their duties.

## INVERCARGILL.

(From our own correspondent.)

The collection for the new church originated a month or six weeks ago is going on apace. The Very Rev. Dean Burke headed the list with a contribution of £300. Mr. Maher, of Kew, always to the front in religious and charitable matters, followed with £50. Mr. Enright put his name down for £30, Mrs. Tympany for 30 guineas, Mrs. Jackson for £30, and so on. The clergy are making a house to house canvass in town and country, and are meeting, they say, with a success exceeding their anticipations.

The Very Rev. Dean Burke announced on Sunday, that over and above the present levy, he would expect the ladies of the parish to raise £800 or £1000 during the next nine months by some organised effort on their part. With a view of making a beginning a meeting of ladies assembled at St. Joseph's on Monday evening, and resolved to commence preparations at once for a week's demonstration in March next.

The dramatic department of the Literary Society is preparing a musical and dramatic entertainment in aid of the gymnasium, for Wednesday next, in the Theatre Royal. The gymnasium has been of inestimable benefit to our school boys and to our young men. Owing to it both classes have headed the list in athletic exercises in Southland this year. Besides, there is the moral effect of bringing the young men together, evening after evening, and uniting them in a friendly and sociable body with common ideas and aspirations, instead of allowing them to wander about, as they previously did, and making the acquaintance of undesirable companions. This is an excellent consummation, and goes a far way in solving the difficulty of coping with the young-man leakage.

The farmers of Southland are in high jubilee by reason of the advance of agricultural preparations and the prospects that implies. Positively, so fine and suitable a spring time has not been seen in this province.

## NEW ZEALAND: GENERAL.

The September issue of the *Austral Light* fully maintains the high standard of that Catholic monthly. His Grace the Archbishop of Melbourne continues his instructive subject, 'No Salvation outside the Church.' Father Cognet contributes another of his series of articles on Maori customs. Among the other contributors are Marion Miller, Father Magennis, and Mr Jageurs.

THE Catholic social held in the Theatre Royal, Reefton, on September 12 (says the *Inangahua Times*), passed off in a highly satisfactory manner, the attendance being quite as numerous as on the first occasion. Songs were rendered by Miss Shanks, Messrs. Phillips and Lynch, and the Rev. Father Hickson contributed a humorous reading. An abundance of choice refreshments was provided, and some excellent dance music was supplied by Miss McGillicuddy.

LIEUTENANT-GENERAL BADEN-POWELL is to be presented by his admirers in the Wellington district with an 18-carat gold cigar case, in further recognition of his gallant defence of Mafeking.

THE following pupils of the Convents of Mercy at Christchurch and Darfield passed the recent Trinity College examination in the theory of music.—Intermediate division—Nellie Turner, 90; Hilda Flynn, 64. Junior honors—Hilda Flynn, 69; Nellie Turner, 68. Junior pass—Rose Pepperell, 96; Violet Cameron, 93; Jennie Clinton, 92; Mary O'Brien, 92; Joseph Clinton, 91; Langley Pepperell, 81; Bridget Gill, 73.

THE following candidates from the Convent of Mercy, Lyttelton, were successful at the Trinity College musical knowledge examination:—Intermediate pass—A. Hildson, 86; O. Hebley, 67. Junior pass—M. Grantham, 91; M. McConville, 71; K. Burns, 67. M. Hart, a pupil of the Convent school, Akaroa, gained 77 marks at the examination in the theory of music held under the auspices of the Associated Boards of the Royal Academy of Music and the Royal College of Music.

APPENDED we (*Wairarapa Daily Times*) give the names (with number of marks awarded to each) of the pupils from St. Bride's Convent, Masterton, who were candidates at the last Trinity College examination, at which they acquitted themselves so creditably, not one pupil failing to pass:—Junior division (honor section), Mary Eccleton, 87; Siss Hourigan, 86; Eliza Collerton, 80. Junior division (pass section), Ivy Iorns, 98; Mary Eccleton, 95; Eliza Collerton, 95; Olive Iorns, 95; Siss Hourigan, 91; Margaret Hourigan, 82; Lily Stempa, 69.

We take the following from the *Austral Light*:—From the latest files of the TABLET to hand we see that a presentation of the handsome sum of £280 was made to the Rev. H. W. Cleary, who is to read a paper at the forthcoming Catholic Congress in Sydney. When Father Cleary was invited to Dunedin to undertake the editorship of the TABLET, we felt that Australia was losing a gifted priest, and we are glad to know that he is appreciated in his new surroundings. He is a brilliant journalist and an indefatigable worker, and the result is that the TABLET is one of the best conducted Catholic newspapers in Australasia.

MR. HANNIBAL A. WILLIAMS entertained a large and appreciative audience on Monday night in the Victoria Hall, Dunedin, with a Shakespearean recital, the subject selected being a portion of 'King Henry IV.' Mr. Williams came to Dunedin with an excellent reputation from the northern centres, and the audience on the occasion of his first appearance here quickly recognised that his abilities had in no way been exaggerated. The performance as a mere feat of memory was a remarkable one, but apart from that he has all the qualifications of a finished reciter. He has a fine presence, his enunciation is good, and he accommodates himself with much facility to the characters impersonated by him. The interest of the audience was well sustained throughout the whole of the programme, and Mr. Williams is to be congratulated on his success.

OUR Timaru correspondent writes:—The following candidates passed the Trinity College musical knowledge examination held in June last at the Timaru centre—Honors section—M. Hoare, 76; J. Hoare, 74 (teacher, Miss McGuinness). The Sisters of St. Joseph, Temuka were very successful with the following candidates:—Junior Division—Pass section—B. F. Connolly, 100; V. C. Farnie, 99; R. M. Earl, 95; Ethel Blyth, 87; S. A. Beri, 86; K. McPherson, 87 (Waimate Convent), also passed in the junior division. The possible marks being 100 the passes obtained reflect the greatest credit on the teachers.—A grand organ recital and sacred concert will take place at the Church of the Sacred Heart on Tuesday the 25th inst. The services of the best local artists have been secured to assist the choir, who will be under the conductorship of Mr. Mayne. Mr. Coombe's orchestra has kindly consented to assist Miss McGuinness presides at the organ. The programme has been specially selected and will be a rare musical treat.

WRITING from the Abbey of Melleray, France, to the *Kaikoura Star*, the Rev. Father Walsh, late of Kaikoura, says:—'My home is quite retired, in the midst of a delightful country, worked to its utmost extent for the benefit of the people, and beautified by the taste of the many generations of people who have lived here. Although a charming country, and its people courteous and entertaining, still my heart is in the Colonies, so free and quiet, and endeared to me by a residence of nearly 40 years. During that time I had an opportunity of knowing their resources and the means afforded to enterprising and industrious colonists of making comfortable, and with many, independent homes. I had also the pleasure of making friends who shall be ever dear to me for their warm and sincere friendship as well as for the many favors which they generously bestowed. I am so attached to the Colonies that you need not be surprised if, after a rest and renewal of vigor, you hear of my arrival in some favored haunt.'

ONE marked feature of the criminal sessions of the Supreme Court (writes the Auckland correspondent of the *Otago Daily Times*) has been the number of young men and lads brought before the court. His Honor Mr. Justice Conolly might well call it appalling. The state of things is the despair of the philanthropist and social reformer. One of the lads—a poor, wan, sickly, undergrown boy of 15—was charged with nearly a dozen cases of breaking and entering, and even when remanded for trial allowed to go back to his parents instead of to gaol owing to his tender years, was again on the job in the interval! The judge seemed puzzled what to do with a boy of such criminal instincts. There have been cases lately where boys, despising the restraints and comforts of home and parental control, sleeping about stables and sheds, and enjoying a Bohemian life, have taken to purchasing revolvers and ammunition. This sort of thing appears to be the result, possibly, of reading 'penny dreadfuls.'

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