

supervision and management, having suggested alterations and improvement, which when carried out proved great financial successes and secured increased dividends to the company. Moreover, Mr. Kennedy had popularised himself with the company, and by his untiring energy and perseverance had induced a large number of people who were formerly using kerosene to give gas a trial, with the result that they did so and continued to do so as they found it more economical. We are pleased to learn that Mr. Kennedy's services as manager have been retained by the Borough Council.

Our Timaru correspondent writes:—The members of the Aloysian Society have closed their session, and are making preliminary arrangements for their annual picnic on November 9. This year the members of the Hibernian Club are joining in the outing, which will in consequence be much larger than usual.—The Very Rev. Father Le Menant des Chesnais, S.M., arrived here on Tuesday last to conduct a retreat for the pupils of the Convent of the Sacred Heart about to receive their First Communion. The older pupils of the parochial schools also participated in the retreat.—Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament now takes place in the Sacred Heart Church on the first Sunday of every month, and the Rev. Father Tubman is much pleased with the attendance of the faithful.—The Ladies of the Sacred Heart are making preparations for a suitable celebration of the centenary of the institution of their Order by its founder on November 21 next. A special preacher is to be invited, and many old pupils of the Convent will be present on the occasion.—Heavy rain has fallen during the week, causing many rivers to be in high flood. The weather is still unsettled and threatening. The undulating country around Timaru looks a perfect picture.

Mr. MAUGHAN BARNETT, of Wellington, gave an organ recital in St. Patrick's Church, Greymouth, on Monday evening, October 8, when there was a very large number present. All were delighted with his performance (says the *Argus*), and it was a treat long to be remembered in Greymouth. The new organ presents a tasteful, even massive appearance, the front pipes being artistically decorated. The organ has been pronounced by competent judges to be in every respect a first-class instrument, the pedal organ especially being constructed on the latest pneumatic exhaust system and is the finest of the kind in the Colony. The instrument received full justice at the hands of such a master as Mr. Barnett, the telling effects of the varied and different stops being sufficient to disarm the most captious critic. During the evening Mr. Guthrie gave the fine solo, 'When night is darkest,' in his usual finished style, and the 'Lost Chord' was splendidly sung by Miss Guthrie. Mr. Guthrie, at the close of the recital, returned thanks on behalf of Rev. Father Malone, and the choir. On the following evening Mr. Barnett gave another recital which was listened to with considerable pleasure by the large audience. Vocal items were again contributed by Miss Guthrie and Mr. Guthrie. At the conclusion Mr. Barnett heartily congratulated Mr. Hobday, the builder, on the excellent qualities of the organ, and said it had a trial which led to the utmost.

At the last meeting of the Ashburton Catholic Literary Society (says the *Mail*) there was a large attendance when a lecture was given by Mr. J. Moison, descriptive of his trip to France and also of his visit to the Paris Exhibition. The lecturer described his trip home in a racy manner, and told many amusing anecdotes about his sea voyage. He gave a brief description of Sydney, in which city he remained for five days, describing its principal buildings, etc., and ranked it next to London or Paris from a business standpoint. After leaving Sydney his next call was Colombo, and his remarks on that city were very interesting. He was much taken up with the beautiful appearance of Marseilles, which he fully described. The lecturer gave a detailed description of Nimes, which he considered the prettiest city he had seen in his travels, and he then took his audience through Paris and Brittany. Mr. Moison then gave his hearers a description of the great French Exposition, which he stated, covered an area of some 210 acres. On leaving Paris Mr. Moison journeyed to London, where he stayed for close on a fortnight, during which time he visited the most important places there, and a description of his voyage from London to New Zealand terminated the lecture. Mr. Moison delivered his lecture in a very telling manner, and answered various questions put to him at the conclusion of same. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Moison for the trouble he had gone to in preparing the lecture.

HAD the attendance at Herr Zimmermann's reception concert, given in the Garrison Hall, Dunedin, on Wednesday evening of last week, been equal to the merits of the performance the building would not have been large enough for the audience. It was the best given in Dunedin for some time, and it was extremely unfortunate that the incrabie weather interfered with the presence of many who would otherwise have attended. Herr Zimmermann has already established himself as a prime favorite with the music-loving people of this city, and it is needless to observe that his contributions to the programme were marked by that artistic style for which he is noted. His reception was flattering, and as was naturally to be expected his items were redemanded. Mrs. Blandford and Herr Zimmermann contributed the 'Kreutzer Sonata,' two movements of which were played. The item was performed with the highest skill and taste, and met with the keenest appreciation. Both artists were recalled. Fesca's 'Bacchante' was admirably played by Mrs. Blandford, Herr Zimmermann, and Master Black. Miss Rose Blaney achieved a distinct success in her singing of Garcia's 'Salve Maria,' the obligato to which was played by Herr Zimmermann. An encore was demanded, but the vocalist simply bowed her acknowledgments. Mrs. Wakefield Holmes contributed 'The lost chord' and 'Songs of my childhood' with her accustomed ability. Mrs. Neave gave a very expressive rendering of 'Home by the sea.' The gentlemen vocalists were Messrs. Maitland Gardner, J. Jago, and G. Neill, and needless to say, considering their reputation, they were highly successful. Miss Whitson, made her debut as a pianoforte player, and was honored with a redemand. The accompaniments were played by Mrs. Blandford and Mr. D. Cooke.

WEDDING BELLS.

O'REGAN—FLEMING.

A quiet but pretty wedding took place at Kawarau Gorge on October 16, when Mr Patrick T. O'Regan, second son of the late Mr John O'Regan, St. Bathans, was married to Miss Elizabeth Bearice Fleming, fifth daughter of Mr John Fleming. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father Hunt at the residence of the bride's parents. Miss Catherine Fleming (sister of the bride) was bridesmaid, and the duties of best man were performed by Mr James O'Regan (brother of the bridegroom). After the ceremony a number of guests partook of a sumptuous wedding breakfast, when several appropriate toasts were proposed and duly replied to. The newly-wedded couple were the recipients of many valuable and useful presents. Mr and Mrs O'Regan left in the afternoon for Queenstown on their honeymoon trip, taking with them the best wishes of a large circle of friends.

The Catholic World.

ENGLAND.—The See of Portsmouth.—The Right Rev. Bishop Cahill has been appointed successor to the late Bishop Vertue, of Portsmouth, to whom he had been Coadjutor.

Stonyhurst College and the Oxford and Cambridge Examinations.—The names of G. Gavan Duffy, A. Jarrett, H. C. McGinity, and L. O'Hea (Stonyhurst College) appear in the list of successful candidates for Higher Certificates at the examinations under the Oxford and Cambridge Schools Examination Board. L. Bonacina, H. Creagh, W. Kane, and P. O'Hea of the same college obtained Lower Certificates.

Ordination at Louvain.—During August, at an ordination at Louvain (Belgium), the Rev. Father Aidan Elrington, O.P., of the English Dominican Province, was raised to the priesthood.

The League of the Cross.—The annual festival of the League of the Cross was held at the Crystal Palace on August 27. Canon Murnane presided at a meeting in the theatre, and during an eloquent address said that what was really a mystery to him was this—Good, practical Catholics outside the League (clergy and laity) admitted what the League said, that drink was the root evil, and that it was degrading our land; yet while they admitted it and even said it, sometimes in less temperate language than the members of the League, they not only did not join the League, but seemed as if they would not raise their little finger to remove from the lives of the people the load of misery caused by drink. He candidly confessed he could not understand this.

The Town Seal of Rye.—A correspondent writes: The following extract from the *Hastings and St. Leonards Observer* will be of interest in connection with the opening of the new Catholic Church at Rye. It is not a little curious that Rye's town seal should be, of all municipal corporations, perhaps the most Papal in the whole kingdom. It is composed of an enshrined figure of the Madonna and Child, around which are the words, *Ave Maria plena gratia Dominus tecum*. I mentioned to a well-known High Church clergyman in Hastings the fact that through centuries of hard and fast Protestantism Rye's Town Council had been using this seal, when the reply came, "Well, poor people, it didn't hurt them. We may well suppose they didn't understand it!"

Jubilee Pilgrims and the Holy Father.—Two loyal addresses, which will be presented to the Pope—one from the clergy by Cardinal Vaughan, the other from the laity by the Duke of Norfolk—are receiving signatures on all sides.

FRANCE.—A well-deserved Award.—Among the awards granted by the International Jury at the Exhibition (writes a Paris correspondent), not the least interesting and certainly not the least well deserved is a gold medal which has been awarded to the Religious Sodality known as the 'Ladies of Calvary.' This Sodality has chiefly for object the care of poor people suffering from cancer, and unable either to go to hospital or to be properly looked after at home. The ladies who form it, and who are, I think, almost exclusively widows of good families, undertake to personally visit and look after a certain number of patients allotted to each in her own neighborhood. The Sodality exhibit in class 112, devoted to the relief of the poor, the various processes for the treatment of cancer which they have adopted and which they recommend; also their regulations and the record of their work. As will be seen from this the Exhibition is not devoted exclusively to industrial or artistic pursuits or to the ginger-bread fair antics of the Rue de Paris. Charity organisation and also humanitarianism, have found a prominent place in its capacious bosom, and nothing can be more interesting to the student, the humanitarian, the philosopher, or the legislator, than the sociology and political economy sections on the ground floor of the severe, almost classical, Palais des Congress.

ROME.—The Holy Father's Name-day.—In the natural course of events (says the *Byfast Examiner*) the life of Pope Leo XIII. would be drawing to a close. The venerable Pontiff is now in his ninety-first year, and at the reception of Cardinals held last Sunday in honor of his name-day, the Pope expressed the hope that he would witness the closing of the Holy Door of St. Peter's at the end of his Jubilee Year. He then proceeded:—'I will hold myself ready to appear before the Great Judge, as my life is drawing to its close.' We hope the day is a good way off, but when in the appointment of Divine Providence Leo does pass away, he will leave behind the reputation of being one of the greatest Vicars of Christ since the days of Peter.