

prospects of the society generally bright and encouraging. Referring to the delegates themselves, Bro. Flynn expressed the opinion that for ability, intelligence and close application to the business upon which they were engaged, ample proof was afforded that they were fully competent to enter into the deliberations of any assembly.

TIMARU.

(From our own correspondent.)

The District Officers of the H.A.C.B. Society broke their homeward journey at Timaru on Tuesday last. The president of the local branch and Mr. D. Mahoney met them at the station. During the forenoon they visited the Priory, convent and church, and expressed their surprise and pleasure at the magnificent buildings and beautiful grounds. During the afternoon Mr. D. Mahoney took them for a drive in the country and harvest being in full swing the visitors were much impressed with the agricultural district surrounding Timaru. During their stay the District Officers presented Bro. M. F. Dennehy with a gold maltese cross suitably inscribed, in recognition of his services as assistant secretary to the recent conference, the D.P. eulogising Bro. Dennehy's work in the interests of the society. The recipient suitably acknowledged the kindness and generosity of the District Officers.

Madame Florence and Rev. Mother Salmon, of the Convent of the Sacred Heart, Sydney, are at present in Timaru. Mother Salmon is Superior of the Order in Australasia.

The St. Patrick's Sports Association are busily preparing for their meeting on the 18th inst. The membership tickets are being purchased pretty freely, and as the success of the meeting financially depends largely on the membership, it remains with the Irishmen of South Canterbury to make the celebration of their national festival an assured success by joining the ranks of the Association. A national concert will be held in the evening, and the best available talent has been secured to interpret Irish songs and melodies.

PRESENTATION TO FATHER GALERNE, S.M.

(From an occasional correspondent.)

A very pleasant evening was spent in the Kerrytown School-room on February 27, when Rev. Father Galerne, S.M., was entertained by a large number of his well-wishers on the occasion of his removal to Christchurch. Mr. H. Brosnan occupied the chair, and capital speeches were made by Messrs. D. Angland and Jeffreys, of Temuka. Songs were given during the evening by Rev. Father Galerne, Mr. Jeffreys, the Misses Stevenson, Coughlan, Brosnan, and the pupils of the school. Father Galerne was presented with an address and a purse of sovereigns. The address, which was as follows, was read by Miss Nellie O'Driscoll, and the presentation was made by Miss Ettie Dore.—

Dear Rev. Father Galerne,—It is with feelings of the profoundest regret and heartfelt love that we, your friends of Kerrytown and Pleasant Point, have through your removal to Christchurch to say 'Good-bye' to you to-night. During the last three years you have been amongst us we have been edified by your saintly life, encouraged and supported by your kindly manner and excessive charity. Your kind consideration for the poor, and prompt attention to the sick, will be long treasured in our memories. We have watched with admiration your zeal for the beauty of the 'House of God,' and sincerely regret your leaving us before seeing your cherished wish realised—the erection of a tower for St. Mary's, Pleasant Point. You will be missed more particularly by the children, for whom you always had a word of encouragement and a pleasant smile; they never felt so happy as when you were in their midst. We all sincerely trust that in the near future your superiors will see their way clear to send you amongst us again. In taking leave of you, dear Father, we ask your remembrance of us in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, and from our hearts we invoke for you God's blessing and happiness, and that you may be long spared to continue your divine work. We beg of you to accept the accompanying gift as a small token of our filial love and esteem. We beg to remain, your devoted people and children of Kerrytown and Pleasant Point.

Father Galerne made a very feeling reply. In the course of his remarks he said it was impossible for words to express his gratitude for their presence there that evening and for all their kindness shown to him during his exceedingly happy stay amongst them. He said, next to his ordination, this event was one of the most memorable in his life, and that he never felt so lonely since he left his dear native land.

Messrs. Louis Gille and Co., of the Australian Catholic Depot, Liverpool and George streets, Sydney, notify the arrival of a 'Life of St. Francis of Assisi,' translated from the French of the Rev. F. L. de Chérancé by R. F. O'Connor.—*.*

Those who have disposed of tickets in the Hawera Art Union are requested to return blocks to the Very Rev. Father Power before March 16. The drawing will take place on the 18 inst., and a list of the winning numbers will appear in our issue of March 28.—*.*

The St. Patrick's Sports Association, of Timaru, will hold their annual gathering on Monday, March 18, the programme including running, jumping, and cycling events. Competitors for cycling and running events are notified that entries close on the evening of March 8. A national concert will be held on the evening of the sports gathering in the Assembly Rooms.—*.*

NEW ZEALAND: GENERAL.

THE Month's Mind for the late Dean Chervier will take place in the Church of St. John the Evangelist, Leeston, on Tuesday, March 12.

MASTERS James P. and Thomas Treahy, sons of Mr. P. Treahy of Ngapara, left Dunedin by the Monowai on Thursday last for Hunter's Hill College, Sydney.

THE Hawera *Star* says it is stated that under the will of the late Mr. Milmos the Hawera Hospital will benefit to the extent of four figures.

WITH this issue of the N.Z. TABLET we present our readers with an illustrated supplement containing a photographic group of the delegates to the annual district meeting of the H.A.C.B. Society, held recently in Dunedin.

AT a meeting held in Dunedin last week it was decided to perpetuate the memory of the late Queen by the erection of a statue. A proposal that the memorial should take the form of a public library was negatived.

AT a sale of Wellington city property last week a record price of £164 per foot for a section with a frontage to Manners street was obtained. The block is the one on which Messrs. Wilkins and Field's ironmongery store is situated. It was bought by Mr. Martin Kennedy for £10,700.

THE Rev. Mother-Superior of St. Bride's Convent, Masterton, having for a period of 25 years devoted herself to self-denying work, celebrated her silver jubilee recently. The children of St. Patrick's School and of St. Bride's Convent presented the Reverend Mother with addresses.

IT has been definitely decided that the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall are to arrive at Auckland on June 11, and take their departure from the Colony on the 29th. Their Royal Highnesses will thus have 17 clear days in the Colony, and will have an opportunity of visiting Rotorua.

THE following are the marks obtained by the pupils of the Sisters of Mercy, Hokitika, who were successful at the examination in music (vocal and instrumental) held last November by Mr. Charles Edwards, Trinity College, London:—Senior Honors: Mary Moller (piano), 83; Mary E. Bourke (singing), 83; Denis Clarke, (piano) 80. Intermediate Pass: Stasia Murphy (piano), 76. Junior Pass: Eileen Daly (piano), 81; Kitty Arnal (piano), 80; Ruby Burns (violin), 80. Preparatory: Annie McDonald (piano), 97; Nellie Kidd (piano) 95; Eva Murphy (piano), 95; Mammie Moynihan (piano), 93; Rose Healy (piano), 90; Ronald MacDonald (violin), 86; Clare Davey (piano), 83; Maude Rochford, (piano), 82; Nan Colman (piano), 81; Charlie Ross (violin), 70.

THE annual picnic in connection with the Stoke Orphanage was held recently (says the Nelson *Colonist*) at Waimea West, and a most enjoyable day was spent by the lads, who were joined by most of the boys who had been connected with the institution and are now in service in the district. The usual arrangements had been made to give the boys a good time, and prizes were provided for the sports which, with various games, occupied their attention. The Orphanage Band was present, and Father George Mahony, Mr. Fitzgerald and his staff of teachers, and Dean Mahoney were prominent in the work of keeping the boys amused. Dean Mahoney at the close of the day expressed his satisfaction at the manner in which the picnic had passed off, and cheers were given for those who had assisted in making the picnic possible, especially for Mr. B. Crisp, jun., who collected funds, and those who contributed. Two palace cars, wagonettes, and other vehicles were required to convey the lads to and from the picnic ground.

THE following is a list of the successful candidates from the Convent of Mercy, Greymouth, at the musical examinations conducted by Mr. Edwards, Trinity College, London, last November:—Senior division—Nellie McDonnell (honors), 87; Maggie Algie (honors), 87; Lottie Guthrie (pass), 65. Intermediate—Augusta Skoglund (pass), 62. Junior—Mabel Harris (honors), 80. Preparatory—M. E. Noonan (violin, pass), 71; Dotty Lutz (pass), 66. The Greymouth Convent (says the local *Star*) still maintains its prestige as an educational establishment. At the recent Civil Service examination, Miss Nellie McDonnell passed successfully, and at the Matriculation Miss M. E. Noonan was also returned amongst the successful candidates. Still another pupil, Miss Alice Dix, has just received her second grade certificate for light and shade drawing from the Technical School, Wellington, and she has now received the full certificate for second grade drawing. She has also passed in solid geometry, freehand and model drawing. The Sisters of Mercy are to be heartily complimented.

It is not generally known, the London correspondent of the *Manchester Guardian* says, that Mr. Marconi, the adapter of wireless telegraphy, is as much an Irishman as an Italian in all but the matter of birth. He is, it appears, first cousin to a leading Wexford merchant and the son of an Enniscorthy lady. Mr. Marconi's maternal grandfather was Mr. Andrew Jameson, of Daphne Castle and Fairfield, Enniscorthy—a cousin of the John Jameson of whiskey fame. Andrew Jameson had a distillery near Enniscorthy, at the place known even now as 'The Still.' Mr. A. G. Davis, the present occupant of Fairfield, married one of Andrew Jameson's daughters; and another, who was musical to a remarkable degree, went to the Conservatoire at Bologna to finish her studies. Here she met and married a Signor Marconi, an Italian of considerable means, and became the mother of the now famous inventor.

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