

gratulated the band on their well-deserved success at the contest in Auckland, an achievement, coupled with that of the Timaru Band, as most creditable to the South Island. Especially praiseworthy, continued Mr. Holland, was the performance of Master Wills, son of the conductor, the talented young cornetist, who although suffering from a broken lip, played his part manfully at the contest, rather than the band should be at a disadvantage. In a few happy remarks, Mr. Wills expressed the band's appreciation of the cordial welcome extended to them by the citizens of Christchurch, and the kind congratulations tendered them on their success.

In the Hibernian Hall on last Wednesday evening, the members of the H.A.C.B. Society tendered a very hearty welcome to the Invercargill Hibernian Band on their return from the Auckland Exhibition Band Contest, where they have been successful in winning the B grade competition, as well as annexing about £140 in prizes. There was a very large attendance of members and friends, amongst those present being Rev. Fathers Long, Murphy, B.A., Cronin, Graham, S.M., M.A., Quinn, S.M., O'Connell, S.M., and Kelly (Kai-koura). Bro. H. A. Sloan, B.P., presided, and in welcoming the guests of the evening, said that the success of the band was a splendid advertisement, not only for themselves, but for Catholics throughout the Dominion, and he was sure that he was voicing the feelings of those present, when he hoped that their talented leader, Conductor Wills, would be long spared to pilot them to further victories. The usual complimentary toasts were proposed, and the proceedings throughout were most enthusiastic. Next morning the band resumed their homeward journey by the midday express, playing their way to the Railway Station through another crowd.

Last Thursday, several members of the Invercargill Hibernian Band visited the Marist Brothers' School during their stay in Christchurch. They were loudly cheered by the boys on entering the school. The Brother Director welcomed them, and said he was sure the boys would be glad to know that of those present, all but two were old boys of the Marist Brothers in Invercargill. Mr. Rex Wills and his brother Robert then played a duet on their cornets, greatly to the delight of the boys, who demanded an encore, which was willingly and generously given. The Rev. Father Murphy, the Rev. Father Long, and Mr. H. Sloane, president of the Hibernian Society, were among those present.

### Christchurch North

February 23.

The Very Rev. Dean Binsfield, S.M., left for Waimate on Monday last.

The attendance at the women's meeting of the Arch-Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament, held last Thursday evening, was very encouraging, nearly 200 being present. The new banners which mark off the various circles were made by the Sisters of Mercy, Colombo street, and are artistically executed.

The Vicar-General, the Very Rev. Dean Hills, S.M., visited Leeston on Monday, the 16th inst., to officiate at the funeral of Sister Mary St. Florentine (of the Sisters of the Mission).

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