

Hurley, S.M., Adm., and Eccleston, S.M., with the Rev. Father Barra, S.M., as master of ceremonies. The Rev. Father Hurley preached, after which there was procession of the Blessed Sacrament. In the evening the Very Rev. Father O'Connell, S.M., preached to a very large congregation. On Monday morning a Missa Cantata for peace was celebrated by the Rev. Father Hickson; and in the evening, before another crowded congregation, the Rev. Father P. J. Smyth, S.M., of Thorndon, preached. On Tuesday morning Solemn High Mass was celebrated by the Rev. Father Hickson, assisted by the Rev. Fathers Hurley and Barra as deacon and subdeacon respectively, and the Forty Hours' Adoration concluded with procession of the Blessed Sacrament. During the ceremonies excellent music was rendered by the choir, under the conductorship of Mr. Bernard Page. A feature of the music was the rendition of the oratorio 'Lauda Sion,' which was beautifully and devotionally sung on Monday evening. At the Masses on Monday and Tuesday mornings the music was rendered by the Marist Brothers' Boys' Choir, of Tasman street. Adoration was continued right through Sunday and Monday nights by the men of the parish; and it was most edifying to see the number of the faithful attending the church throughout the day, and the great number of communicants, which constituted a record for the parish in connection with these devotions. The altar was very tastefully decorated by the ladies of the Altar Society. In commenting upon the ceremonies on Monday evening, the Rev. Father Hurley, S.M., Adm. of the parish, thanked everyone for the part they took in making the ceremonies such a success. He thanked the various societies, sodalities, and other organisations connected with the parish, and said that never in his experience in the parish had there been such a successful ceremony. He trusted that they would all persevere in their devotedness of the past few days.

CATHOLIC IMMIGRATION COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the C.I.C. was held in the Federation rooms on Friday, October 23, Mr. Girling-Butcher presiding. The Rev. Father Veuning, S.M., was present, and 16 members. Correspondence was read from London, Manchester, Auckland, Christchurch, Gisborne, and Oamaru. Excellent reports were given by the various members who had visited the Tainui, Ruahine, and Rotorua. The new arrivals, in many cases, express their appreciation of and gratitude for the welcome they receive. Special mention was made by members of the assistance of the Seamen's Conference (St. Vincent de Paul), who had devoted nearly the whole of a Sunday to entertaining newcomers. The secretary was instructed to convey to the conference the vote of thanks passed.

A cordial welcome was extended to Mrs. L. T. Reichel, recently returned from abroad. She and Mr. Reichel had interviewed the secretary of the St. Vincent de Paul Conference at Hobart re immigration matters. Mr. Watt, the secretary, stated that immigrants appeared to fight shy of the brothers; and Mrs. Reichel proposed the formation of a ladies' committee to undertake the work of visiting the boats. The proposal would be considered.

A lengthy discussion took place regarding a hostel, the urgent necessity for which becomes more apparent daily. A subcommittee, consisting of Mesdames O. V. Ellis, Heavey, Simon, Tustain, and Misses Kennedy and Reichel, was set up to consider ways and means for achieving this end. The secretary of St. Bride's Club reports a highly satisfactory state of affairs. A social held in aid of the piano fund was most enjoyable and successful. The club also assisted the Hurling Club at a social, the proceeds being generously donated to the piano fund of St. Bride's Club. The next meeting of the C.I.C. will be held on Tuesday, November 10.

Artist: 'Now, take this picture to the exhibition gallery, but be careful, for the paint isn't dry yet.'
Porter: 'Oh, that's all right; I've got an old coat on.'

DIocese OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

November 2.

There was Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from the 11 o'clock Mass on Sunday last (Feast of All Saints). After Vespers there was the usual monthly procession, followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

All the candidates presented by the Lyttelton and Akaroa Convents of Mercy for examination in practical music conducted by Mr. St. George, examiner for Trinity College, at the convent, Lyttelton, were successful. The following are the results:—Professional, Associate, Effie Matheson. Senior Division—Akaroa: Winnie Lelieve, L. Curry, E. Keegan. Intermediate Division—Millicent Kennedy. Junior—Honors: Eunice Mazey, M. Smith. Pass: May Couch (violin), B. Mochan (violin), Greta Thompson, Jean McMillan, M. Loader, L. Sinclair, A. Turner; Akaroa: M. Bunny (honors), G. Weir, Stewart Taylor, K. Thomas, M. Roxburgh, M. Lelievre (preparatory). First Steps—Doreen Jones (distinction), Vera Bishop, S. Bamford, Rhoda Barwick (Akaroa), M. Hall; Junior: Miss Haylock (Akaroa).

A very pleasant evening was spent on last Wednesday by members of the Christchurch Catholic Club, on the occasion of a smoke concert given in the rooms at Wiltshire Buildings. A most enjoyable programme was contributed to by the following:—Orchestral selection, Messrs. Riordan and Mercer (violins), Clarkson (clarinet), Oakes (cornet), and Weir (piano); songs, Messrs. F. Woods, T. O'Connell, and Tidy; recitations, Messrs. P. McNamara and C. Barnett; violin solo, Mr. J. Mercer; cornet solo, Mr. Oakes; clarinet solo, Mr. Clarkson. Messrs. P. C. Augarde and Weir were accompanists. The president (Dr. A. B. O'Brien), in a few appropriate remarks, thanked the performers for their excellent and enjoyable programme, which it was quite evident had been much appreciated by all present. He was sorry the attendance had not been larger, which was undoubtedly accounted for by the inclemency of the weather. Light refreshments were partaken of, and the event terminated by a hearty rendering of the National Anthem.

The following are the results of the Practical examination conducted by Mr. St. George at the Convent of Our Lady of the Missions, Lower High street:—Professional Examinations.—Licentiate—Clarice Bell, L.T.C.L., 74; Associates (practical part)—Kathleen Haydon, 91; Hazel Woodward, 72. Senior Division—Eva Mackle (honors), 85 (Convent, Kaikoura); Sybil Williams (violin, honors), 80; Mabel Green, 72. Intermediate Division—Ida Bradford (honors), 85; Rita Green (honors), 84; Veronica Berry, 73; Florence Dalton, 70; Peggie O'Rielly, 70; Mona Mullane, 67. Junior Division—Moirra Pawson (violin, honors), 82; Elsie Ives (honors), 82; Nona Brice (honors), 80; Thelma Shaw, 74; Mona Neale (violin), 72; May Goulding (cello), 71; Maggie Moloney, 70; Odie Kerr, 70; Eileen Behrens, 62. Preparatory Division—Lily Haydon (honors), 89; Rita Green (honors, singing), 88; Zita Solomon (honors), 84; Clarice Clark (honors), 84; Maurus Armstrong (honors), 84; Eva Mellish (honors), 83; Mary Murphy (honors, cello), 83. First Steps—Evelyn McAloon, 89; Alma Elder, 83; Eileen Smith, 82; Gloria Joseph, 77; Milly Finley, 70.

The usual fortnightly meeting of the H.A.C.B. Society (St. Patrick's branch, No. 82) was held in the Hibernian Hall, Barbadoes street, on last Monday evening. The president (Bro. J. Griffin) presided, and owing to it being a public holiday (Labor Day) there was but a small attendance of members. The usual routine business was transacted, correspondence dealt with, and sick pay for £13 8s 4d and other accounts amounting to £55 15s passed for payment. The quarterly balance sheet and the auditors' report were read and adopted. It is pleasing to note that the balance sheet showed a substantial increase in the funds of the society for the quarter, reflecting great credit on the