

ing guild, for one new surplice and new lace for a Communion cloth.

The balance sheet showed receipts amounting to £71 12s 9d, made up as follows:—Honorary members' subscriptions, £11 10s; monthly subscriptions, £52 19s 7d; first Friday collection, £3 7s 2d; special collection, 16s; per Mrs. Nottingham, £3. Expenditure, including debit balance carried forward from last year of £4 1s 5d, amounted to £59 14s 1d, leaving a credit balance of £11 18s 8d.

The Very Rev. Father Price, Adm., is spiritual director. All the officers of the society were re-elected as follow:—President, Mrs. Morkane; hon. vice-president, Lady Clifford; vice-presidents—Mesdames Harper and Holland, and Miss Kearney; members of committee—Mesdames Hayward, Horan, Hynes, Palmer, McLaren, and Miss McGuire; hon. secretary, Miss Mary G. O'Connor. Misses Conder and McGuire were elected to represent the society on the Cathedral parish committee of the New Zealand Catholic Federation. At the conclusion of the meeting Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament was given.

**Timaru**

(From our own correspondent.)

January 3.

The annual retreat for ladies, which is to be preached by Rev. Father Ryan, S.J., is to commence at the convent on Monday evening.

At the recent Standard VI. examinations all the pupils presented by the nuns and the Brothers were successful in gaining proficiency certificates.

Rev. Father Ryan, S.M., one of the recently ordained priests, is at present in Timaru replacing Rev. Father Murphy, S.M., who has gone for a few weeks' holiday to the West Coast.

On Sunday last there was Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from the last Mass until the evening devotions, after which the usual procession of the Blessed Sacrament took place. The sermon was preached by Rev. Father Schaefer, S.M.

The parish picnic, which was held at Winchester on Boxing Day, was very well attended. The weather in the morning left nothing to be desired. A programme of sports was commenced, but as a heavy downpour of rain fell in the afternoon, these had to be postponed. However, a large shed on the ground provided accommodation for all, and with indoor games and other amusements a very pleasant time was spent.

**OBITUARY**

**MRS. MARY BEIRNE, GREYMOUTH.**

(From an occasional correspondent.)

Death removed from our midst on December 16 an old and respected resident in the person of Mrs. Mary Beirne, relict of the late Francis Bierne (who died 18 months ago). The deceased, who was born in County Clare, Ireland, was 68 years of age, and had been a resident of the Coast for the last 40 years. She was of a cheery disposition, and endeared herself to all with whom she came in contact. The deceased took great interest in all Church matters, and was at the time of her death a member of the Sacred Heart Confraternity, and died fortified by the last rites of the Church. She leaves a family of five sons and four daughters to mourn their loss, the sons being Messrs. John (Blenheim), James (late of Nelson), Francis (Westport), Patrick (Blenheim), and Thomas (Greymouth), and the daughters—Mrs. Noyer (Wellington), Mrs. Nash (Wanganui), Mrs. M. O'Connell (State Collieries), and Mrs. W. McKenzie (Blackball), and several grandchildren. The funeral took place on December 18, and was largely attended, friends coming from all parts of the district.—R.I.P.

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