

In the same issue we reproduced from the Greymouth *Evening Star* the full text of the Grey Education Board inspector's examination report on the Greymouth Convent School, which was read by Bishop Grimes at the close of an entertainment tendered to him by the convent pupils. The Grey inspector—Mr. E. A. Scott—in point of practical teaching experience is one of the best qualified inspectors in the Dominion, and he is a non-Catholic. When, therefore, Inspector Scott says that the convent school work is 'such as to compel admiration' the tribute means something. We quote a portion of the report, allowing the facts recorded to speak for themselves. 'This school has this year surpassed even the exceptionally high record established at my previous examination, and it is the barest justice to those in charge to say that the work is such as to compel admiration. Spelling was excellent, every scholar but one in Standard VI. obtaining full marks, and the average over all the standards being only a mark or two below 100 per cent. Writing and drawing were almost uniformly excellent. The work in Standard VI. arithmetic establishes something like a record—every pupil in the class (which numbered twelve) getting absolutely full marks. The results in Standard VII. geography were almost equally remarkable, every pupil but one obtaining over 90 per cent., and the average of the class, minus the exception noted, 95 per cent. . . . Order, attention, and manners were all that could be desired. It only remains to be added that the very excellent results shown above were obtained easily and smoothly, without any special spasmodic effort, and without overdriving and undue pressure of any kind.' Such a report is creditable alike to the teachers whose success it chronicles, and to the inspector, who was just and manly enough to give—in such unstinted measure—honor where honor was due.

DIOCESE OF DUNEDIN

The euchre party in aid of the funds of St. Joseph's Harriers, which had been arranged for May 4, has been postponed to May 20.

On Friday evening a lecture will be delivered in the Garrison Hall, Dunedin, by the Rev. Brother Brady on 'Rotorua and Its Surroundings.' The lecture, which will be in aid of the funds of the various clubs in connection with the Christian Brothers' School, will be illustrated with lantern views, and interspersed with musical selections by Miss Fraser, Messrs. J. McGrath and J. H. Brennan, and the Christian Brothers' choir. The lecture will, we are sure, be a literary treat, and should prove most interesting and instructive to those who have not visited the wonderland of the North Island.

The opening run of St. Joseph's Harriers was held on Saturday from the residence of the Hon. J. B. Callan, Roslyn, there being a good attendance of members. O. Swanson and L. Coughlan were despatched with the bags, and laid an exceptionally good trail, which struck up Fraser's Gully for about half a mile, and then took a turn to the right, coming out near Ashburn Hall. Here the trail led over some two miles of beautiful harrier country, till a circuit was made to the left, and after crossing paddocks the trail eventually came out at Brockville, where a turn was made for home. A number of new members were present, and showed surprisingly good form. After the run members were kindly entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Callan.

Advice has been received from London that Miss Winifride Hawridge, whose name appeared last December as the winner of the Plunket Medal with a percentage of 97 marks for practical music in the Senior Division, Trinity College, has also been successful in securing the local exhibition, value £9 9s. This is the fourth year in succession that this distinction has been conferred on the pupils of the Dominican Nuns, Dunedin. These exhibitions are awarded on the results of the local examinations held in 1909, and provide for the further musical education of the winners for twelve months at their respective centres, the instruction being continued in each case by the teacher who successfully prepared the candidate for examination. The exhibitions number 62 in all, of values varying from £9 9s to £3 3s, and they represent a total disbursement by the college of £450. They include the subjects of theory, singing, pianoforte, organ, violin, and violoncello.

A meeting of ladies of the Cathedral parish is called for this (Thursday) evening for the purpose of taking steps to organise towards the end of the year a bazaar on behalf of St. Dominick's Priory. The Rev. Father Coffey, Adm., in making the announcement on Sunday at St. Joseph's Cathedral, said that the Dominican nuns had been in Dunedin for nearly forty years, and during that time they had only made a few appeals to the people in the way of bazaars, the last being over sixteen years ago. There was at present a heavy debt on the convent, which the nuns did not see any way of reducing except by a bazaar, as they had as much as they could do to meet the interest on that debt. The people were greatly indebted to the Dominican nuns for what they had done for education in Dunedin, and

he trusted that all, especially those who were educated at the convent, would take an active interest in the undertaking, and bring it to a successful issue.

The adjourned annual meeting of St. Joseph's Men's Club was held in St. Joseph's Hall on Friday evening. The Rev. Father Coffey, Adm., presided, and there was a very large attendance of members and intending members. After a few introductory remarks from the Rev. Father Coffey and the Rev. Brother Brady, the meeting proceeded with the election of officers, which resulted as follows:—Patron, his Lordship Bishop Verdon; president, Rev. Father Coffey, Adm. (re-elected); vice-presidents, Messrs. J. Hally and E. W. Spain, with the local clergy and Rev. Brother Brady *ex officio*; secretary, Mr. W. Higgins; committee, Messrs. J. B. Callan, T. Laffey, T. J. Hussey, M. Rosshotham, and B. Ryan; auditor, Mr. T. Deehan; representatives on the hall executive, Messrs. Spain, Higgins, and Hally. On the motion of Mr. E. W. Spain, it was unanimously decided to change the meeting night from Friday to Monday, the session to open on Monday evening, May 2. On the conclusion of the business, the rev. president congratulated the members on the excellent attendance and on the choice of officers. Everything augured well for the prosperity of the club during the current year.

The members of St. Joseph's Ladies' Club held their annual meeting in St. Joseph's Hall on Wednesday evening of last week, Rev. Father Corcoran presiding. The report and balance sheet were read by the secretary. The committee in their report stated that the past session of the club had been most successful. The financial members numbered 59. The meetings were well attended, and some very enjoyable euchre tournaments and social gatherings were held. The dramatic class was a great success, and the members are to be congratulated upon the success of the entertainment held in September last. The amount paid to the executive committee last year was £19 14s. On behalf of the members, the committee return their sincere thanks to their president (Miss Staunton) for her generosity and kindness in giving up so much of her time for the benefit of the club. The Rev. Father Corcoran congratulated the club upon its past success, and complimented Miss Staunton, to whom the success of the club was due. It was decided to hold an invitation euchre and social evening on Wednesday, May 4. The election of officers resulted as follows:—President, Miss Staunton (re-elected); secretary, Miss K. Hannagan (re-elected); committee, Mrs. Jackson, Misses Milligan, Fogarty, and Dochig.

Invercargill

(From our own correspondent.)

At the annual meeting of the Children of Mary held in St. Joseph's schoolroom on Sunday afternoon, Miss M. Waterston was re-elected president. Miss Waterston has now held the position for a number of years.

A social gathering in aid of the funds for the forthcoming bazaar was held in Ashley's Hall on Wednesday evening, there being a fair number present. The early part of the evening was devoted to progressive euchre. The following were the prize-winners:—Lady's, Miss Dwyer; gentleman's, Mr. H. Fraser. It was announced during the evening that another social would be held on May 25.

At the usual fortnightly meeting of the local branch of the Hibernian Society held on Friday, over which Bro. J. Mulvey presided, the delegate to the recent triennial meeting presented his report. He spoke in glowing terms of the hospitality extended to the delegates by the Wellington Hibernians, who, he said, entertained them in a real Hibernian manner. The Rev. Father Kavanagh, on presenting a clearance from the Gore branch, was unanimously elected a full-benefit member of the branch. Six nominations for membership were received.

The annual meeting of the Invercargill Catholic Club was held in the club rooms on April 19, Mr. Jas. Collins (president) being in the chair. There was a good attendance of members. The committee in their annual report stated that the past year had left the club in the soundest position it had ever occupied. The financial position of the club was encouraging. During the session the hon. treasurer received the sum of £50 5s 3d, and disbursed £28 9s 10d, the year ending with a credit balance of £21 5s 5d. The following items merit special notice:—The assets increased by £14 16s 11d, and the liabilities decreased by £24. The cost of maintenance decreased by £6 9s 1d, although accounts to the amount of £1 9s 10d from the previous year were paid off. The membership of the club at the end of the year was 70. The attendance prize (donated by Mr. J. Collins) was won by Mr. P. Scully, who gained the possible. The intellectual side of the club's work was well provided for in the syllabus. The first inter-club debate with the Y.M.C.A. was held during the year, and resulted in a meritorious win for the club. During the year a literary competition was held, the best item contributed to the literary journal being from the pen of Mr. M. Scully. The revenue from the billiard table was not so large as formerly, only £9 11s 9d being received. Several lectures and entertainments were held, and the attendances often severely taxed the accommodation of the hall. Under the direction of the Rev. Brother Alfred, the