

Connor (2), Brennan, Coughlan, and Malone converted tries. In this game the College team gave a really splendid exhibition of passing.

It has been decided by the Cabinet to make a grant of £500 compensation to the widow of Sergeant McGuire. This grant is in addition to the ordinary payment, £18 a year, which Mrs. McGuire will receive from the Superannuation Fund, of which the deceased was a member.

Miss Ethel Devine, daughter of Cr. J. J. Devine, of Wellington terrace, and an esteemed member of St. Mary's Church, Boulcott street, has joined the nursing staff of the Timaru Hospital. Miss Devine went to school at the Timaru Convent, and has many friends in the district.

The St. Vincent's Guild for Boys has been making good progress, and quite a number of new members have been admitted since its inauguration last January. The ordinary weekly gathering of boys was held on last Friday evening at St. Patrick's Hall. A ping-pong tournament (handicap) took place, and was won by Master Lawrence Butler. Four new members gave in their names for enrolment at the meeting of the Sacred Heart Society on Sunday at St. Mary of the Angels' Church.

A meeting of the parishioners of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Wanganui, was held on Sunday to consider the building scheme, which was explained by the Very Rev. Father O'Shea, S.M., V.G., who said that a new church, presbytery, and convent would be required. An influential building committee of ten parishioners was elected, with power to act, of whom Mr. Thomas Lloyd was appointed secretary. It was decided to start the new convent, as it was most urgently needed. The plans of the buildings are being prepared by Mr. J. S. Swan, of Wellington.

A very large audience of seamen and waterside workers greeted the usual fortnightly concert given under the auspices of St. Patrick's Seamen's Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in the Sailors' Rest on Monday evening. The applause with which the various items were received must have been very gratifying to the ladies and gentlemen who contributed to the following excellent programme:—Miss Allen (song), Miss Bell (song), Misses Frith (songs), Miss Matheson (song), Miss Daisy McLellan (Highland fling), Miss Rowell (waltz clog dance), Miss Scanlon (recitation), Messrs. Lambert (comic speciality), Lansdowne (comic items), Roach (song), Sharpe (song), Sweeney (song), Miss and Master Rowell (pianoforte duet). The accompaniments were played by the Misses Davison, Doherty, Frith, and Rowell.

The results of the theory examinations held last November by the representative of the Associated Board of the Royal Academy of Music, and Royal College of Music, London, came to hand by last week's mail, being unduly delayed by the illness of one of the examiners in Australia. Passes are as follow as far as convent pupils are concerned:—Local centre examinations: Advanced grade, harmony (full marks 150, honors 130, pass 100)—Nita Green (St. Mary's Convent), 102. Rudiments of music (full marks 99, pass 66)—Eileen Gibbs (St. Mary's Convent), 81; Elsie May Boot (St. Mary's Convent), 78; Myrtle M. Stephens (St. Mary's Convent), 77. Rose Segrief (St. Mary's Convent) was awarded the 1909 gold medal for advanced grade singing, obtaining 140 marks. In the advanced grade pianoforte playing Margaret McKenna (St. Bride's Convent, Masterston) was next to the winner in order of merit. The Victor Harris gold medal was awarded to Alice D. Rainbow (the Convent, Palmerston North) for pianoforte playing.

It is with sincere regret that I record the death of Mr. Edward Drennan, who passed away at the residence of his nephew, Mr. M. Bowe, Wallace street, Wellington, on Monday night, April 25. Deceased was an old settler in the Westport district. He was born in Kilkenny in 1835, and came out to Australia in 1856. Between 25 and 30 years ago he took up his residence in Westport, and was in business there for a considerable time, but of late years he had been engaged in agricultural pursuits at Charleston. He left Westport on the 11th ult., accompanied by his niece, with the object of going to Ireland in the Ionic, but shortly after he arrived in Wellington he was laid up with pneumonia and an affection of the heart, and four days later he succumbed. The deceased took a prominent part in local affairs at Westport, and was much respected by the townspeople. The remains were taken from Mr. Bowe's residence to St. Joseph's Church, Buckle street, where a Requiem Mass was celebrated by Rev. Father Hurley, S.M. The interment took place at Karori Cemetery. The Rev. Father Quinn, S.M., officiated at the graveside.—R.I.P.

The annual meeting of the Wellington Philosophical Society was held on Wednesday night, when there was an unusually large audience owing to the attractive programme presented. The president (Mr. A. Hamilton) occupied the chair, and gave his annual address. The Very Rev. Dr. Kennedy dealt with the physical constitution and changes of comets, remarking that though some things pertaining to them were now known with great certainty, they at the same time presented problems of the most difficult nature. Comets were attracted to and also repelled by the sun, they shone with a reflected light and with their own light as well, but the reasons for these things were not fully known. With this by way of preface, the speaker presented and explained an excellent series of photographic slides of the comet which had been taken by himself at the Meaneer Observatory quite recently. In dealing with some previous

appearances he mentioned that the mass of comets was so small that astronomers had not been able to measure it. This fact was expressed in the somewhat exaggerated statement that if a comet was properly packed it could be put in a waistcoat pocket. It was certainly true that comets, enormous though they were, were no greater in mass than some of the smaller asteroids, which were not more, perhaps, than ten miles across. The tail of a comet was particularly attenuated, the rarefaction of the gas at the extremities being greater than anything which could be produced with the vacuum pump. There was, therefore, nothing at all to fear when the earth passed through the tail of Halley's comet later on this month.

Greymouth

(From our own correspondent.)

April 30.

At the last meeting of the St. Columba Club, Mr. A. O'Donoghue (president) extended a hearty welcome to his Lordship Bishop Grimes and Rev. Father Hyland, who were present at the meeting. His Lordship, in reply, thanked the president and members for their kindly welcome and assured them that their good work had his heartiest support and approbation. He trusted that the club would be as prosperous in the future as in the past, and that instead of one cup gracing their rooms, he hoped to see other trophies adorning before his next visit. He thanked the members very heartily for their efforts on behalf of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, which he hoped to see in a flourishing condition by the time he paid his next visit. The ordinary business was then gone into, after which the syllabus of the evening was dealt with. The programme was 'Orations,' and seven members took part, the speakers being as follow:—Messrs. M. Moriarty, M. McGilligan, A. F. Donoghue, J. Minehan, T. Heffernan, P. Smyth, and M. Keating. His Lordship the Bishop complimented the speakers on their splendid orations, which had been a great pleasure to listen to.

May 6.

The month of May devotions are being held in St. Patrick's Church every evening and are very largely attended.

The executive of St. Columba Catholic Club has decided to add another room, 30ft by 25ft, to the building. The plans are now being prepared by the architect, and tenders will shortly be called for the work.

At St. Patrick's Church last Sunday there was Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from after the 10 o'clock Mass until evening devotions. In the evening a procession of the Blessed Sacrament was held in which the various parish societies took part.

The president of the club, Mr. A. F. O'Donoghue, met with a rather serious accident whilst attending to his duties at the Government Railway Workshops a fortnight ago, and was confined to his bed for ten days. He is now getting about, and hopes to resume work in a week's time.

The Greymouth Hibernian Society's art union was drawn in the County Chambers last Saturday evening, in the presence of the Mayor (Mr. T. E. Coates) and a number of leading citizens. The result of the drawing will be found advertised in this issue.

At a meeting of the St. Columba Club held last Monday evening it was decided to form a dramatic club. Mr. T. Keenan, V.P., in the unavoidable absence of the president, occupied the chair. It was decided to put on a drama early in October. The election of officers resulted as follows:—President, Mr. T. Keenan; secretary and treasurer, Mr. M. Keating; committee, Rev. Father McCarthy, Messrs. H. M. Moriarty, O. Egden, and T. M. Heffernan. The selection of a suitable play was left in the hands of the committee to bring up a report at the next general meeting.

At a largely attended meeting of parishioners, held in the St. Columba Club rooms on last Sunday afternoon, it was unanimously decided to form a branch of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Rev. Father McCarthy occupied the chair, and explained the aims and objects of the Society. Letters were read from Rev. Father Venning (Wellington) and Bro. Jackson (president Seamen's Conference, Wellington) wishing the Greymouth Conference every success. The election of officers was then proceeded with, and resulted as follows:—Spiritual director, Rev. Father McCarthy, S.M.; president, Bro. R. C. Heffernan; vice-presidents, Bros. T. P. Fogarty, T. Keenan, and M. J. McGilligan; secretary, Bro. C. A. Carmine; treasurer, Bro. D. O'Brien. It was decided to meet in the club rooms every Sunday after evening devotions. Heartly votes of thanks to Rev. Father Venning and Bro. Jackson for kind wishes and valuable information concluded a most successful meeting.

In a paragraph which appeared in our last issue with regard to the successes of the teaching staff of the Sisters of Mercy at the teachers' examination, the number of passes should be credited to the Order throughout the Dominion.

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