

there would have been a full muster but for the fact that the absent members had to attend technical school classes. After the inspection, during which the boys, non-commissioned officers, and the signalling class were put through their facings, Lieutenant-Colonel Bauchop declared that it was the best company, either of adults or boys, he had inspected this year. The corps has now its uniforms, and on parade presents a very smart appearance. A fife and drum band is in course of formation, and it is expected will be able to play the corps into its next camp. On Thursday evening last the corps held a very successful concert at St. Thomas's Hall. The object was to supplement the funds, and the result was very gratifying, as a profit of over £20 is expected. The shooting trophies won during the year were presented at the concert.

Wanganui

(From our own correspondent.)

July 14.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society is flourishing in Wanganui. The local membership now numbers 70 men.

Great improvements have been effected in the church grounds at Aramoho. A meeting of the congregation was held recently, and a sum of over £40 was raised by subscription to carry out the work. A strong working bee assembled on Saturday afternoons to carry out the necessary improvements. A contract was let for the construction of a concrete footpath up to the door of the church at a cost of £26 14s. About a quarter of an acre of land, surrounding the church, was thoroughly trenched, levelled, and sown with grass seed. A live hedge was planted around the church, about 200 loads of earth were carted to bring the ground up to the necessary level, and a fence was erected. In fact, the state of the grounds is a splendid testimony to the energy of the committee who were associated with the secretary (Mr. Luxford) in the undertaking.

DIocese of CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

July 18.

At the annual meeting of the Cathedral Association of Ladies of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—President, Miss Wally; vice-presidents, Mrs. W. Holland and Mrs. Green; secretary, Miss M. Nelson; treasurer, Miss A. Nelson; wardrobe-keeper, Miss Hughes; librarian, Miss Hartnett.

A 'gift social,' organised by Misses Gardiner and Canavan, was given on last Wednesday evening in the Catholic Club rooms, when each guest handed in an article suitable for the club and tennis club's stall at the approaching King's Carnival. About 100 persons were present, and the event proved both enjoyable and profitable. A musical programme was contributed to by Misses Devonport, O'Connor (2), Cresswell, Harper, and Florence Hayward (Pathe Pictures Company), Messrs. Dawson and Beveridge. Mr. H. Glubb recited. The Rev. Dr. Kennedy expressed appreciation of the success attending the young ladies' efforts in both the entertainment and the object leading up to it, and in general terms regarding the carnival, in the interests of which all were so energetically working. Spontaneity of action, such as that under notice, had much to commend it, and the efforts put forth were well worthy of emulation. During the evening refreshments were handed round.

The usual weekly meeting of the Christchurch Catholic Club was held on last Tuesday evening, Mr. J. S. Tullock in the chair. The Oxford Debating Society challenged the club to a debate on the question, 'Should the Bible be taught in State schools?' It was decided to write stating that as the subject involved religious differences, it was unsuitable for debate, but the club would be willing to debate some other subject of interest. It was decided that the sub-committee in connection with the King's Carnival should meet the following Thursday evening. The executive reported that as a lecture on astronomy was to be given by the Very Rev. Dr. Kennedy, S.M., F.R.A.S., on the following Tuesday evening, the syllabus had been altered as follows:—July 26, social evening and progressive euchre tournament; August 2, competitive recitations and essays. The question of freehold versus leasehold was debated. Messrs. W. Raymond, F. Quinn, and D. Edmonds spoke in favor of the leasehold, and Messrs. P. McNamara, J. S. Tullock, and M. O'Reilly supported the freehold. The judge (Mr. McKeon) awarded points as follow:—P. McNamara 85, J. S. Tullock 89, M. O'Reilly 89, W. Raymond 81, F. Quinn 85, and D. Edmonds 97; totals, leasehold 263, freehold 253.

There was a representative attendance at a meeting in the boys' schoolroom on last Sunday afternoon in connection with the carnival now being promoted in aid of the Cathedral fund. His Lordship the Bishop presided. The Very Rev. Father Price, Adm., reported that in all departments favorable progress was observable. There would be six fancy stalls, a refreshment stall, and side-shows controlled by the Christchurch Catholic Club. Mrs. Daly, who undertook to secure a poster exhibition, had been very successful, and the business firms that are to be represented

by young ladies promise an effective display. At the suggestion of the Very Rev. Father Price, Adm. (manager of the carnival), the meeting endorsed his selection of an executive committee, consisting of the following:—Messrs. Jas. Power, G. Dobbs, W. Hayward, jun., G. R. Hart, J. R. Hayward, R. Beveridge, W. Rodgers, M. O'Reilly, T. Cahill, J. J. Wilson, and E. O'Connor (secretary). His Lordship the Bishop expressed satisfaction at the prospect of a successful event, intimating that over £900 resulted from his recent visitation of Westland, thus materially lessening the principal whilst correspondingly reducing the interest. This latter result was a no less important one, and he trusted the issue of the present venture would be to bring this annual expenditure down to reasonable proportions. At his Lordship's suggestion, the name of 'King's Carnival' was unanimously adopted. Mr. H. Rossiter was appointed musical director, and an efficient orchestra will be provided. Among many valuable prizes that will be offered at the carnival is, I understand, a complete dining-room suite, valued at £50, the gift of the Misses White.

Hokitika

(From an occasional correspondent.)

July 11.

The usual fortnightly euchre tournament was held in the club rooms on June 29, when there was a good attendance. Miss C. Jacobs won the lady's prize, and Mr. N. Warren the gentleman's.

A very edifying event took place yesterday at St. Mary's Church, when about 75 members of the Catholic Club approached the Holy Table in a body. After Mass breakfast was held in the club rooms, and passed off very successfully. In this connection the club are indebted to Misses Dwan, Dolph, and O'Connor, who rendered valuable assistance in the carrying out of the arrangements for the breakfast.

Rev. Father Ainsworth delivered an address to the members of St. Mary's Club in the rooms on June 28, the subject being 'Socialism.' Mr. Sellers (president) occupied the chair, and there was a large attendance. Father Ainsworth spoke for nearly an hour, and dealt with the subject in a very able manner. At the conclusion a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded Father Ainsworth for his interesting and instructive address.

Greymouth

(From our own correspondent.)

July 13.

The usual weekly meeting of the St. Columba Catholic Club was held last Monday evening, when there was a large attendance of members. The president (Mr. A. F. O'Donoghue) occupied the chair. The programme consisted of a mock wedding breakfast. A number of toasts were duly honored. Many of the speeches were of a very high order; in fact, much better than one hears at a real wedding breakfast.

The members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society continue to do good work in the parish. Meetings are held every Sunday evening in the club rooms. It is hardly necessary to remind the congregation of the good work done by this society. They visit the hospitals and ships in port, assist the poor, and perform many other works of charity. As all members of the congregation cannot take part in this excellent work, they can at least have a part in it by contributing to the funds.

A very successful euchre tournament was held in St. Columba Club rooms last Wednesday evening, when there was a large attendance of members and their friends. The prize-winners were—Ladies' prizes, Mrs. J. Sheehan and Miss Irene Braidwood; gentlemen's, Messrs. J. Clarke and J. Anderson. After refreshments were handed around by the ladies' committee, the following contributed musical items and recitations:—Mrs. A. King, Misses Duffy (2), Irene Braidwood, and Messrs. W. Reid and W. McGrath.

There passed away at the Grey River Hospital last Thursday one of the oldest residents of Greymouth in the person of Miss Margaret Roche. Deceased never recovered from the shock of her sister's death, which occurred eleven months ago, and passed peacefully away last Thursday morning. She was a native of Ireland, and was seventy years of age. The funeral took place last Friday afternoon. Very Rev. Dean Carew conducted the burial service at St. Patrick's Church and at the Greymouth Cemetery.—R.I.P.

Invercargill

(From our own correspondent.)

July 18.

The lecture to be delivered by Mr. F. G. O'Beirne, LL.B., at the Catholic Club rooms, has been postponed from 19th inst. to Tuesday, 26th inst. As mentioned in a previous note, the ladies and gentlemen of the congregation are invited to the lecture.

The Hiawatha Carnival terminated on Wednesday last, when the Victoria Hall was crowded. The patronage of the

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