

come forth and show Himself in human form and offer to reinstate me in the vigor and elasticity of youth, I would rather He did it not. I know He is living Body, Soul, and Divinity behind the tabernacle door, and if I am to work for Him, and not be dazed and paralysed by His beauty and His glory, He must stay hidden from my sight till the evening of life, when the curtains of night shall be rolled back, and we shall be like Him because we shall see Him as He is.'

DIocese OF DUNEDIN

The Very Rev. Father Roche, C.S.S.R., is at present conducting the retreat for the Dominican Nuns.

Masses will be celebrated at 6, 7, 8, 9 and 11 o'clock on Christmas Day at St. Joseph's Cathedral, and at 7, 8 and 9 o'clock at the Sacred Heart Church, North-east Valley.

The splendid programme arranged for the annual entertainment by the pupils of the Christian Brothers' School should attract a very large audience to His Majesty's Theatre this evening.

Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, there was a large congregation on Sunday evening at St. Joseph's Cathedral when the Very Rev. Father Roche, C.S.S.R., preached an impressive discourse on devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

A meeting for the purpose of making arrangements for the schools' picnic was held in St. Joseph's Hall on Sunday evening. Rev. Father Coffey, Adm., presided, and there was a representative attendance. The balance sheet of last year's outing was read and adopted. After considering the suitability of various localities, Wai-rongoa was decided upon as the most suitable place for the picnic, which is to take place on Wednesday, February 11. Sub-committees to make arrangements with the railway authorities and to attend to other matters of detail were set up.

The following report of the Mornington Sunday School for the year ended December 14 has been sent to us by Misses Grace and Bryant:—The total enrolment this year has been 52. The attendance has been very satisfactory, and the conduct and religious knowledge of the children show a marked improvement since the beginning of the year. On Sunday, December 7, there was a general Communion, and five children made their First Communion. We desire to thank Mrs. P. Carolin for her keen interest in the Sunday School during the year, and for her kindness in providing breakfast for the children on the occasion of the General Communion; also Mrs. Cassidy for a donation of fruit. Two very successful entertainments were held during the year to provide funds for the school, so that it would not be necessary to collect from the parents to provide prizes for the children. Two special prizes were donated—one from Mrs. Stone for the boy who had attended most regularly during the year, which was won by Willie Rackley; the other, sent by Miss Vera Bryant, from Te Awamutu, to be awarded for good conduct and attendance, to a child who had attended her class, was won by Nancy Carolin. The receipts were as follow.—Entertainments, £3 8s.; collected from children, £2 11s. 6d.; donations, 10s.; total, £6 9s. 6d. The principal items of expenditure were:—Altar linen, £1 1s.; prizes, £1 13s. 3d.; rug, 11s. 9d.; leaving a credit balance of £3 3s.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS

INQUIRER.—You are mistaken. The bridegroom at the Wellington wedding referred to (Mr. Wood) made a profession of faith and was formally received into the Church before the marriage was solemnised.

MUSICIAN.—We understand that Miss Amy Gilligan, the winner of the Plunket Prize for Music, has received her entire musical education from the Dominican Nuns at the Convent, Oamaru.

Oamaru

(From our own correspondent.)

At the musical examinations of the Associated Board of the R.A.M. and R.C.M., held in Invercargill on December 11 by Mr. F. de G. English, Miss Hannah Cartwright was successful in gaining the licentiate diploma, L.A.B., for solo pianists of concert standard. Miss H. Cartwright has the honour of being a licentiate of Trinity College of Music as well as of the Associated Board. The local representative of the Associated Board has been advised that Miss Mabel Currie has passed her examination in rudiments of music with a credit of 90 marks. Miss Currie is a pupil of Miss Amy Gilligan.

Invercargill

(From our own correspondent.)

The sixth annual meeting of the Hibernian Band was held in Ashley's Hall on Thursday evening, the 11th inst. There was a large attendance of members and supporters. The report and balance sheet outlined the continued success of the band since its inception. The liabilities amount to £275, and the assets stand at £962 14s. 6d., showing a credit of £687 14s. 6d. The election of office-bearers resulted as follows:—Patrons, Hon. Sir Joseph Ward, K.C.M.G., Bart., and Very Rev. Dean Burke; president, Mr. R. S. Water-son; vice-presidents—(active) Mr. F. E. Morton (senior honorary), Mr. B. E. Murphy and Rev. Father Delany, his Worship the Mayor (Mr. D. McFarlane), Messrs. W. A. Ott, W. B. Scandrett, J. Shepherd, C. S. Longuet, James Collins, M. Staunton, J. McDonough, F. McGrath, C. W. Matheson, T. Pound, G. W. Woods, C. Tulloch, W. Hinchey, J. Collins (Dunedin), J. Griffin and J. A. Brown (Nightcaps), J. McNamara, M. Brogan, T. Murray, J. O'Malley (Christchurch), J. Murphy (Dunedin), W. Hishon, jun., J. Matheson, B. Stivins, J. F. Pritchard, C. Kane, D. Ferry, John Scully, J. D'Arcy, N. J. Broken-shire, Joseph Kilkelly, M. Scully, jun., and J. Wilson (Winton); conductor, Mr. A. R. Willis; deputy, Mr. P. Kimble; committee—Messrs. H. Grace, J. Ferry, E. Gilchrist, F. Shepherd, T. Cavanagh, Rex. Wills, R. Barry, W. Duthie and W. King; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. N. Grace; hon. auditor, Mr. T. Pound; librarian, Mr. F. Murphy; custodian, Mr. A. Wills.

The bandmaster was voted an honorarium of £50.

At the conclusion of the regular business a couple of hours were spent in social enjoyment, when the usual toasts were honoured.

WEDDING BELLS

HANSBURY—CLARE.

A very pretty wedding (writes our Hokitika correspondent) was celebrated at St. Patrick's Church, Ross, on November 26, when Miss Margaret Cecilia Clare, third daughter of Mr. P. C. Clare, was married to Mr. Timothy Edward Hansbury. The Rev. Father Hanrahan officiated. Misses Teresa and Kitty Clare were bridesmaids, and the two nieces of the bridegroom (Misses Bridey and Rita Coyle) were train-bearers. Mr. Moore gave the bride away, whilst Mr. Thomas Moye acted as best man. The bride was tastefully attired in a cream satin dress and the usual wreath and veil, and carried a beautiful shower bouquet. The bridesmaids were gowned in cream charmeuse silk, with black chip hats. The bridegroom's present to the bride was a beautiful Kaiapoi travelling rug, whilst that of the bride to the bridegroom was a set of gold sleeve links. The bridegroom's presents to the bridesmaids were two gold initialled band rings. The happy couple were the recipients of a number of telegrams of congratulation and many costly presents, which testified to their popularity. A reception was afterwards held at the residence of the bride's parents, where the usual toasts were proposed and honored. Mr. and Mrs. Hansbury left Ross at 3 o'clock by motor car for Christchurch, where the honeymoon was spent.