

At a numerously attended and enthusiastic meeting of the parishioners of the North-east Valley, held on last Sunday afternoon at the Sacred Heart Schoolroom, Rev. Father Kaveney, Adm., presiding, it was decided to organise a queen carnival to raise funds for the erection of a new convent for the Dominican Nuns who have charge of the Catholic schools of that portion of the city. The urgency of the undertaking was emphasised by Fathers Kaveney and Spillane, and others who appreciate the splendid work of the nuns and realise the disadvantages both in health and comfort they are subjected to through their need of a suitable habitation. An energetic committee, with Mr. B. Gallien as secretary, was formed to at once arrange the details of a carnival on an extensive scale. The people of the Valley unanimously decided to provide at least three stalls, and these were allotted as follows:—Refreshments and sweets, Mrs. Crichton; produce, Mrs. Fraser; fancy stall, Mrs. Heslin. Mrs. G. M. Baker has consented to organise a sports stall, while the Children of Mary and the Hibernian Society are to be asked to take charge of others. To provide funds for furnishing the various stalls it is proposed to arrange fortnightly socials of a varied nature, and the first of these a *enclure* party—is to be held in the schoolroom on Thursday evening, the 24th inst.

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### H.A.C.B. Society

ST. JOSEPH'S BRANCH, DUNEDIN.

The half-yearly meeting of the St. Joseph's branch (No. 73) of the Hibernian Society, was held in St. Joseph's Hall, Rattray Street, on Tuesday, the 8th inst. Bro. R. A. Simpson presided over a large attendance of members. Two new members were elected and three proposed for membership. The president spoke regarding the annual Communion, which was held in the Sacred Heart Church, North-east Valley, on Sunday, June 23, and congratulated the members on attending in such large numbers. The Children of Mary of the North-east Valley received a vote of thanks for the breakfast they prepared for the members of the society. The installation of office-bearers was proceeded with as follows: President, Bro. R. A. Simpson; vice-president, Bro. A. Gillick; secretary, Bro. J. J. Ford; treasurer, Bro. T. J. Boyle; warden, Bro. P. Hesford; guardian, Bro. J. Fogarty; sick visitors, Bros. A. Berland, J. Hughes, and W. Simpson; auditors, Bros. J. N. Smith and J. J. Marlow, jun. The installation ceremony was performed by the district deputy, Bro. J. J. Marlow, who was assisted by Bro. P. Walsh, P.P. The district deputy then addressed the newly-installed officers. A presentation of a past president's certificate was made to Bro. J. J. Marlow, jun., by the district deputy, who spoke in a very high manner of the work of Bro. Marlow during his term of office. Several other members spoke of the valued services rendered to the branch by Bro. Marlow, and he replied in suitable terms. At the close of the business of the meeting those present engaged in a card tournament, and an interesting and enjoyable time was spent.

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### Invercargill

(From our own correspondent.)

July 11.

The Bluff-Campbelltown congregation has for some months been organising a bazaar in aid of the local Dominican Convent. It has come off with results pleasing to those engaged in the work. The mayor of the town opened the fete with congratulations to the stallholders for the manner in which they loaded their stalls with so many useful and pretty things, and asking the public who filled the hall to patronise the lady stallholders generously. He was sure this would be done as Bluff never failed to respond to appeals of the kind—no matter how often they were made. He was certain that ladies so popular as Mrs. Ford, Mrs. Butler, Mrs. Bradshaw, Mrs. Magnell, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Fletcher, Mrs. Kelly, and Mrs. Heads, not to mention Mrs. Finnerty. The heroine of many such battles, now 80 years old, and still active and strenuous, would make this effort a success surpassing all previous ones. Such it turned out to be. Messrs. Butler, McNish, and Gilroy supervised the heavier part of the work and the entertainment department. As for

the actors and lady *chanteuses* and *dancuses* both great and small, brunettes and blondes, Maori and Pakeha—they kept the hall, with color, song, and movement, a scene of life and gaiety all the time. Mr. A. Robertson the secretary, who suspended his own work for a week and devoted his whole time and energies to the bazaar, received all-round congratulations for his attention to every detail and for the smoothness with which the whole show went on. People congratulated him on being an apt successor to Mr. Charles Tulloch in the ticklish, worrying work of managing a large number of people, old and young, male and female, of pleasing the lot and of utilising their diverse abilities to work harmoniously for the common aim.

The new school—St. Mary's Boys' School—is now completed as far as the building itself goes. The grounds require putting in order, the wet winter weather prevents much being done in that way; but when drains and walks are finished Invercargill will have, the local newspapers say, about the best finished and most up-to-date school in the town. We have had an exceptionally fine summer and autumn in Southland; but now that winter has come Jupiter Pluvius does not forget us. In fact, his depredations on streets and roads are so aggressive that our City Fathers have begun to talk of borrowing £25,000 to stop his operations.

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### Mission at Inglewood

(From a correspondent.)

The mission given by Rev. T. McCarthy (Superior) of the Marist Missioners in the Inglewood parish from June 15 to June 29 was an outstanding success. The attendance at the various exercises must have cheered the hard-working and eloquent missionary, and the sustained efforts of the people to be present three times a day—many coming from a distance of ten or twelve miles—was a great manifestation of their faith, while the simple explanatory discourses were listened to with wrapt attention. Many non-Catholics attended the evening exercises of the mission. Among the special observances was the procession of the Blessed Sacrament in the grounds of the church and presbytery on the night of Sunday within the Octave of Corpus Christi. The weather conditions were ideal, and with the display of appropriate mottoes and a profusion of brilliant colored lights the effect produced was most striking. As the procession wended its way around the grounds a brief halt was made on the lawn between the church and presbytery, whereon was erected a cross in brilliant lights, recalling visions of Lourdes as one gazed from the Church of the Rosary across the valley. The Blessed Sacrament was borne by the Rev. Father Butler under a canopy carried by members of the Hibernian Society, and the processionists, massed in serried ranks, alternately sang hymns and recited portions of the rosary. The special illuminations were arranged by Father McCarthy, the plant used being kindly left by him to Father Forrestal for use on future similar occasions. Another memorable sight was a procession in honor of the Blessed Virgin, but this, owing to rain on the occasion, had to be confined to the church. With regard to the decorations, great credit is due to the Sisters of the Missions, headed by their beloved Mother Provincial, who came from Hamilton to assist, and the scheme of lighting at the rear of the high altar was specially admired. Our Lady's Arbor also presented a beautiful appearance. The concluding ceremony on June 29 can never be forgotten in Inglewood. At least 700 people were packed into the church. How it was done the missionary alone knows! After the renewal of Baptismal Vows the Papal blessing was imparted. Rev. Father Forrestal, in a few brief words, congratulated the people on their fervor during the mission, and on their and his own behalf thanked Father McCarthy who had done all the preaching and would always be a welcome friend at Inglewood. A beautiful new set of Stations of the Cross were canonically erected by Father McCarthy during the Mission. They are the work of Morgari, and are framed in oak purchased at Dwyer's, Sydney. They were donated by the parishioners.

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