

nesday morning: Sectional meeting at Vermont Street. A feature of the session was the treatment of "History" by a Sister of Our Lady of the Missions, Christchurch. At the Pah in the afternoon Mr. J. P. Kalaugher, Director of Manual and Technical Training, read a short paper on "Nature Study," following it up with a ramble through the garden and lawns. Mr. Kalaugher's treatment of nature study was most practical and suggestive, and the teachers were extremely fortunate to have the services of such an enthusiastic and efficient teacher. On Thursday morning a paper on "Discipline and Moral Instruction," by a Sister of the Sacred Heart, was read at the convent at Remuera. It was a most comprehensive paper, and brought forth much useful discussion. This was followed by a lecture on "Civics," splendidly given by Mr. McIlraith, LL.D., Inspector of Schools. The closing session took place at St. Benedict's. The sectional meeting was followed by the usual valedictory speeches. Several important resolutions were passed and the conference closed with Solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. The following resolutions, amongst others, were passed:—"That the next congress be held at Easter, 1923"; "That the congress last three days"; "That each Order take one subject, such subject to occupy the whole session." A committee was appointed to go into the question of a school reader.

## DEATH OF FATHER HEGARTY, C.S.S.R.

### A WELL-KNOWN REDEMPTORIST MISSIONER.

The announcement will be read with unfeigned regret throughout New Zealand of the death of Father Hegarty, C.S.S.R. His death occurred on April 6 last, at the Redemptorist Monastery, Clonard, Belfast, Ireland, and his peaceful end, in his 79th year, was just such a one as he and his religious brethren expected. Father Hegarty was born in the North of Ireland on December 17, 1842, and after a successful collegiate course entered the Redemptorist Order, was professed a religious on March 19, 1864, and ordained priest October 1, 1868. For years he conducted missions, with untiring zeal, in Ireland, England, and Scotland, until 1882, when he was sent to Australia with Fathers Vaughan, O'Farrell, and Halson, to found a home, and begin the work of missions and retreats under the Southern Cross. In the many missions which the Redemptorist Fathers conducted all over Australia and New Zealand, Father Hegarty took no small share of the labors, and his eloquence in the pulpit and his gentle advice and words of encouragement in the confessional effected many conversions among a people in whom worldly considerations had almost obliterated the traces of early religious training. Fired with the spirit of self-sacrifice and the desire of bringing the consolations of our holy religion to the Sheep and Lambs of the Good Shepherd, Father Hegarty left Australia for the Philippine Islands, where he devoted part of his missionary life, working earnestly for the salvation of souls. He returned to Ireland, where on October 1, 1919, he celebrated the 50th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. Father Hegarty was indeed a link with the past. Of the Redemptorist Order, in our times, he was a most active member, and his career of over 50 years was one of the most strenuous and self-sacrificing character. His whole heart was given to the work of saving souls. Innumerable must have been the souls he gained for God, innumerable the poor sinners he reclaimed and reconciled with their Maker. The announcement of Father Hegarty's death has aroused the deepest sorrow amongst the Redemptorists in New Zealand, and this sorrow will be shared doubtless by many in the Dominion. Death truly comes with muffled feet and silent tread.

"Leaves have their time to fall,  
And flowers to wither at the North Wind's breath,  
And stars to set—but ah!  
Thou hast all seasons for thy own, oh Death."

## Invercargill

(From our own correspondent.)

April 11.

It is pleasing to note that the local sodality of the Children of Mary continues to progress, and at a recent meeting 20 aspirants were admitted by the Very Rev. Dean Burke, V.F. After the ceremony, the Dean in an address explained the object and aims of the sodality and exhorted newly admitted sodalists to be faithful members. At the annual meeting the following office-bearers were elected:—President, Miss Baird; vice-president, Miss Hannan; councillors, Misses J. Staunton, Woods, and Miller; secretary, Miss Hynes; librarian, Miss G. Hoffman; sacristans, Misses Bowes and J. Milne. The members approached the Holy Table in a body on Sunday last, when there was a good attendance.

Mr. F. Skiffington, J.P., who is one of our prominent parishioners, has sold his property in Invercargill and intends to reside in the future at Hamilton. He will leave Invercargill in two weeks' time.

Ex-Dunedinites have noted with interest that the Otago Rugby Football Union has invited the Christian Brothers to enter a Rugby team in the schools competition. Times have surely changed!

During his recent visit his Lordship the Bishop took every opportunity of impressing on the young people the necessity of joining our Catholic societies, particularly the Sodality of the Children of Mary and the Hibernian Society.

Bro. F. McGrath, past-president, who represented the local branch of the Hibernians at the recent District meeting in Christchurch, speaks in appreciative terms of the hospitality of the Christchurch members.

## Timaru

April 11.

The Retreat to men, conducted by Rev. Father Eccleton, S.M., was well attended both morning and evening, and large numbers approached the Holy Table during the week. The various instructions were greatly appreciated by the retreatants. The retreat concluded on last Sunday night, when there was a crowded congregation. Father Eccleton delivered a powerful sermon on the Catholic Church, and afterwards imparted the Papal Blessing. Rev. Father Hurley, S.M., heartily thanked the missionary on behalf of the local clergy, and congratulated the men of the parish on the manner in which they attended.

Bros. Deunehy and M. Hyland represented the local branch of the H.A.C.B. Society at the triennial movable meeting recently held at Christchurch.

The essay competition in connection with the recent Friendly Societies' picnic, held at Oamaru, and open to the pupils attending the primary schools in South Canterbury, resulted as follows:—Boys: Bernard Dunne, Standard VI. Marist Brothers' School (11 years of age), 1st amongst eight competitors; Girls: Eileen Quinn, Standard V. Sacred Heart School (11 years of age), 1st out of 23 competitors.


The annual smoke social of the Celtic Cricket Club was held on last Wednesday evening week in the Browne Street Hall, Mr. W. Angland presiding over an attendance of over 100 players and friends. The hall was tastefully decorated for the occasion, a pleasing musical programme carried out, and a list of toasts duly honored. During the evening Mr. Wood, on behalf of the Cricket Association, presented the junior eleven with the cup won during the past season.

## DUBLIN REVIEW ROLL OF HONOR.

The Editor of the *Dublin Review* is compiling a list of all Catholic commissioned officers attached to the British and Overseas Forces, who made the supreme sacrifice in the late war. The help of those who may be in a position to assist, has been enlisted throughout the British Empire. So far as the Dominion of New Zealand is concerned all information regarding names, rank, and particular unit of the force in which they served, also the nature of casualty which caused death, may be sent to Mr. J. McKeefry (late Lieutenant in Otago Regiment), C/o. Messrs. Mackerras and Hazlett, Ltd., P.O. Box 304, Dunedin.

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