

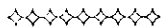
Pledger, M., David Russell, M., James Cartwright (Partial Pass), Austin Lister (Partial Pass), Bertrand Pledger (Partial Pass). A. W. O'Reilly also gained a Senior National Scholarship.

Following are the office-bearers of St. Joseph's branch of the Hibernian Society, elected and installed at a recent meeting:—President, Bro. Phil Walsh; vice-president, Bro. J. J. Marlow, jun., secretary, Bro. J. O'Connor; treasurer, Bro. J. Ford; warden, Bro. R. Simpson; guardian, Bro. C. Gallagher; sick visitors, Bros. A. Berland and L. Emery; auditors, Bros. J. T. Carr and J. J. Marlow, jun. Bro. E. Lyng acted as installing officer. Satisfaction was expressed at the fact that only one member was then on the sick list, although no fewer than ten members, it was noted with regret, are on the list of totally disabled, and who have remained so for years, with, unfortunately, no sign of improvement. In reference to the latter, it is pointed out that another reason is thereby shown why young men should join the society.

Very sincere sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. T. Dromgool, of Georgetown, North Otago, owing to the sad accident which occasioned the death by drowning on Wednesday, January 4, while bathing with two other girls in the Waitaki river, of their youngest daughter Mary. The deceased was educated at St. Joseph's School, Oamaru, and was in her fifteenth year of age.—R.I.P.

An excellent programme has been arranged for the concert to be given in St. Joseph's Hall on next Wednesday evening (the 1st prox.), under the auspices of St. Joseph's Ladies' Club, in aid of the funds of their stall at the projected fair in the interests of St. Vincent's Orphanage. The thorough manner in which the members of the club carry out all their undertakings is a sure indication that nothing will be left undone in this instance to provide an evening's entertainment not alone enjoyable but well worthy the support of a crowded audience.

At the close of the diocesan clergy Retreat at Holy Cross College, on last Friday, his Lordship the Bishop introduced Very Rev. Dean Burke for the purpose of making a presentation to Very Rev. Father Coffey, prior to his departure for the Homeland. Dean Burke referred to Father Coffey's lengthy period of service in the exacting office of Administrator, and spoke feelingly of the unfailing kindness he invariably extended to his fellow priests. Both his Lordship the Bishop and Dean Burke wished Father Coffey a pleasant voyage and happy time in his native land and other countries he proposed visiting, and a safe return to resume his devoted ministrations in the diocese.



DIocese OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

January 23

The Catholic schools in and around the city will reopen on Monday next, 30th inst.

Rev. Father Campbell, C.S.S.R., who is to conduct the Retreat for the secular clergy beginning on Tuesday, preached at the Cathedral on Sunday evening.

Rev. Father Dillon, Wellington, is the guest of his Lordship the Bishop.

Rev. Brother Justin, for the past three years director of the Marist Brothers' School, and who has been transferred to Wellington, was on Monday evening last, tendered an enthusiastic farewell in the Hibernian Hall. There was a very full attendance of the school's friends and supporters, and quite a feature of the evening was the exceptionally meritorious concert programme arranged by Miss M. G. O'Connor. The contributors were Misses Ahearn (Tasmania), Foley (Oamaru), K. Murphy, and E. Rodgers, Messrs. W. Brittenden, C. Dobbs, P. H. Jones, and E. Casey (Wellington). Miss O'Connor played the accompaniments. Mr. M. Grimes on behalf of the Hibernian Society, Mr. Frank Smyth for the M.B.O.B. Association, and Mr. P. O'Connell for the Cathedral Schools' Committee respectively, conveyed to Brother Justin the appreciation of their organisations of his work during his term in Christchurch, and their good wishes for his future welfare. Mr. O'Connell then presented the Rev. Brother with a bicycle. His Lordship the Bishop expressed his gratitude to Brother Justin for the keen interest he had taken in all things calculated to advance the school and the parish generally, and wished him every success in his new sphere of duty. Rev. Father T. Hanrahan, Adm., on behalf of the clergy, endorsed the remarks of his Lordship the Bishop, and assured Brother Justin that he carried with him the best wishes of the Cathedral parishioners. In reply, Brother Justin said that his stay in Christchurch had been a very happy time. He thanked the various speakers, particularly the Bishop, for their kind expressions. He expressed gratitude on behalf of the Brothers to the Hibernians, M.B.O.B. Association, and school committee for the generous assistance always forthcoming. Rev. Brother Phelan, who replaces Brother Justin as director, was received with hearty applause when responding to an invitation to address the assemblage. He briefly referred to Brother Justin's success, and said that with the same aids at his (the speaker's) disposal, he trusted to be able to successfully pilot the school, and also to aid the different societies that took so marked an interest in the boys committed to the care of

the Brothers. After supper served by the members of St. Matthew's branch H.A.C.B. Society, the proceedings were terminated by the singing, under the leadership of Brother Phelan, of "A Nation Once Again."



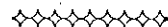
Timaru

(From our own correspondent.)

January 23.

When the sad news of the death of the Holy Father was received on Sunday, quite a gloom was cast over the community, and the Papal flag was promptly flown at half-mast on the flagstaff in the presbytery grounds. At the evening devotions Rev. Father Eccleton, S.M., delivered a fine oration on the deceased Pontiff to a very large congregation. After the sermon the organist played Chopin's "Funeral March," and after Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament the "Dead March" from "Saul."

The programme at the Catholic Club on the 11th inst., comprised an interesting and instructive address given in a breezy style by Rev. Father Eccleton, followed by songs, recitations, and stories by the members, when much latent talent was revealed. On the 18th inst. the subject as to "whether the people of New Zealand indulge unduly in sport" was debated. Messrs. T. Layburn and J. G. Venning took the affirmative, and Messrs. J. B. Crowley and R. Marlow defended. Several of the other members also spoke. The speakers did full justice to the subject, and the verdict was declared in favor of the negative side. Rev. Father O'Ferrall (president) pointed out to the various speakers defects in style and logic, and gave much useful information to all present.



Hokitika

The Christmas bazaar, in aid of the church completion fund, for which the parishioners had been strenuously working for the past three months, was duly held and successfully concluded on the night of December 31 (writes a correspondent under date January 20). The Drill Hall, the scene of activity, presented an attractive appearance throughout, with its stalls gaily decorated and richly laden with valuable prizes, the work of the ladies of the parish, of the local community, and of the Sisters in other parts. Messrs. Perry (Mayor of Hokitika) and B. Ward (chairman of the County Council) performed the opening ceremony on the afternoon of December 22, and in doing so complimented St. Mary's parishioners on their praiseworthy ambition to complete their church, and wished their efforts complete success.

The financial result, eagerly awaited by all, has since been furnished by the hon. secretary (Mr. W. Jeffries). The gross proceeds amount to date to £1733 7s 3d, whilst the expenditure does not exceed £36 7s 9d. In addition to the proceeds from the bazaar, £71 was received from donations. The following is a list of the ladies in charge of or assisting at the different stalls:—

Success Stall—Mesdames W. Keller, W. Jeffries, Bennett, E. Heenan, J. Coyle, Stevens, Burger; Misses Ward (2), Jones (2), E. Daly, M. Keller, K. Foster, Stuart, Stevens and Stoba; net proceeds, £455 12s 9d; Victory Stall—Mesdames E. Dale, Shaw, McGavin, Toomey, Diedrichs, Misses Dale (2), Dee, Coyle, Kortegast, Purcell, Manzoni, and Condon; £314 3s 3d; Unique Stall—Mrs. Gilooly, Misses Burke (2), K. Murphy, Gilooly (2), Reid, and Pearn, Mesdames Devaney, Jacobs, and Rouse; £252 12s; Doll competition, organised by the Sisters of Mercy amongst the school children, £260 2s; Produce Stall—Mesdames Dowling, J. Wallace, J. Kavanagh, Moynihan, Taminelli, Misses Foster and Daly, £166 11s 4d; Sweets Stall—Mesdames Hatch, Knowles, Miss Giese, £110 14s 6d; Christmas tree and fish pond—Mrs. J. Sullivan, Misses Coral Fox, Imelda Devaney, and Myra Heenan, £50 18s 11d; Tea Rooms—Mesdames F. Groufsky, Fane, Olliver, A. Groufsky, Galliard, and Misses Rae and Coyle, £51 12s 6d.

The musical programme was supplied by Misses Jones, Reid, Gilooly, Gibbons, Jacobs (2), and Master Gibbons.

The side shows were under the control of Messrs. Dale, Ward, K. Coles, Hannan, Delore, Dowling, and Groufsky. Mr. W. Jeffries was hon. secretary and organiser.

Rev. Dr. Kennedy in announcing the result on Sunday last, tendered heartfelt thanks to all who were responsible for it. The work of the ladies in organising socials and in collecting prior to the bazaar, and their self-sacrificing labors during Christmas week, won the admiration of all. Special mention was made of the result of the doll competition (£260 2s), the work of the children of the schools inspired and organised by the Sisters of Mercy, who have given fresh proof of their attachment to St. Mary's parish, with which their community has been so long and favorably associated.

A main factor of the success of the bazaar, Dr. Kennedy stated, was the splendid organisation and management by Mr. Jeffries, and to him were offered the heartfelt congratulations and thanks of priest and people.

The work being undertaken at the present time is the plastering of the outside walls and tower, and the effecting of various repairs in the structure.