

**CONVENT OF THE SACRED HEART,
TIMARU.**

THE ANNUAL SPIRITUAL RETREAT FOR LADIES
preached by the Rev. Father J. COLGAN, S.J., will begin on the Evening of MONDAY, January 8, and end on SATURDAY, January 13.

Ladies who wish to attend should apply as soon as possible to the Reverend Mother.

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CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS, 1899.

The following ALTERATIONS and ADDITIONS to the Ordinary Time Table will be made in connection with the Christmas Holidays:—

SATURDAY, 23rd DECEMBER.

An Excursion Train will leave Dunedin for Christchurch at 10.35 p.m., Waitati 11.33 p.m., Seaciff 11.57 p.m., Waikouaiti 12.18 a.m., Palmerston 12.45 a.m., Hampden 1.28 a.m., Maheno 2.3 a.m., Oamaru 2.35 a.m., arriving at Christchurch 8.50 a.m. on 24th December. This train will stop at Upper Port Chalmers, Pura-kanui, Waitati, Warrington, Seaciff, Puketeraki, Waikouaiti, Palmerston, Hampden, Herbert, and Maheno, also at any station where required North of Oamaru to allow passengers to alight.

A Special Train will leave Dunedin for Invercargill and intermediate stations at 11.20 p.m., Mosgiel 12.20 a.m., Waiohola 1.15 a.m., Milton 2 a.m., Balclutha 3.25 a.m., Clinton 4.55 a.m., arriving at Invercargill 8.20 a.m. on 24th December.

Trains will leave Balclutha for Owaka at 11.30 a.m. and 8 p.m.; returning from Owaka at 2 p.m. and 9.30 p.m.

SUNDAY, 24th DECEMBER.

An Excursion Train will leave Christchurch for Dunedin at 10.40 p.m. on 23rd December, leaving Oamaru 4.45 a.m., Hampden 5.50 a.m., Palmerston 6.45 a.m., Waikouaiti 7.15 a.m., Seaciff 7.45 a.m., Waitati 8.5 a.m., arriving at Dunedin at 9 a.m. This train will stop at the stations named, also at other stations where required to set down passengers from North of Oamaru.

A special train will leave Invercargill for Dunedin at 11.15 p.m. on 23rd December, leaving Clinton 2.45 a.m., Balclutha 3.55 a.m., Milton 4.55 a.m., arriving at Dunedin 7.10 a.m.

MONDAY, 25th DECEMBER.

A Train will leave Dunedin for Oamaru at 9.0 a.m., Waitati 10.15 a.m., Seaciff 10.45 a.m., Waikouaiti 11.13 a.m., Palmerston 11.43 a.m., Hampden 12.28 p.m., Herbert 12.58 p.m., Maheno 1.11 p.m.; returning from Oamaru at 2.45 p.m., Maheno 3.20 p.m., Herbert 3.38 p.m., Hampden 4.5 p.m., Palmerston 5.0 p.m., Waikouaiti 5.30 p.m., Seaciff 6.5 p.m., Waitati 6.35 p.m.

The following Trains will run as usual:—
The Express Trains between Dunedin and Christchurch, the 10.20 a.m. Passenger Trains Dunedin to Oamaru, the 2.25 p.m. Oamaru to Christchurch, the 10.20 a.m. Christchurch to Oamaru, the 4.40 p.m. Oamaru to Dunedin, the Express Trains between Dunedin and Invercargill, the 8.0 a.m. Dunedin to Balclutha the 4.10 p.m. Balclutha to Dunedin, the 11.40 a.m. Balclutha to Clinton, the 2.15 p.m. Clinton to Balclutha, the 10.0 a.m. Invercargill to Clinton, and the 1.46 p.m. Clinton to Invercargill.

A Train will leave Balclutha for Dunedin at 7.23 a.m.
On the Port Chalmers line Trains will run as Sundays.
All other Train Services between Timaru and Gore will be **SUSPENDED** on Christmas Day.

TUESDAY, 26th DECEMBER, 1899.

RACES AT PALMERSTON.

SPORTS AT WAIKOUAITI.

MAORI FETE AT PUKETERAKI.

BLUESKIN A. AND P. SHOW AT WAITATI.

Trains to Palmerston will leave:—

Dunedin, 7.40 a.m., 9.0 a.m., 10.20 a.m.
Waitati, 9.5 a.m., 10.22 a.m., 11.23 a.m.
Seaciff, 9.43 a.m., 10.57 a.m., 11.50 a.m.
Waikouaiti, 10.15 a.m., 11.28 a.m., 12.9 p.m.

Trains to Dunedin will leave:—

Palmerston, 4.55 p.m., 6.26 p.m., 7.35 p.m.
Waikouaiti, 5.30 p.m., 6.49 p.m., 8.15 p.m.
Puketeraki, 5.55 p.m., 7.0 p.m., 8.35 p.m.
Waitati, 6.50 p.m., 7.37 p.m., 9.30 p.m.

The 10.20 a.m. Train from Dunedin and the 8.26 p.m. Train from Palmerston will only stop at Upper Port Chalmers, Waitati, Seaciff, Puketeraki, and Waikouaiti. Other Trains will stop at any station to pick up and set down passengers.

Trains will leave Palmerston for Dunback at 11.10 a.m., and 5.0 p.m.; returning from Dunback at 11.55 a.m. and 6.5 p.m.

Trains will leave Palmerston for the Racecourse at 11.10 a.m., 12.5 p.m., 12.45 p.m.; returning from the Racecourse at 4.30 p.m., 5.55 p.m., and 6.50 p.m.

Return fare from Palmerston to Racecourse will be 1s.

Holiday Excursion Tickets between Dunedin, Palmerston, Oamaru, and intermediate stations will not be available by the Express Trains.

REGATTA AT PORT CHALMERS.

Trains will leave Dunedin for Port Chalmers at 7.5 a.m., 10.0 a.m., 11.10 a.m., 12.10 p.m., 1.15 p.m., 2.30 p.m., 3.35 p.m., 4.40 p.m., 5.15 p.m., 6.15 p.m., 8.30 p.m., 10.15 p.m., and 11.30 p.m.

Trains will leave Port Chalmers for Dunedin at 7.5 a.m., 8.15 a.m., 11.15 a.m., 12.10 p.m., 1.20 p.m., 2.55 p.m., 4.0 p.m., 4.40 p.m., 5.15 p.m., 6.15 p.m., 7.0 p.m., 9.20 p.m., 10.50 p.m., and 12.5 a.m.

Excursion Tickets to Port Chalmers will be issued by any Train up to 3.35 p.m. as under:—

From Dunedin and Pelichet Bay—First Class, 1s 6d; Second Class, 1s.

Above tickets will be available for return by any Train on day of issue only.

SPECIAL NIGHT TRAINS.

Will run as under:—

Dunedin, depart 8.10 p.m., Waitati 9.25 p.m., Seaciff 9.55 p.m., Waikouaiti 10.20 p.m., Palmerston 10.50 p.m., Hampden 11.35 p.m., Maheno 12.10 a.m., Oamaru 12.15 a.m., arriving at Christchurch 7 a.m. on 27th December. This train will stop at the stations named; also at any station North of Oamaru to set down passengers.

Christchurch, depart 8.15 p.m., Oamaru 3.0 a.m., Palmerston 4.48 a.m., arriving at Dunedin 7 a.m. on 27th December. This train will stop at any station between Oamaru and Dunedin to set down passengers from North of Oamaru.

CALEDONIAN SPORTS AT OUTRAM.

Train will leave Outram for Dunedin at 6.5 p.m. Train will leave Mosgiel for Outram at 7 p.m.

SPORTS AT KAITANGATA.

Goods Train, with passenger carriage attached, will leave Balclutha for Dunedin at 5.30 p.m., Stirling 5.40 p.m.

CYCLING SPORTS AT BALCLUTHA.

Trains will leave Balclutha for Owaka at 7.30 a.m., 11.30 a.m., and 8 p.m.; returning from Owaka at 9.15 a.m., 2 p.m., and 9.30 p.m.

Train will leave Dunedin for Balclutha and intermediate stations at 11.20 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, 27th DECEMBER.

SPORTS AT OWAKA.

Special Train will leave Owaka for Dunedin at 5.50 p.m., Balclutha 7.25 p.m., arriving Dunedin 11.15 p.m.

The **GOODS SHEDS** at Dunedin and Port Chalmers will be **CLOSED** on Christmas and Boxing Days, 25th and 26th December.

By Order.

The New Zealand Tablet.

FIAT JUSTITIA.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1899.

A CHRISTMAS WORD.



HE approach of the Christmas festival once more reminds us of the different standpoints from which the flight of time is varied by youth and by those who have reached or passed what DANTE calls 'the midway of this our mortal life.' To the impatient schoolboy who chalks up the days and hours that separate him from his Christmas holidays, time plods on with the slow pace of an ox-team; to the busy man of middle or advanced age its pace is that of a fast express

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