

made an appeal on behalf of the Literary Society. A programme of Irish music was also arranged to which Miss Segrief and Messrs. D. Twohill and R. Sievers contributed. Mr. O'Connor gave an Irish jig, and Father Kimbell played the various accompaniments.

Some time ago the Department of Agriculture decided, on the recommendation of the Dairy Commissioner (Mr. J. A. Kinsella), to appoint two lady instructors who could visit the various small dairy farms of the Colony, and instruct those engaged in the art of butter making. Miss Nora Breen, formerly of the Munster Dairy School, Ireland, who has had several years' experience in the working of creameries and private dairies at home, has just been appointed to fill one of the positions. Miss Breen's qualifications are of a very high order. Her appointment should certainly result in attaining a higher standard of excellence for the private creamery butter which at the present time forms such an extensive portion of the total output of the Colony. Miss Breen has already entered on her new duties, and the officers of the Department are highly pleased with her abilities.

### Nelson

(From an occasional correspondent.)

August 17.

Mr. O'Brien has presented a picture of Our Lady of Perpetual Succor to the Convent of Our Lady of Missions. Old pupils will regret to hear that Sister M. St. Leo lies dangerously ill.

The Rev. Father Mahony is busily engaged at present in re-organising the Stoke Orphanage. Until now he has been heavily handicapped, being obliged to travel to and from the orphanage so often. Now that we have the Rev. Father O'Dwyer to replace him in town he will be able to devote more of his time to the management of the institution.

### DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

August 21.

His Lordship the Bishop was on an episcopal visitation of the New Headford (Lincoln) parish on Sunday last. On Monday it was his Lordship's intention to visit the Lincoln Agricultural College and Burnham Industrial School.

A suitable site has been secured and steps are being taken for the erection of a church, which will also serve as a Catholic school, at Woolston, a rising suburb of the city. This is a work in which the Very Rev. Vicar-General has taken a deep interest.

The annual appeal for funds in aid of the Cathedral Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is to be made in the Cathedral on Sunday, September 3. The usual charity sermon will be preached at the eleven o'clock Mass, and special references will be made at the other Masses and at Vespers.

At the Cathedral on the Feast of the Assumption eleven children who are attending the Sunday school at Woolston made their First Communion. They were instructed by the Sisters of the Missions, who very kindly accommodated them at the convent during a preparatory retreat, given by the Rev. Father Mahony.

The executive committee of the Catholic Club met on last Tuesday evening, when Mr. J. R. Hayward, vice-president, occupied the chair. The recent character entertainment realised over £10 profit, and at the request of a deputation of the Christian Doctrine Confraternity, which waited upon the executive, it was unanimously resolved to repeat the entertainment at an early date in aid of the Sunday school prize fund. Instructions were given to cable the congratulations of the club to the president, Mr. R. O. Duncan, who was recently married in Sydney.

### Leeston

(From our Christchurch correspondent.)

His Lordship the Bishop made an episcopal visitation of the Leeston parish on last Sunday week. Arriving on the previous Saturday evening, his Lordship celebrated early Mass in the church of St. John the Evangelist, and subsequently carried out the ceremonies proper to the occasion and preached on the object and significance of a canonical visitation. The Bishop then drove to Southbridge, and at eleven o'clock blessed the enlarged church of St. Joseph, the extension and improvement of which were recently effected, and consist

of a lengthening of the main building and the additions of new sacristies and sanctuary. Mass was celebrated by the Rev. Father Holley. His Lordship the Bishop examined the children presented for Confirmation, administered the Sacrament, and preached before and after the ceremony. Returning to Leeston, the Bishop, at three o'clock, proceeded to examine the candidates for Confirmation. He was particularly well pleased at the result. The way in which the children answered gave ample proof of the careful training they had received. Bright and even brilliant were the terms used by the Bishop in expressing his satisfaction and appreciation of the proficiency attained. The total number confirmed during the day was forty. The Bishop was attended by the Rev. Father Goggan, pastor of the Ellesmere district, and the Rev. Father Holley.

On Monday his Lordship visited the convent of the Sisters of the Missions, a pleasing entertainment being provided by the pupils attending the schools. His Lordship praised the pupils for their singing, and said he had rarely heard a large number of children acquit themselves so efficiently. He had great hopes that in the near future they would be sufficiently proficient to carry out the wish of our Holy Father in regard to Church music. The Bishop returned to Christchurch during the day.

### Hokitika.

(From an occasional correspondent.)

August 16.

The Catholic Literary and Debating Society held their second social on Wednesday evening, August 9, in St. Mary's Schoolroom. The Rev. Father Aubry presided, and there was a very large attendance. The programme presented was a pleasing one, every item being encored. Vocal solos were contributed by Misses Mallroy, White, Stapleton, Hyams, Doherty, and Mr. Kalfe, pianoforte duets by the Misses Sullivan and Misses Bock and Daly, recitations by Messrs. M'Cullough and Sellers, and a step dance by Mr. Morrissey. A farce concluded the programme. During an interval refreshments were handed round by the ladies. Before the gathering dispersed Rev. Father Aubry thanked the audience for their attendance and the performers for their services.

There was a fair attendance at the weekly meeting of the Catholic Literary and Debating Society held last evening, Mr. St. George being in the chair. An interesting debate took place on the question, 'Have we too many local bodies?' The affirmative side was led by Mr. Moloney, whilst Mr. McKay championed the negative. A number of members took part in the debate which proved very instructive, and at the conclusion a vote was taken which resulted in favor of the affirmative side. The chairman complimented the junior members on their marked progress, the number who took part in the discussion showing that the good work of the Society is bearing fruit.

### Temuka

(From our own correspondent.)

August 21.

Owing to the Ven. Archdeacon Devoy being unable to reach Temuka for Sunday next, there will be but one Mass on that day, and that will be at 8 a.m.

At the meeting held on Sunday in connection with the completion of the presbytery, Mr. W. Barry introduced the subject of erecting a memorial to the late Father Fauvel. The suggestion was eagerly taken up, and it was agreed to hold a meeting at an early date for the purpose of carrying out the suggestion.

The plans laid before the meeting on Sunday last showing the presbytery when completed, point to Temuka having a residence for their priests which will be in keeping with their beautiful Church and handsome convent. The building will be of brick, two storeys in height, and have a balcony running from the front right round to the end of one side.

The usual weekly meeting of the Young Men's Club was held on Tuesday evening last. There was a large attendance, and one new member was elected. The programme for the evening was the ever popular 'Editor's box,' a considerable number of instructive and amusing questions being asked and answered. Members are eagerly looking forward to the 29th inst., on which evening the Rev. Father Regnault, of Waimate, has promised to deliver a lecture on the 'South and West of Ireland.'