TEMUKA

(From our own correspondent.)

January 22.

Mr. James Peoples, of Kaikoura (brother of the Rev. Father Peoples), is at present spending a few days in the Temuka district.

Sister Raymond, Provincial of the Order of St. Joseph in New Zealand, who had been in Temuka during the past fortnight, returns home to Auckland this week.

Rev. Father Cleary, C.SS.R., having concluded the retreat for the Sisters here, left last week for Lyt-telton, where he will conduct the retreat for the nuns of that town.

It is with regret that I have to chronicle the death of Mr. M. Connell, fifth son of Mr. J. Connell, of Waitohi, who died in the Timaru Hospital on Friday last. Deceased was a very promising young Catholic, and sincere sympathy is felt for his parents in their bereavebereave-

ment.—R.I.P.

The Rev. Father Kerley, after enjoying a well-carned rest at the Southern Lakes, arrived in Temuka early last week, and later on proceeded to Christchurch to attend the retreat of the clergy which is being held

Two Sisters from the Nazareth Home, Christ-church, are at present in Temuka, and are engaged in the work of collecting alms for the upkeep of their house. It is pleasing to note that they are meeting with great success in their mission, people of all creeds and classes liberally responding to their appeals.

A very enjoyable concert was held at the Kerrytown school on Thursday night in honor of Sister Raymond, Provincial of the Order of St. Joseph in the Colony, who had been attending the retreat here. The large schoolroom was crowded with the invited guests, and a very attractive programme was performed and large schoolroom was crowded with the invited guests, and a very attractive programme was performed and heartily appreciated. The following contributed to the programme: Songs, Miss M. Coughlan, Rev. Father Hoare, Messrs. J. Peoples, B. Hall, F. O'Connell, P. Stapleton, W. Fitzgerald, V. Geaney; Highland fling in costume, Misses Nolan and Fitzgerald, and the drama, 'The Hypochondriac,' played by the same cast as at the previous school concert. The Rev. Father Hoare returned thanks on behalf of Sister Raymond, and thanked all those who had assisted in making the gathering a success. ering a success.

At an examination held in December, 1905, by Mr. J. Wyn. Irwin, the N.Z. representative of Gregg shorthand, before independent supervisors, two students established New Zealand records. Charlwood Hammond, aged 16 years, secured a certificate for 190 words a minute. This is a N.Z. record for one so young. But a still more meritorious performance was that of A. Burns, who wrote 150 words a minute with his left hand, having lost his right arm at the Christchurch Exhibition of 1900-1. This is a record for a one-armed (left) writer, and would be an impossible task with any other system than the Gregg, which is based on longhand and written with a uniform slope and one thickness.... At an examination held in December, 1905, by Mr.

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