

new member was elected and two candidates proposed. The programme consisted of a debate amongst the junior members of the club, the subject being, 'Should the totalisator be abolished?' Mr. T. Barry opened for the affirmative side, and was supported by Messrs. C. Carmine and T. Heffernan. Mr. Arthur Fraser led for the opposing side, and was supported by Messrs. W. Hassall and M. J. O'Connor. Some of the speeches made were most interesting and quite up to senior form, the young members showing that they had studied the subject. The judges decided that the affirmative side had the best of the argument.

In connection with the matter which formed the subject of a deputation to our Member, prior to his departure for Wellington to take up his Parliamentary duties, the Very Rev. Dean Carew has received the following reply from the Hon. Hall-Jones, Minister for Railways:—'With reference to your letter of the 14th ult. in regard to the issue of free school season tickets to pupils attending the Greymouth Convent High School, I have the honor to inform you that I have had this matter looked into, and I find that any tickets issued free to children attending Catholic secondary schools were obtained free under a misapprehension and contrary to the spirit and intention of the railway regulations, and upon the matter coming under notice the practice erroneously commenced had to be stopped, and I regret that it cannot be reinstated, as Catholic secondary schools are not included in the Manual and Technical Instruction Act, and scholars are not therefore entitled to free tickets.' Further representation is to be made to our member on the subject.

At the invitation of the members of the St. Columba Hockey Club a large number assembled in the club rooms, the occasion being a banquet to celebrate the win of the St. Columba Hockey Club in the West Coast junior championship. Dr. J. W. McBrearty, who presided, referred to the excellent record put up by the team in its first year by winning the West Coast Hockey Association's Junior Championship. In presenting the cup to the captain of the team, the chairman wished them every success in future years, and trusted that when they met again next year, it would be to receive the senior cup; for, as they all knew, the junior team had acquitted themselves in such a creditable manner, that in the next competition they would have to play in the higher grade... Mr. Thos. Barry (captain of the team) in responding said he felt proud at being captain of a team that had acquitted itself in such a creditable manner. He trusted that by assiduous practice they would, as the chairman predicted, be enabled to meet again this time next year to celebrate their win in the West Coast senior championship. Dr. McBrearty also presented Mr. J. O'Reilly with a gold scarf pin, given by Mr. W. H. Finney for the most improved player during the season.

Timaru

(From our own correspondent.)

October 22.

St. Anne's Guild, a society of the matrons of the parish, under the presidency of Mrs. Dennehy, held a sale of work in the girls' school on last Thursday afternoon. The attendance was good, and the business done more than satisfied the anticipations of the promoters.

St. Mary's branch of the Hibernian Society held its quarterly Communion at the nine o'clock Mass yesterday. There was a fair attendance. Rev. Father Bowden, M.A., officiated and preached an instructive sermon from the Gospel of the day.

Mr. E. G. Kerr, one of the most widely known and respected men in the district, died at his residence last Tuesday morning, and was interred on Thursday afternoon. The funeral cortege was a very large one. The deceased gentleman had at one time taken a leading part in all local affairs; he was proprietor of the 'Timaru Herald' till his decease, and under his direction its columns were never disfigured by sectarian influence.

At the musical examinations held in connection with Trinity College last week, the Catholic teachers met with their usual success, as may be seen from the following list: Pianoforte: Professional division—Mina Ward (aged sixteen years) associate pianist; Mabel G. Porter, certificated pianist (Mrs. N. Mangos). Intermediate—E. Wade (Mr. D. Clarke). Junior—G. M. Albert (Miss E. Dennehy). Preparatory—D. Strachan (Miss E. Fitzgerald), M. Roulston, and E. McBride (Miss E. Twomey). Taking Miss Ward's age into consideration, her achievement is a brilliant one, and redounds to the credit both of teacher and pupil.

Roxburgh

(From an occasional correspondent.)

October 20.

St. Mary's Church, Roxburgh, has lately suffered a severe loss in the removal to Dunedin of one of its oldest and most active members, Mrs. Pitchers, who, with her family, left here on Saturday last. For the past twenty-six years Mrs. Pitchers has associated herself very closely with Church affairs. Her family, too, have assisted, the Misses Pitchers being members of the choir and teachers in the Sunday school, and Master Pitchers has for the past few years been one of the altar boys. As a mark of their appreciation of their many services and of the esteem in which they were held, the members of the congregation tendered them a farewell social and presentation of a purse of sovereigns in the library of the hall on the evening of the 18th. Mr. J. H. Waigh occupied the chair, and was supported by Rev. Father Lynch. An apology was read from Very Rev. Mgr. O'Leary, of Lawrence, for his absence. Father Lynch made the presentation, and in doing so referred to Mrs. Pitchers' long connection with the church, and the innumerable services she had rendered to it. On behalf of the congregation he expressed the regret they all felt at her departure, and wished herself and family every success and prosperity.

Messrs. Waigh and Hart also spoke, endorsing Father Lynch's remarks.

Mr. J. H. Waigh, jun., replied on behalf of Mrs. Pitchers and family. In thanking the congregation for the presentation they had made them, he said he was painfully conscious of his inability to do so in a manner expressive of the feelings of Mrs. Pitchers and family. He thanked them for their kindness to Mrs. Pitchers and family, not only on that evening, but on past occasions. He thanked Father Lynch and the speakers of the congregation for their kind references, and assured all present that Roxburgh, but above all its church and congregation of St. Mary's, would always have a warm corner in the hearts of Mrs. Pitchers and her family.

During the evening refreshments were handed round, and songs were contributed by Misses Clements and Pitchers and Messrs. Laloli, Chaney, and Waigh (3), and recitations by Messrs. F. and L. Laloli, and the singing of 'Auld Lang Syne' brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

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