

## DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

February 4.

The Rev. Father Galerne, of the Cathedral, is being transferred to Reefton, and leaves for the West Coast on Tuesday.

The Rev. Father Goggin and Mr. Raupert, representatives of the Crusade of Rescue, London, spent several days in Christchurch last week.

Four pupils of the Catholic boys' school, conducted by the Marist Brothers, presented for the Civil Service examination, passed with credit.

An enjoyable smoke concert was given in connection with the Catholic Club on last Tuesday evening. Mr. D. Edmonds (vice-president) presided over an attendance of fifty members. Musical items were rendered by the Glee Club.

Miss Annie De Garvey, with the second highest number of marks in Christchurch, passed the Matriculation examination, and Misses Katie Duggan and Gerlie Loughlin the Civil Service. These are all pupils of the Sacred Heart Convent, Barbadoes street.

A general meeting of the parishioners of the Cathedral and St. Mary's, Manchester street, is convened for this (Monday) evening at the presbytery, Barbadoes street, to arrange a fitting reception to his Lordship the Bishop on his return to the diocese, which will probably be at the end of the present month.

The mission at Ilornby, conducted by the Rev. Father Bannon, C.S.S.R., was concluded on Sunday. During the week the mission services, morning and evening, were attended by congregations filling the church to overflowing. The mission at Papanui was commenced on Sunday, and will conclude towards the end of the week, after which the Rev. Father Bannon leaves for Westland.

Mr. P. Burke, of this city, recently received intelligence of the death of his father, at the age of 86 years. The deceased passed away in the house wherein he was born in County Galway, which has also been the home of ten generations of the same family. Mr. Burke intended shortly taking a trip to the Old Land, principally to see his father after many years' absence, but death intervening has caused an alteration in his plans.

The first meeting of the general committee in connection with the annual entertainment in honor of St. Patrick's Day, and in aid of Nazareth House, was held on last Thursday evening at the presbytery, Barbadoes street. The Very Rev. Father Le Menant des Chesnais, S.M., V.G., presided, and there was a very good attendance. The action of the executive committee in securing His Majesty's Theatre for Monday, March 18, was approved. It was decided that the programme should consist entirely of Irish music. Various sub-committees and a ladies' committee were formed, and the secretary (Mr. E. O'Connor) was requested to circulate tickets of admission as speedily as possible.

The Rev. Mother St. Genevieve, recently appointed Mother Prioress of the Sacred Heart Convent, of Notre Dame des Missions, arrived in Christchurch on Friday last from England, and has entered upon her new duties. Mother St. Genevieve was for nine years resident in Perth as Superioress of the convent, and was foundress of the Order in that State. Going to England last May with others of the community to attend meetings of the Chapter, the Rev. Mother visited the principal schools in that country and also in Ireland, gaining much useful information and additional knowledge in the teaching profession. The magnificent schools of the Christian Brothers at Gibraltar were also visited and greatly admired, being described by the Rev. Mother as simply grand. On the return journey the principal schools of Australia were visited, so that everything worthy of note may be applied to the numerous schools of the institute in this Colony. The Rev. Mother is accompanied to New Zealand by Sister de Chantal, who is an accomplished teacher of the French language, and is to be attached to the Sacred Heart High School in this city.

## Greymouth

(From an occasional correspondent.)

January 31.

Four pupils of the Convent of Mercy, Greymouth, Misses Eileen Heaphy, Mabel Dempsey, M. Kathleen Martin, and Mary K. O'Donnell, were successful in the Civil Service examinations. Two of these candidates, Eileen Heaphy and Mabel Dempsey, have also matriculated.

Owing to the death of the Inspector of the Grey Education Board, Mr. H. Smith, the school examina-

tions were held this year by Mr. E. A. Scott, headmaster of Taylorville School. Mr. Scott examined the Sixth Standard pupils of the Convent Schools, Greymouth and Brunner, last November. Fifteen pupils were presented, and all obtained proficiency certificates. The report, which is just to hand, is an excellent one.

## Timaru

(From our own correspondent.)

February 4.

The parochial schools have re-opened after the holidays, and special attention was directed at the Masses yesterday to the necessity of the regular and punctual attendance of the children.

Some necessary repairs are now being made to the boys' school. An iron fence is being erected around the playground, and the old outbuildings are being demolished and new ones erected in brick in a more convenient position.

(From an occasional correspondent.)

The usual fortnightly meeting of the St. Mary's Branch of the H.A.C.B. Society was held on Monday, January 28, the president, Bro. Donovan, in the chair. Considering that the order paper for the triennial meeting, to be held in Auckland in March next, was one of the items of business for the evening, the attendance was small, only twenty-one members being present. The chief item of interest was the question of transferring the District office to Wellington. The delegates, Messrs. Dennehy and Fitzgerald, were elected by a largely attended summoned meeting, and their views as pronounced Aucklanders were well known. Now they are in the anomalous position of being instructed by eleven members (the voting being 11 to 10), out of a total membership of 20, to vote for Wellington. Objection was taken at the informality of the meeting, as it was held that an important meeting like that should be summoned, but it is questionable whether any action will be taken to get the opinion of the bulk of the members of the branch, it being so hard to get the members to attend meetings except the quarterly and half-yearly ones. The delegates purpose to leave for Auckland somewhere about March 9.

(Owing to this communication being addressed personally to a member of our staff instead of the editor, as correspondents are repeatedly requested to do, it was, in accordance to custom, treated as a private letter, and remained unopened until after we went to press with our last issue.—Ed. 'N.Z. Tablet'.)

## Marie Narelle's Two Farewell Concerts

At the Princess Theatre next Monday and Tuesday, February 11 and 12, Marie Narelle, the acknowledged Queen of Irish Song, will make her farewell bow to Dunedin. The 'Sunday Times,' in speaking of her Sydney concerts, says:—Miss Narelle gave the first concert of her Australian tour at the Town Hall last night, and the enthusiasm displayed was of a remarkable character. The audience numbered fully 3000—there was not a vacant seat in any part of the building—amongst those present being her Excellency Lady Northcote and Miss Drummond, while 100 students of St. Vincent's College (where Miss Narelle received her early education), all dressed in white, also attended. When Miss Narelle made her first entrance the audience applauded demonstratively, and at the conclusion of her initial number fully a dozen bouquets were handed up. They were magnificent samples of Australian floriculture, and included a representation of a lyre and a laurel wreath. The same popular prices are to be charged as before, and we would advise our readers that two pleasant evenings are in store for them, as Miss Narelle's concerts are par excellence.

For the hot weather there is nothing that comes near the light weight, summer underwear of the far-famed Mosgiel brand. It is the ideal fabric for summer—thin, soft, cool, and hygienic. It is made of the finest New Zealand wool, and has no admixture of any kind....

Messrs. Scoullar and Chisholm, Dunedin, have much pleasure in intimating to their numerous patrons that a fresh shipment of their 'special' bedstead has just come to hand, and that they are in a position to fill all orders. This bedstead is English-made, double size, heavily brass-mounted in modern designs, and is sold at the extremely moderate price of 35s....