

## Hastings

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

July 18.

The members of the local branch of the Hibernian Society received Communion in a body on Sunday last. There was a very large muster.

The Young Men's Club are organising a social to be held in the Drill hall on August 5, to raise funds towards the erection of a new hall.

A pleasing little ceremony took place at the Presbytery on Sunday last, when Miss Lily Vickers was presented by the members of the Sacred Heart choir with a beautiful dinner set to mark the occasion of her approaching marriage. In a happy speech, Rev. Father Quinn voiced the best wishes of the members for Miss Vickers's future happiness and prosperity. Mr. F. L. Vickers replied on behalf of his sister.

Prior to his departure for Auckland, Mr. T. F. O'Shea was presented by the members of the Young Men's Club with a pair of ebony-backed hair brushes as a small token of esteem and a slight recognition of the services he had rendered to the club. Rev. Father Quinn made the presentation, and in doing so referred to the practical interest always taken by Mr. O'Shea in the welfare of the club, and his readiness at all times to assist in anything that went towards making it a success. Messrs. Donovan, Downing, and Gallagher endorsed what had been said by Father Quinn, and joined in wishing Mr. O'Shea prosperity in his new sphere of labor. Mr. O'Shea thanked the members for the kind motives which prompted them to make the presentation, and trusted that the club would prosper.

The Church of the Sacred Heart was the scene of a pretty wedding on Tuesday last, when Miss Lily Vickers, second daughter of Mr. William Vickers, of Hastings, was united in the bonds of matrimony to Mr. James Cowan, eldest son of Mr. James Cowan, also of Hastings. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father Quinn. The bride, who was given away by her father, looked charming in a tailor-made costume of creme serge with real lace vest, and a large Gainsborough hat trimmed with ostrich feathers, and carried a handsome prayer book, a present from Very Rev. Dean Smyth. Miss Tilly Vickers (sister) was bridesmaid, and Mr. John Cowan (brother of the bridegroom) best man. The Wedding March was played by Mr. Robert Caulton as the bridal party left the church. At the conclusion of the ceremony a number of relatives and friends were entertained at the residence of the bride's parents, where the health of Mr. and Mrs. Cowan was proposed by Rev. Father Quinn. The happy couple, who were the recipients of numerous messages and telegrams of congratulation, and a large number of useful and costly presents, subsequently left by motor car to spend their honeymoon in the south.

## Dannevirke

The Catholic social in aid of the convent funds was held on Wednesday evening, July 15, and was a great success, there being a very large attendance. The supper was provided by the ladies, and their management in this connection (says the 'Dannevirke Advocate') is to be highly commended. They were assisted in the waiting by a large number of gentlemen. During the evening the following items were rendered:—Recitation, Mr. Kelly; songs, Mrs. Adams and Miss Finnis (2); duet, Misses Collins and Finnis; pianoforte solo, Miss Terry; Highland fling, Mr. J. McKenzie; dance, the 'Irish Washerwoman,' the little Misses Cotter and Ross. The dancing of these two little mites was loudly applauded. A comic sketch by Mr. J. Webb, of Pahiatua, proved to be a popular number. The committee, headed by the joint secretaries, Messrs. Pettit and J. McDonald, are to be congratulated on the unqualified success of the social, which should result in a substantial sum being added to the convent fund.

## DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

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Mr. and Mrs. M. O'Brien and daughters, of Christchurch, have just returned after a pleasant sojourn in the Commonwealth.

Sunday last, the Feast of St. Anne, was the anniversary of the consecration to the episcopate of his Lordship Dr. Grimes, who has now been twenty-one years a Bishop.

The Rev. Father Kerley, S.M., who has been assisting at St. Mary's, Manchester street, for some time, returns to Timaru, and is replaced at St. Mary's by the Rev. Father Moloney, S.M., from Wellington.

His Lordship the Bishop is to officiate at the ceremony of conferring Holy Orders at the Cathedral on Sunday, August 9, August 15, and August 16, when several candidates will be raised to the priesthood.

His Lordship the Bishop made an episcopal visitation at Rangiora on Sunday last, and on next Sunday will be similarly engaged at Lyttelton. His Lordship expects to make a visitation at Akaroa on August 23, and at Hawarden towards the end of the month.

The bazaar which is being promoted by the congregation of the Church of the Sacred Heart, Addington, to liquidate the existing liabilities on the parochial property there is to be opened to-night (Monday) in the local Oddfellows' Hall by his Lordship the Bishop. The bazaar will continue to the end of the week, and it is confidently anticipated that the desired result will be fully attained.

The annual meeting of the Cathedral Conference, Society of St. Vincent de Paul, was held on last Wednesday evening. Bro. F. O'Connell was appointed an additional vice-president, Bro. Dealey was elected secretary, Bro. P. O'Connell re-elected treasurer, Bro. Cummings was elected librarian, and Bro. T. Knight wardrobe-keeper. The annual Charity Sunday is likely to be observed during next month, when the usual charity sermon will be preached.

## Timaru

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Tentative plans for the new church were on view during the sale of work last week. The church will be cruciform in shape, with two towers in front and an imposing cupola. It will seat about 1400 people.

St. Anne's Guild held a sale of work in the Girls' School on Wednesday and Thursday last. The ladies had been preparing for the occasion for the past six months, and when the doors were opened on Wednesday evening the splendid collection of articles on view testified to the success of their labors. The various stalls—fancy, art, lollie, and refreshments—were in capable hands, and the net result will be the addition of some £50 to the new church building fund. The office-bearers—Mrs. Aldred (president) and Mrs. South (secretary)—did good work, and Miss Eileen Dennehy, A.T.C.L., looked after the musical programme on both evenings. The principal singers were Mrs. T. Lynch and Mr. J. McKennah.

## Greymouth

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July 21.

The St. Columba Club euchre tournament, held last Wednesday evening, proved a great success, and about 120 members and their friends participated. The lady's prize was kindly donated by Mr. Wm. Reid, and was won by Miss Heffernan. The gentleman's prize was donated by Mr. P. W. Galvin, and was won by Mr. James Blewman. Songs were contributed by Misses Fogarty, M. Burke, K. Boyle, and Mr. E. Casey, and Miss Butler and Mr. P. J. Smyth gave recitations. Refreshments were handed round by the ladies' committee.

There was a large attendance at the weekly meeting of the St. Columba Catholic Club last Monday evening, when two new members were elected. Before starting the business, Rev. Father Taylor congratulated the club's representatives on their win in the inter-club debate with Trinity Club, and attributed much of the success to the able leadership of Mr. E. Casey—a statement that was greeted with rounds of applause. It was also decided to challenge the Hokitika Catholic Club to a friendly debate. The programme for the evening consisted of a debate, 'That a deep-sea harbor would be more beneficial to the West Coast than the East to West Coast railway.' The affirmative side was upheld by Messrs. P. Smyth (leader), B. Rasmussen, J. Minihan, and P. C. Heaphy, whilst Rev. Father Taylor, supported by A. O'Donoghue, C. Carmini, and J. Roche, spoke in favor of the railway. The debate proved most interesting, and showed careful study on both sides. On a vote being taken, the chairman (Mr. W. H. Duffy) declared in favor of the

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