

weeks, being engaged up to the time of her illness as a teacher in the State school. The funeral took place on Tuesday afternoon at the Orawaiti cemetery, the Ven. Archpriest Walshe officiating at the graveside.—R.I.P.

Reefton

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

July 26.

The Rev. Father Creagh, C.S.S.R., has been holding missions in all the outlying districts of Reefton. On Sunday he, accompanied by the Rev. Father Galerne, proceeded to Ikamatua, where a most successful mission was opened. On Saturday Rev. Father Creagh and Rev. Father Galerne leave for the Lyell and Three Channel Flat, where a mission will be given.

This afternoon a most interesting hockey match was played on the Reefton Racecourse between teams representing the Public School Girls and the Convent School Girls. Both teams played well, considering the bad weather. The game resulted in a win for the convent girls by 2 goals to nil.

DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

August 3.

In the new chapel of the Sisters of Our Lady of Missions the first ceremony therein, in connection with the Order, took place recently, when two Sisters were professed and three were received. The Very Rev. Dean Ginaty, S.M., V.G., presided, and several of the clergy were present.

The following candidates presented by the Sisters of Our Lady of Missions' Sacred Heart, High School successfully passed in the recent theory examinations in connection with the Royal Academy of Music and Royal College of Music:—Intermediate, Eileen Murphy; rudiments, Eileen Murphy, Doris Amyes; primary, Kathleen Dwyer, Mary Fitzpatrick, Teresa Mannion, Cissie McIlroy, Monica Wall.

His Lordship the Bishop made an episcopal visitation at Lyttelton on Sunday last, when he celebrated Mass at 8 a.m. The Rev. Father Cooney (pastor) celebrated a Missa Cantata at 10.30, prior to which the visitation ceremonies were carried out by the Bishop. In the afternoon his Lordship administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to thirty-five candidates, including seven adults, and delivered an address appropriate to the occasion. The Bishop preached both morning and evening to crowded congregations.

Preparations are well advanced for the Living Floral Carnival which is promoted to defray existing liabilities on St. Mary's parish, Manchester street, and is to open in the Art Gallery on Tuesday, August 11, for a season of twelve nights. Arranged by Mr. Fred. Wauchope, who has also trained the participants, a spectacular display, beautiful in conception, striking in delineation, and possessing all the merits of originality, will be presented. The central feature will be a representation of living euchar. Around this many popular items will be introduced to fill a programme satisfying to the most ardent lover of amusements.

St. Joseph's Conference (Mission to Catholic Seamen), Lyttelton; of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul has secured a supply of neatly-printed cards, which are given to each Catholic seafaring man with whom the Brothers become acquainted whilst engaged in the work of their mission. Upon the card is printed, 'St. Joseph's Conference for Catholic Seamen, established for promoting the spiritual and temporal welfare of Catholic seamen.' Then follow the name and situation of the church, the hours at which Mass is celebrated, and also of the evening devotions; the name of the pastor (and spiritual director), and the name and address of the secretary. This will prove a great aid not alone to the Brothers of the society, but also to the seamen, will be a constant reminder to them while in port and a memento when at sea.

In connection with his episcopal visitation of the diocese, his Lordship the Bishop celebrated an early Mass at Rangiora on last Sunday week, and at the 11 o'clock Mass preached. There were large congregations on each occasion. A canonical visitation to the church and cemetery was also made. In the afternoon the Bishop administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to fifty candidates, and addressed them on the importance and significance of the ceremony. On Monday his Lordship visited Kaiapoi, where an additional number of candidates were confirmed. Returning to Rangiora on the following Tuesday,

the Bishop visited the Catholic schools and convent, and was present at an entertainment in his honor. The Oxford portion of the parish is to be visited during September, when a mission will be conducted by two of the Redemptorist Fathers.

A fortnight ago the Kaiapoi School Committee received a deputation of ministers of religion, who asked that the committee should allow them to give religious instruction in the school for half an hour on one day a week. They proposed to hold the classes at 11.30 a.m. on Thursday or Friday, taking half an hour from the ordinary school day, and stated that they had taken a vote of the parents on the question of religious instruction, and found 174 in favor of it and 46 against it, while 24 had not returned their voting papers. The head-master of the Kaiapoi School had previously raised objections to the proposal, and as he asked leave to express his view the committee decided to hear him at a special meeting. The meeting was held last week, and, after discussing the matter, the committee passed a resolution that, in view of the great need of religious teaching as a basis for moral instruction, and in view of the opinions of parents as expressed by their votes, the committee was in sympathy with the movement for holding classes, but requested the Education Board to fix hours to permit of religious teaching being given. Two members of the committee voted against the motion.

A quarterly general meeting of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was held on last Monday evening in the room set apart for the society in the Cathedral. There was a very large attendance, including representatives of the various conferences in the circumscription of the Particular Council of Christchurch, and of the confraternities of Ladies of Charity of the Cathedral and St. Mary's, Manchester street. In an opening address covering the work of the Particular Council, the president appealed strongly for combined action and assistance in providing a suitable meeting hall and club room for Catholic seamen at Lyttelton, where the devoted Brothers, although laboring most zealously in the spiritual interests of the seafaring community, were sadly hampered through their inability to keep socially in touch with the sailors, and help them to spend their time in port in a pleasant and profitable manner. Favorable reports of the various conferences were given by the president on behalf of the Cathedral Conference, by Bro. A. H. Blake, president of St. Mary's Conference, Bro. H. Anthony, president of St. Joseph's Conference (Mission to Catholic Seamen), Lyttelton, and Bro. H. Bell, president of St. Anne's Conference, Woolston. The spiritual director, the Rev. Father O'Hare, in the course of an eminently practical address, referred to the motives characterising the inception of the society and the true spirit by which members should be animated. Being essentially a layman's society, it behoved all connected with it (he said) to exercise the gifts granted by Almighty God for their own spiritual sanctification, and of those entrusted to their care. The exercise of charity as a virtue should form a prominent feature in their lives, but a serious duty also devolved upon presidents and members generally in the observance of approaching the Holy Table at frequent and regularly stated occasions. The amount of religious indifference observable was appalling, and to one like himself, only lately from the Home Country, such a sad condition came as a shock. He looked to the wide spread of the society to stem this tide of indifferentism which was making serious inroads in the spiritual life of a professedly God-fearing and God-loving people. The power of good example would prove most efficacious in this regard. A perfect realisation of our duty, and with fervor among ourselves as a body, the spirit of charity would spread itself.

Timaru

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

August 3.

Rev. Father Tubman announced yesterday that it is his intention to commence the erection of the new church early next year. To help the matter forward a meeting was convened in St. John's Hall yesterday afternoon, and about fifty persons were present. Rev. Father Tubman then made a statement as to the projected building, and a committee was formed, with Mr. T. Harney, J.P., as president, and Mr. N. Mangos as secretary, to canvass for subscriptions. The Rev. Father outlined a scheme for collecting small amounts on self-registering cards. This was adopted, and a meeting of the collectors will be held every first Sunday of the month to report progress. The cards are able to hold 2s, 6s, 12s, or 24s, and those desirous of helping forward a good work should communicate with the Rev. Father or the officers of the movement.

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