

## Westport

(From our own correspondent.)

September 7.

Rev. Father Molloy, who has been on a short visit to Westport, left here on Tuesday last to resume his duties at Marton. Rev. Father Bergin, who has been relieving Father Molloy, is expected to arrive home during the week.

On Sunday, August 23, the first general meeting of St. Canice's Catholic Club was held in the club rooms, Mr. G. E. Simon occupying the chair. There was a large attendance of members. The chief business of the meeting was the election of officers, which resulted as follows:—Patron, Ven. Archpriest Walshe; spiritual director, Rev. Father Bergin; president, Mr. G. E. Simon; secretary, Mr. J. Radford; vice-presidents, Messrs. F. O'Gorman, sen., C. Clarke, and F. Calnon; executive, Messrs. J. Grange, J. Murphy, J. McGee, P. Joyce, C. Simon, M. Hennessy, J. Cook, P. Hughes; auditors, Messrs. H. Doogan and J. P. O'Gorman.

## DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

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As a result of the recent 'Living Floral Carnival,' St. Mary's parish, Christchurch North, is, I understand, cleared of all liabilities. At a social gathering on Wednesday evening next the balance sheet is to be presented.

The Rev. Father Nouyoux, M.S.H., is at present in charge of the Kumara parish, Westland. His Lordship the Bishop, who is at present on an episcopal visitation in the North Canterbury parochial district, was at Cheviot on Sunday. On Wednesday of this week he will administer Confirmation at Brackenbridge, and at Oxford on Thursday, where a mission is being conducted by one of the Redemptorist Fathers. His Lordship will make a visitation at Leeston on next Sunday, after which he intends to proceed to Westland.

There was Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from the 11 o'clock Mass until after Vespers in the Cathedral on Sunday, and many attended at Adoration during the afternoon. In the evening a very fine discourse on the mission of our Divine Lord was preached by the Rev. Dr. Kennedy in the presence of a large congregation. Procession of the Blessed Sacrament followed, in which the various confraternities and societies participated.

## Timaru

(From our own correspondent.)

August 31.

A meeting of St. John's Tennis Club was held in the club's room on Sunday afternoon, Rev. Father Kerley presiding. The report and balance sheet of the past year showed the finances of the club to be in a very satisfactory position, there being a credit balance of £3. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Rev. Father Tubman; vice-president, Rev. Father Kerley; secretary and treasurer, Mr. M. Schaab; committee—Dr. Loughnan, Messrs. McKennah, Venning, and Dunne, and the Misses Mara, Rissel, and McGrath. It was resolved to get up a euchre party to supplement the club's funds before the opening of the season.

On Thursday evening the boys of our school, to the number of over 100, were entertained by the ladies of the parish, the event being to mark the close of the school's football season. Rev. Father Tubman presided, and there were also present Rev. Father Venning, Brother Egbert and school staff, Dr. Loughnan, and Messrs. M. O'Meehan, J. Reilly, T. Brosnahan, Jordan, Murphy, Dunne, and Doyle. The proceedings were most enthusiastic, and the following toasts were honored:—'The Pope,' by the Rev. Chairman; 'The King,' by Rev. Father Venning; 'The School Team,' by Rev. Brother Egbert; 'The Clergy,' by Mr. Doyle; 'The Brothers,' by Dr. Loughnan; 'The Old Boys,' by one of the school lads, Father Venning and Messrs. Doyle and Dunne responding; and 'The Ladies,' by Mr. Dunne. The school football team has had a victorious career this season, winning the banner from all the schools of South Canterbury, and also carrying off one of the grades in the seven-a-side tournament. Most of the speakers referred to the splendid educational work done in the school by the Marist Brothers, and to the freely admitted fact that the success of the school did not stop with sport, but was also extended to the educational and re-

ligious work. The flag won in the competition was unfurled by Master O'Meehan; amidst great cheering. Songs were rendered by Mr. Murphy and Masters O'Meehan and Brosnahan. The young ladies of the parish did the catering, and helped to make the function the success it was.

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This (Monday) morning about 4 o'clock the Church of the Sacred Heart had a narrow escape from being totally destroyed by fire. Some passers-by noticed the smoke rising through the roof of the sacristy, and at once gave the alarm. The fire brigade turned out promptly, and succeeded in confining the flames to the sacristy, where it evidently originated, the south side of the sanctuary and part of the roof over the organ. The damage is estimated at about £400, and it is mostly covered by insurance. The Rev. Father Tubman, with Rev. Fathers La Floch and Kerley, gave the brigade every assistance, and Rev. Father Kerley, with some difficulty, owing to the smoke, removed the Blessed Sacrament. It is intended to practically build a new sacristy, and roof the whole building with iron, probably putting it over the shingles on the unburnt portion. The loss of vestments was most serious, and it will take time to replace the fine collection that had been gathered together; some chalices and a monstrance were also destroyed. The value of the sacristy's contents may be put down at £300, and the damage to building being about £100, makes the total as before-mentioned—£400.

## Greymouth

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August 26.

The St. Columba Club billiard tournament was concluded last week and resulted in a win for Mr. C. Carmine, with Mr. Wm. Bade second. The tournament proved most interesting, and some very keen contests took place. Thirty-two members took part in the tournament.

A very successful euchre party was held in St. Columba Club rooms last Wednesday evening, when there was a large attendance of members and their friends. The ladies' prize was donated by Mr. J. Cairney, and was won by Miss M. Heffernan, whilst Mr. J. Boyle won the gentleman's prize. During the interval refreshments were handed round by the ladies. Songs and refreshments helped to pass a most enjoyable evening.

A few months ago I had occasion to congratulate the Marist Brothers on the marked success of the school at the annual examinations. It is now my pleasing duty to record the success of the pupils on the football field. The West Coast Rugby Union presented a handsome shield for competition amongst the West Coast schools. The Marist Brothers' boys went right through the competition without losing a single match, scoring in the series of matches seventy-three points against nine points. The Brothers are very proud of the success achieved by their boys, and with reason, as the result is a record any team might well feel proud of. It is the intention of the members of the St. Columba Club to entertain the boys in their club rooms, when the shield will be presented to them.

The Greymouth Orchestral Society gave a very fine concert in the Public Hall last evening. The vocal items given during the evening (says the *Grey River Argus*) were enthusiastically received. The Rev. Father Ainsworth sang Sullivan's 'Thou art passing hence,' and he was given quite an ovation. He possesses a very pleasing baritone of good range, and he sings with expression. He was recalled, and for his encore sang 'Because,' with equal effect. Later on in the evening he sang 'The two grenadiers,' and the rev. gentleman won his audience. The audience demanded another, and that old favorite 'Father O'Flynn' was sung in an admirable manner. Still the cries of encore and enthusiastic applause greeted this effort, and the rev. gentleman, in his happy and good-natured style, gave a musical sketch, which completely took the house. The Rev. Father Ainsworth is popular wherever he goes, but his singing last night will make him a favorite with a Greymouth audience.

The New Zealand Clothing Factory, Octagon, Dunedin, directs attention to the comprehensive show of spring goods now on exhibition. These include men's and boys' straws, men's lounge felts in colors, boys' tweed and serge tunic suits, etc...

Messrs. Duthie Bros., Ltd., drapers, George street, Dunedin, are now showing a superb assortment of high-class novelties in mantles, millinery, dress goods, fancy neck-wear, etc. The firm is noted for the excellence of the work turned out in the dressmaking and tailoring departments...