

child could understand and store up every word that was uttered, and it was equally appreciated by the congregation generally. In the evening his Lordship again preached, and gave Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

The Very Rev. Father Regnault, S.M., Provincial, is at present on a visit to St. Mary's, Christchurch North.

It is pleasing to notice that our respected fellow Catholic citizen, Mr. J. Meagher, has been elected a member of the Canterbury Chamber of Commerce.

The first anniversary of Dominion Day was celebrated in Christchurch by a military display in Cranmer Square. Saturday being an unsuitable day, there was no cessation of business, and no holiday was observed apart from the various State departments.

A Solemn Triduum in honor of the Blessed Sacrament is to commence in the Cathedral on Friday morning, and conclude on next Sunday evening. On Friday evening the Rev. Father Hyland (Rangiora) is to preach, Rev. Father Bell, S.M. (Mount Magdala), on Saturday, and Rev. Father Cooney (Lyttelton) on Sunday.

Bishop Grimes has a method of solving the liquor problem which others would do well to follow (states the *Cheviot News*). On Sunday night, while renewing their baptismal vows, his Lordship took the opportunity of impressing upon the young people the importance of temperance, and extracted from each of them a solemn promise that until they reached the mature age of twenty-one they would abstain from all alcoholic liquors. If a child abstains from alcoholic beverages until he or she reaches the age of manhood and womanhood, there is not much danger of them taking to it later on.

The annual retreat for the children attending the schools of the Sisters of the Missions, extending from last Tuesday evening to Saturday morning, was conducted by the Rev. Father Kimbell, S.M. In the convent chapel Mass was celebrated each morning, followed by a mission instruction eminently suited to the young mind, and essentially useful and practical, the services being closed with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament each evening. After the 8 o'clock Mass on Saturday morning the Papal blessing was imparted. The Rev. Father Kimbell left on Saturday for Timaru, where he will be similarly engaged during the present week.

(From an occasional correspondent.)

At a meeting of the Christchurch Catholic Club on Wednesday last a presentation was made to Mr. J. L. Leydon, who has been transferred from the Railway Stores Department at Addington to Westport. Mr. R. Beveridge made the presentation, which took the form of a travelling rug, and expressed regret at the club losing such a valuable member. Mr. Leydon has filled the position of secretary for twelve months, and latterly held the office of vice-president. He was also secretary of the Athletic Club. Mr. Leydon carries with him the good wishes of the club members, with whom he has made himself so popular.

Greymouth

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

The half-yearly meeting of the St. Columba Catholic Club was held in the club rooms last Monday evening, when there was a large attendance of members. The report and balance sheet showed the finances of the club to be in a sound condition. The balance of assets over liabilities amount to the respectable sum of £484 8s 5d. The expenses during the half-year amounted to £86 14s 4d, included in that amount being £12 10s for a set of snooker balls for the billiard room, and the sum of £25 paid to Dean Carew off the loan advanced so generously by him at the formation of the club.

The following is a list of pupils from the Convent of Mercy, Greymouth, who were successful in the June examinations in the theory of music, held in connection with Trinity College, London:—Senior honors—Helena Higgins, 90; Gladys Hannan, 81. Senior pass—Mary Egan, 67; Veda Michel, 66. Intermediate honors—May Johnston, 93; Daphne Heaphy, 93; Rita Hannan, 88; Nora Donnellan, 87; Nora Okeby, 83. Intermediate pass—Nellie O'Leary, 77. Junior honors—Teresa Greaney, 98; Amy Egan, 90; Annie Balermi, 86. Junior pass—Mary Higgins, 68. Preparatory—Lena Kiely, 100; Agnes O'Donnell, 93; Eileen Creagh, 93; Ellen Hudd, 93; Kate Creagh, 91; Lily Oliver, 88; Kate Oliver, 85.

A very pleasing function took place in the St. Columba Club rooms last Friday evening, when the members of the club tendered a complimentary banquet to the Marist Brothers' football team (winners of the West Coast Schools' shield). Mr. E. Casey (president of the club) occupied the chair, and there were about eighty present, including several officials of the W.C.R.U. In presenting the shield, Mr. Stenhouse (president of the W.C.R.U.) congratulated the team on their win, which was popular and well deserved. It was an honor to win the shield, and he was pleased that the first honor was conferred on the Marist Brothers School. He then presented the shield to Captain Frank Duffy, amidst applause. Rev. Brother Arthur thanked Mr. Stenhouse for his congratulation. He felt proud of his boys, who had won the shield by hard practice. They would value the shield, and always try to hold it.

On last Sunday the members of the St. Columba Club and the Hibernian Society approached the Holy Table in a body. The members of both societies to the number of one hundred marched in regalia from the St. Columba Club rooms to St. Patrick's Church. After Mass the members of both societies re-formed in procession and marched to the club rooms, where the ladies' committee had prepared breakfast. Mr. E. Casey (president of St. Columba Club) presided, and Mr. P. Deere (president of the Hibernian Society) occupied the vice-chair. The chairman congratulated the members on turning out in such large numbers, thus giving public manifestation of their faith. Mr. P. Deere also congratulated members, and urged them to do all in their power to further the interests of both societies. The Very Rev. Dean Carew also complimented the members on their grand showing that morning, and in the course of his remarks said that during his twenty-five years in Greymouth he had not witnessed a more edifying sight. It was a sight that would make the heart of any priest feel proud. He concluded by urging upon all the men of the town the necessity of joining one or both. Mr. W. Duffy proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the ladies, which was carried with acclamation. Mr. P. J. Smyth suitably responded on behalf of the ladies.

September, 23.

There was a large attendance of members at the annual meeting of the St. Columba Cricket Club last week. The president of the club (Mr. E. Casey) occupied the chair. The election of officers resulted as follows:—Captain, Mr. E. Casey; vice-captain, Mr. B. Carroll; secretary, Mr. P. J. Smyth; treasurer, Mr. B. J. Phillips; selection committee—Captain, vice-captain, and Mr. P. C. Heaphy; delegates to Cricket Association, Messrs. E. Casey and J. W. Hannan.

The usual weekly meeting of the St. Columba Catholic Club was held last Monday evening, when one new member was elected, and four candidates were proposed. The programme consisted of a debate, 'Has civilisation benefited the barbarian?' The affirmative was taken by Mr. E. Casey (leader), supported by Messrs. C. Carmine, J. Egan, and J. Minihan; whilst Mr. A. O'Donoghue led the negative side, and was supported by Messrs. A. McSherry, B. Rasmussen, and M. Keating. A very interesting and instructive debate followed. The judges (Messrs. P. J. Smyth, T. Heffernan, and R. C. Heffernan) gave their decision in favor of the affirmative side by a small number of points.

His Lordship Bishop Grimes arrived here on Thursday evening. On Friday afternoon a concert was given by the pupils of the Convent school in honor of his Lordship. After the entertainment, his Lordship, addressing the pupils, spoke appreciatively of the warm welcome they had given him. He was delighted to be amongst the children, and the efforts they had made to entertain him had given him genuine pleasure. He congratulated the children on the excellent manner in which they had acquitted themselves in their parts. His Lordship administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to about 150 candidates, and also the temperance pledge until they reached the age of twenty-one years. He expressed the hope that the children, after they had reached that age, would not then have any desire for strong drink.

Akaroa

(From an Occasional Correspondent.)

Five pupils of the Sisters of Mercy, Akaroa, were presented in June last for the theoretical examinations in connection with Trinity College, London, and the following are the results just received:—Intermediate honors—Doris Hayward, 87. Junior honors—Louise Le Lièvre, 96; Sylvia Le Lièvre, 95; Norah Le Lièvre, 95. Preparatory distinction—Vera Magee, 87.

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