

president (Mr. D. Edmonds, jun.) occupied the chair. The annual report and balance sheet were presented by the secretary (Mr. J. Ainger), and adopted. The auditors in an appended report complimented the secretary on the excellent manner in which the books and accounts of the club had been kept by him. An animated discussion ensued on the prospects of the club. The balance sheet revealed a satisfactory working condition and financial position, the figures showing the total receipts to have been £112 3s 6d, expenditure £98 6s 11d, cash in hand £13 16s 7d, deficit on profit and loss account £38 2s; assets over liabilities, £103 18s 11d. Sir George Clifford retains the position of patron, and the Rev. Dr. Kennedy has been appointed spiritual director. The election of officers for the ensuing year proved an example of unanimity to such an extent that in no single instance was there a contest. The following is the result:—President, Mr. J. R. Hayward; vice-presidents—Messrs. G. Dobbs, E. T. Harper, and T. Adams; treasurer, Mr. W. Hayward, jun.; secretary, Mr. J. Ainger; assistant secretary, Mr. Harold Salmon; executive committee, Messrs. P. McNamara, M. O'Reilly, J. McNamara, R. Beveridge, and T. O'Connell, jun.; trustees, Messrs. J. R. Hayward, A. Mead, and M. O'Reilly; auditors, Messrs. Eric Harper and D. Edmonds, jun.; librarian, Mr. E. O'Connor. On the motion of Mr. G. Dobbs, a bonus was voted to the secretary for past valued services, and on the motion of Mr. J. R. Hayward a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the retiring president, other officers, and members of executive committee. The retiring president, in acknowledging the compliment, gave some useful hints as to conserving the interests and extending the influence of the club. A proposal in the direction of appointing a house committee was delegated to the incoming committee.

### Timaru

(From our own correspondent.)

October 4.

Rev. Father Kimbell, S.M., preached a retreat to the Convent boarders during the past week.

Miss Mary Dunne, of Timaru, was received into the Order of the Sacred Heart at their convent, Island Bay, Wellington, on September 24 by the Ven. Archdeacon Devoy.

Rev. Father Tubman's envelope scheme for swelling the total of the new church fund has met with a great success. The amount from the envelopes so far is close on £400. The appearance of the old church has been altered very much by the iron roof, which now covers the shingle.

The Marist Brothers' pupils gave a most successful concert in the Theatre Royal recently, the lengthy and well-prepared programme speaking volumes for the attention and training given by the Brothers under their capable director, Brother Egbert. The principal item of the evening was a little drama entitled 'St. Aloysius Gonzaga,' the characters being well taken by Masters M. O'Meeghan, T. McGrath, L. Kane, W. Darcy, and another. Masters O'Meeghan, McGrath, and Brosnahan rendered acceptable songs, and Master Neeson got a great reception for his humorous recitations. As usual, the drill was excellent and had to be repeated. Mrs. Mangos helped everything along by her tastefully-played accompaniments.

In this progressive age, which prides itself upon its utilitarian spirit, it is pleasing to see that our Catholic schools can keep abreast of the times. About six months ago our local Convent Primary School opened a workroom in which the girls are taught dressmaking under the direction of efficient teachers. The hands have been kept busy since the inauguration, thanks to the kind interest shown by ladies in the district, who have found their orders carried out in a highly satisfactory manner. The aim is to safeguard the faith and innocence of our Catholic girls who can thus pass from the school to the workroom and earn a livelihood at the same salaries as are offered in the trade workrooms. Mr. Gow's recent report contains the following paragraph:—'A very good feature is the means taken to prepare the senior girls for domestic duties, laundry work, needlework, dressmaking, and cooking finding a place in the school course.'

### Greymouth

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

October 2.

It is with pleasure that I record the success of the St. Columba Club representatives in the elocutionary competition

held in the Town Hall last Wednesday evening. The contest was held under the joint auspices of the three literary societies of the town—St. Columba, Trinity, and Mutual Improvement (Presbyterian). The keenest interest in the competition was aroused in town, and the twenty-four competitors had to face a very large audience. The programme was arranged under three headings—Prepared speeches, recitations, and impromptu speaking. Each society had three representatives in the prepared and impromptu speeches, and two each in the recitations. Three gold medals were offered as awards of individual merit for first places, three silver ones for second place. There was also a handsome silver cup to the society securing the greatest number of points. The St. Columba Club was represented in the set speech by Messrs. E. Casey (Napoleon Bonaparte), A. O'Donoghue (Oliver Goldsmith), and T. M. Heffernan (Robert Emmet); in the recitations by Messrs. E. Casey and P. Smyth; and in impromptu speeches by Messrs. E. Casey, P. C. Heaphy, and W. H. Duffy. To secure strict impartiality the committee selected judges outside of Greymouth, and were fortunate in securing two such able gentlemen as Rev. Mr. Rice (of Ross) and Mr. H. L. Michel (Mayor of Hokitika), whilst the Mayor of Greymouth (Mr. T. E. Coates) occupied the chair. The judges awarded first place in the set speech to Mr. T. M. Heffernan (Robert Emmet). The judges, in announcing the result, congratulated the winner on his fine speech, distinct articulation, and excellent modulation. The win was very popular, the winner receiving great applause from the audience. Mr. E. Casey (Napoleon Bonaparte) secured second place. In the impromptu speeches Mr. E. Casey was easily first, his fine speech winning rounds of applause from the audience. Our representatives were not placed in the recitations. The points gained by the various clubs for the Challenge Cup were as follow:—St. Columba Club 10, Trinity 8, Mutual Improvement 3. Our representatives secured two gold medals and one silver one. His Worship the Mayor then presented the cup to Mr. E. Casey (president of St. Columba Club), after which Mr. Coates (Mayor) invited the judges, contestants, and officials to supper at the Victoria Tea Rooms, where a pleasant hour was spent. Mr. E. Casey proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Mayor, which was carried with acclamation. Thus ended a most successful function.

The distribution of Dominion Medals to the pupils of the Convent and Marist Brothers' schools took place in the Convent grounds on Friday afternoon (says the Greymouth Evening Star). His Lordship Right Rev. Dr. Grimes, who had kindly consented to preside at the distribution, addressed the children in a few well-chosen words. 'They had all assembled there,' he said, 'to commemorate the day on which New Zealand had been proclaimed a Dominion, and to show their loyalty to their dear native land. They should all love New Zealand—God's own country—and should strive to be patriotic and devoted subjects. The Church had always taught her children to respect civil authority, because all authority is from God. Before distributing the medals, he would ask the children to keep them not for their intrinsic worth, but for what they symbolised, namely, the proclamation of New Zealand as a dominion.' The flag was hoisted and the children sang the National Anthem. His Lordship then distributed the medals, and each of the children was also presented with a bag of lollies, which were generously supplied by the Borough Council. The pleasant little ceremony terminated by the boys giving three ringing cheers for the Dominion, and three more for his Lordship the Bishop.

Messrs. B. Peterson and Co., manufacturing jewellers and silversmiths, Christchurch, have a very superior and high class stock of goods, from which patrons can make a selection of articles suitable for presentation. This old-established firm can be relied upon to give every satisfaction to clients, as all goods are of the best quality and workmanship and up to date in every respect...

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