

songs. The pianoforte accompaniments were capably played by Miss Pain and Mr. Scott. Prior to the commencement of the concert the Granity Brass Band gave several pleasing selections. The proceeds of the concert amounted to about £12.

(This letter arrived too late for insertion in our last issue.)

Palmerston North

(From our own correspondent.)

June 6.

The evening devotions throughout the month of May were well attended, the men in particular being well represented.

On White Sunday the 11 o'clock Mass was sung by the Rev. Father Tymons, who also preached an eloquent sermon on the Gospel of the day. At the evening devotions the Rev. Father Tymons received several young ladies into the Confraternity of the Children of Mary, which, by the way, is becoming a very strong society in this parish, reflecting great credit on the Sisters of Mercy, who have this in hand.

Wood-carving by an up-to-date instructress has been included as an additional subject at the local convent school.

DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

June 15.

The Sacrament of Confirmation is to be administered by his Lordship the Bishop at St. Agnes's Church, Halswell, on Sunday, June 28.

The new church at Makikihi, recently opened by his Lordship the Bishop, is dedicated to St. Mary and St. Nicholas.

His Lordship the Bishop is at present on an episcopal visitation to Akaroa, and on Sunday administered the Sacrament of Confirmation in St. Patrick's Church.

An entertainment in honor of the feast day of his Lordship the Bishop is arranged by the Catholic Club for Thursday, June 25. The surplus accruing will be handed over to the school funds.

The festival of Corpus Christi, patronal feast of the Pro-Cathedral, was observed on Sunday with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from High Mass until Vespers, after which there was a procession, followed by Benediction.

The feast of St. John the Baptist, patronal feast of the diocese, and also of his Lordship the Bishop, is to be solemnised by a triduum. An introductory sermon is to be preached on next Sunday at Vespers, and on the three following evenings special preachers are to occupy the pulpit in the Pro-Cathedral.

In the published account of experiences in quarantine by a passenger by the Gracchus it is stated that the Europeans detained on Quail Island during the recent smallpox scare formed a separate mess and were attended to, and waited on by, the Lascar cooks and stewards, who are Catholics from Goa. The sailors and firemen, who are Mohammedans, had their own quarters and messes.

His Lordship the Bishop presided at an executive committee meeting of the 'Polyrama' last Thursday evening, when the principal business transacted was the allotment of stalls, which resulted as follows: England, Mesdames J. C. Chase and M. O'Brien; Ireland, Mrs. Hine; Scotland, Mesdames Scrimgeour and G. Dobbs; France (Halswell and Addington), Mrs. G. Harper and Miss McCarthy; Spain, Mrs. Stratz and Miss Kearney; Ancient Rome, Mesdames G. and R. Hayward; Ancient Greece, Mrs. P. Burke and Mrs. Bryant; Japan, Misses White; Fairy, Children of Mary. Books of art union tickets are now being issued. The meeting was well attended.

Waimate

(From our own correspondent.)

June 15.

A pleasant social was given in honor of his Lordship Bishop Grimes by the parishioners of Waimate on Monday evening. The schoolroom was prettily decorated for the occasion with pictures, drapings, etc. The Rev. Fathers Regnault, Aubry, and O'Connell, together with a large number of parishioners, were present. Cards, ping-pong, and various other games were indulged in, and all seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves. During the evening songs were given by Mrs. J. T. Quinn, Miss Kent, Rev. Father O'Connell, and Messrs. Goldstone, Evans and O'Shea, whilst the music was supplied by Miss Akhurst and N. Wall (piano), and Miss Sinclair and Rev. Father Aubry (violins). During the evening the Rev. Father Regnault presented his Lordship with a cheque for £27, it being part of the sum of £60 collected since last October in sixpences in aid of the Cathedral building fund. His Lordship thanked the parishioners for their handsome contribution, and expressed the hope that very shortly a sufficient sum would be available to open the church free of debt. Supper was then partaken of, which was kindly seen to by Mesdames Healy and Landon. After the supper Mr. McDermott thanked all those who had assisted towards the success of the social. The singing of 'God Save the King' and 'Old Lang Syne' brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

Timaru

(From our own correspondent.)

June 15.

His Lordship Bishop Grimes, on his way back from Waimate, paid a brief visit to the Temuka presbytery, convent, and schools. The peal of bells at St. Joseph's rang out a welcome to his Lordship as the train steamed into the station.

The examination of the parish schools by the Government Inspectors, Messrs. Gow and Bell, took place last week. The results are not yet known, but are anticipated to be satisfactory.

The weather has changed to hard and severe frosts, stopping all ploughing and cropping. Threshing may be said to be completed and carting in is general.

The walls of the new church at Albury have assumed fair proportions and give promise of a very suitable edifice.

The usual fortnightly meeting of the local branch of the Hibernian Society was held on last Monday, Bro. J. O'Leary in the chair. I record this meeting with special pleasure as an incident occurred worth mentioning. When the item of business was reached, 'Has any Brother candidates to propose?' a member recently joined, Bro. O'Sullivan, got up and proposed the phenomenal number of 31 new candidates for membership. Members present were at first inclined to think a joke was intended, but the payment of 31 proposition fees dispelled that idea. Bro. Dennehy eulogised the great effort the proposer had made and said it was a record for any old-established branch of any friendly society in New Zealand, and perhaps in Australasia, and moved that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded to Bro. O'Sullivan and that a collar, to be procured from the district branch, be presented to him. This resolution was carried unanimously—members being of opinion that the recognition of such a performance was scarcely adequate, and that the member deserved a suitably inscribed medal as a remembrance. This addition to the membership of the Timaru branch will make it numerically the third strongest in New Zealand, and would in itself form a substantial nucleus for a new branch in any district.

The Federal line of steamers trading to New Zealand had one of their vessels here last week, the Cornwall. The enormous export of grain (especially oats) from Timaru should shortly place this port as second for export in New Zealand. Timaru can now accommodate the largest ocean liner as a first call port for export, and this in itself is a most important factor in promoting the prosperity of the town and district.

On the occasion of the opening of the St. Andrew's Church a special train was run from Timaru. This small incident shocked the tender susceptibilities of some of our local clergymen, and a protest was sent to the general manager, Mr. Roynane, objecting to such a violent desecration of the Sabbath. Some correspondence appeared in the local papers as the result, and a local scribe, emulating Shakespeare, wrote a short comedy in three acts ridiculing the over-strung Sabbath-keepers. Following on, a correspondent, under the nom de plume of 'the great unknown' (Sir Walter Scott) courted the muse in his reply. Much surprise was felt in Timaru at the Ven. Archdeacon Harper's name being amongst the signatories of the protest.

Southland News Notes

(From our own correspondent.)

June 15.

The new convent at Winton is now completed and will be formally opened in about a month's time. It is a magnificent building—the best in Winton—and quite a landmark.

The Athletic Football Club is making a record. Without the slightest exaggeration it surpasses all others in popularity, and holds the goodwill of the public, the press, and the opponent clubs.

The Irish Dramatic Club drew a large house at Winton last week, when one of their most popular dramas was staged. The dramatic talent of the performers met with general approbation, which should be very encouraging to the members of the Club and the energetic leader, Mr. A. R. Wills.

A little wonder is the Broadcast Patent Seed-sower, sold by Morrow, Bassett, and Co. For sowing turnip, rape, grass, and clover seed it has no equal, while for oats, wheat, and barley you have only to see it to know its value. A boy can work it. Sow four acres per hour, and any quantity up to six bushels per acre. Price only 20s.—***

MYERS and CO., Dentists, Octagon, corner of George street. They guarantee highest class of work at moderate fees. Their artificial teeth give general satisfaction, and the fact of them supplying a temporary denture while the gums are healing does away with the inconvenience of being months without teeth. They manufacture a single artificial tooth for Ten Shillings, and sets equally moderate. The administration of nitrous-oxide gas is also a great boon to those needing the extraction of a tooth. Read advertisement.—***