

per; treasurer, Bro. James Power; assistant secretary, Bro. John Cook; warden, Bro. John Molloy; guardian, Bro. F. Roche; sick visitors, Bros. P. Galvin, Charles McKenna, and F. Calnon; auditors, Bros. James Gallagher and James Kelly; trustees, Bros. James Flynn, James Ryan, and James Hepburn. After installing the officers Bro. James Gallagher, the retiring president, thanked the officers and members for their hearty co-operation and assistance during his term of office.

The Westport Coal Company's new steamer 'Canopus' arrived from Newcastle-on-Tyne on the 25th inst. after an uneventful passage of 57 days. The new collier has been specially constructed to suit the requirements of her owners. The 'Canopus' has attracted considerable attention since her arrival and it is the general opinion that the vessel is admirably adapted for the coal trade.

A cable message announcing the death of Miss M. O'Brien, eldest daughter of Mr. Daniel O'Brien, of Addison's Flat, was received on the 9th inst. The deceased, who had been in business in Westport for some time past, left for Sydney several weeks ago to visit her relatives. The unexpected intelligence announcing her decease came as a great shock to her father and family, who in their sad bereavement have the sympathy of a wide circle of friends in the Buller district.—R.I.P.

Denniston

(From our own correspondent.)

July 28.

The successful tenderers for the erection of a new church at Millerton are Messrs. Hill and Martin, of Westport. The contract price (labor only) is £65. Building operations will be commenced at an early date.

The Rev. Father Malloy was the celebrant at the 11 o'clock Mass at the Church of the Sacred Heart on the 19th inst. The choir rendered Weber's Mass in really excellent style. Great praise is due to the energetic and talented organist, Miss Horne, whose unflagging enthusiasm in musical matters in connection with the Church is deserving of record.

A most successful and enjoyable concert and social in honor of the home-coming of Mr. and Mrs. Beirne, were held in Beirne's Hall, Waimangaroa, on the 22nd inst. Mr. J. Beirne, who is the son of Mr. F. Beirne, proprietor of the Waimangaroa Hotel, was recently married to Miss Syron in Wellington by the Rev. Father Answorth. An attractive programme of music and song contributed much to the enjoyment of those present. Most hearty greetings were tendered to the happy couple, who are very popular, and wishes expressed for a long life of happiness and prosperity. It is the intention of Mr. and Mrs. Beirne to reside at Waimangaroa.

A creditable improvement is noticeable in the work of the choir of the Sacred Heart. Practices are now held three times in the week, the members attending with commendable regularity. The choir has recently been strengthened by the addition of two capable vocalists in the persons of Messrs. Cunningham and Edwards.

The township is now quite up-to-date as regards lighting by electricity. Nearly all the business establishments have the electric light installed, and it is only a matter of time when our private residences will be supplied.

As is usual at this season, there is a brisk demand for coal, and Denniston is equal to the emergency. The arrival in Westport of the steel steam collier the 'Canopus,' followed by the Admiralty's chartered vessel, 'Mercedes,' from Hong Kong, has made matters particularly brisk at the mines.

In a former issue I referred to Denniston as having two representatives in the New Zealand Band, now on its return from England. It appears the statement was incorrect, and I now gladly make an amend by recording the fact that there are five members in the band who were formerly associated with musical matters in Denniston.

Napier

(From an occasional correspondent.)

A very enjoyable evening was spent in the Marist Brothers' school on the occasion of the Rev. Father Goggan's feast day. The members of St. Vincent de Paul Society, prior to the date, had been busy in preparing the 'surprise' for their highly-esteemed pastor, and had decided on marking the day by making him the recipient of a very handsome present in the shape of a complete dinner set, two hearth rugs, and a costly umbrella. To add cheerfulness to the occasion a musical programme was provided, which included songs by Mr. Allen and Mr. Evans, and pianoforte items by Misses May and Madge Condon and Miss Julia Barry. An excellent

supper was supplied under the management of Miss Flannery. After supper had been partaken of, Mr. W. J. McGrath, on behalf of the Society, made the presentation. In doing so, he drew attention to the great amount of good being effected by the Society, and to its rapid development. Though in existence only twelve months it had a roll of over forty active members who, by their labor and alms, had brought relief to numerous homes where even the necessities of life were absent. But this good, though directly accomplished by the Society, was indirectly the work of their zealous pastor, for, on coming to the parish eighteen months ago, and seeing in several poorly-clad children the evident signs of poverty and neglect, his heart was moved to pity and his energy was prompt in response, and forthwith he organized the Society, which, under his fostering care, is daily tending towards becoming one of the main factors for good in the parish.

Rev. Father Goggan, in accepting the gift, expressed his appreciation of the present, and thanked the president (Mrs. Brophy) and the members for the kindly regards they had shown him, and for the whole-hearted manner in which they had seconded his effort to assist the poor. Games and conversation then occupied the remainder of the evening.

Next day the children of the convent entertained the good Father, and added some gifts to the feast day's souvenirs.

DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

August 10.

The religious of Our Lady of the Missions have sustained another loss by the death of Sister Mary St. Brendan, which occurred at the Monastery of the Sacred Heart, Barbadoes street, last week. The deceased Sister was interred in the Linwood Cemetery.—R.I.P.

St. Mary's Cricket Club intend holding their annual meeting on Friday, the 14th inst, when an opportunity will be given to intending members to join. The Club having won the matting competition, decided to have the members' cricket improved, and with this object have determined to play during the coming season on turf at Lancaster Park. With the promises of support the Club anticipate considerable success during the summer months.

The clergy of the Pro-Cathedral have of late more than a fair share of experience of fires. On last Thursday evening the stable in the vicinity of the episcopal residence was destroyed, the fire evidently originating accidentally. By the exertions of the household, his Lordship the Bishop's carriage, harness, and several horses were got out safely, but the building was so far damaged that it will require to be reinstated, a work to be immediately undertaken.

In connection with the above occurrence and a previous one, Mr. Smith, Fire Brigade Superintendent, has received a cheque for £5 5s in aid of the funds of the brigade, from the Very Rev. Father Le Menant des Chénais, V.G. In forwarding the cheque, the Rev. Father states:—'The zeal, promptitude, and cleverness with which on two occasions your brave men put out the fire which had accidentally broken out in our premises are beyond every praise. I beg of you to accept the enclosed cheque, my only regret being that I cannot make it a hundred times greater.'

The annual appeal for funds in aid of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was made in the Pro-Cathedral at all the Masses and at Vespers on Sunday last. The Rev. Father O'Connell preached a charity sermon at High Mass, whilst at Vespers the Very Rev. Vicar-General delivered an eloquent discourse suitable to the subject under notice. The result of the collections exceeded considerably any previous ones. The Society's annual report and balance sheet (as appearing in the present issue of this paper) were distributed at the church doors.

During Benediction at the Pro-Cathedral on Sunday evening the 'Te Deum' was sung in thanksgiving for the election of the new Pontiff, Pope Pius X. His Lordship the Bishop has prescribed the prayer, 'Pro Papa,' to be said during Mass until the coronation in place of the prayer previously prescribed during the interval before the election.

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