

The annual social of members of St. Joseph's Cathedral Choir was held in St. Paul's Schoolroom on Friday evening. Various forms of amusement were provided, among which was an euchre tournament. During the evening songs were rendered by Miss Leonard and Mr. Errington. At an interval in the proceedings Mrs. Nolan (nee Miss Pearson) was presented by her fellow-choristers with a set of toilet accessories in honor of her recent marriage, and as a token of the appreciation of the services rendered by her to the choir. The presentation was made by Mr. Woods, chairman of the committee, who referred in highly complimentary terms to the many kindnesses of Mrs. Nolan. The arrangements made by the committee were all that could be desired, and contributed largely to the success of the gathering.

The Port Chalmers High School Football Club (playing in the Otago senior grade school banner competition) journeyed to Milton on September 5, and received a crushing defeat (31 points to 3) at the hands of the local High School. The latter, emboldened by success, sent an invitation to the Christian Brothers' Football team to play a game at Milton. The Dunedin school premiers accordingly travelled to Milton on Saturday last, and had a very enjoyable game with the High School. Milton kicked off, and the wearers of the green getting possession were over their opponents' line and secured a try before the Miltonites had fully realised that the game had started. This performance was repeated twice in the first spell, Bryant scoring each time. In the second half, the weight of the Milton forwards began to tell on the Greens, who failed to get the ball in the scrums. Time after time the ball got out to the Milton backs, who made desperate attempts to score, but without avail. The defence of the premiers was too sound, and the game ended in a win for the Christian Brothers by 9 points to nil. Jno. Smith, Rossbotham, Bryant, and Higgins played a sterling game for the Christian Brothers; whilst for Milton High School Cowan, Sinclair, Curran, and Reid were most prominent.

NEW ZEALAND: GENERAL

The Admiralty declines to listen to the strong representations that Lyttelton is the best port of departure for the Antarctic relief expedition.

The Agricultural Department has been advised of an outbreak of anthrax on Mr. Campbell's farm at Kaupokonui, in the Taranaki district. Three cows have succumbed to the disease. It is understood that imported bones were used to manure the paddocks in which the animals had been grazing.

We have to thank the secretary of the Fremantle Catholic Institute for a copy of the syllabus for the current year. The Institute has a library of over 400 volumes by popular authors. The receipts for the half year ended June 30 were over £90, which shows that there is a goodly roll of members.

An English company has decided to start trawling operations on a large scale in New Zealand waters. The company's representative, who arrived from London by the Gothic, states that its operations will embrace the whole of the deep-sea fishing areas off the New Zealand coast. It is proposed to employ 10 trawlers, and these will be built in the Colony if shipbuilders will undertake to produce boats in accordance with Grimsby specifications.

At St. Francis's Church, Thames, on Sunday evening (September 6) during Vespers a life-size statue of the Sacred Heart was solemnly and impressively unveiled and blessed by the Right Rev. Mgr. O'Reilly, in the presence of a large congregation. The statue, a beautiful work, imported from Sydney, was kindly presented by Mrs. S. McDonnell, in memory of her late husband, Mr. Edward McDonnell, so well and favorably known to the residents of the Thames and surrounding districts.

The authorities propose to proceed immediately with the rebuilding of the Stoke Orphanage, day labor being employed, as the tenders received were considered excessive. The bricks for the purpose will be made on the ground, as the property has an excellent bed of clay particularly suited for the purpose. This item alone will necessarily result in a great saving, and it is expected the total cost of the building will not exceed the estimate of the architect. The Catholics of Nelson, with their energetic and popular pastor, the Rev. George Mahony, who has just been gazetted legal manager of the orphanage, are actively engaged in making preparations for holding a monster bazaar in aid of the building fund. This will take place in February and will be accompanied by an art union. The Rev. Father Mahony and his committee earnestly trust that the Catholics of other districts will generously contribute articles for the bazaar and prizes for the art union. Such donations will be gratefully and thankfully received.

All the pupils presented by the Sisters of Mercy, Greymouth, at the Trinity College Theory of Music examinations, passed. The following is the list:—Senior—Eileen Kemple (honors), 82. Intermediate—Eileen Hannan (honors), 82. Junior—Norah Trowland (honors), 97; Mary Ellen McCarthy (honors), 94; Mary A. Slatery (honors), 92; Mary Clarke (honors), 90. Preparatory—Mary Delaney, 95; Kathleen O'Donnell, 92; Ethel West, 92; Marjorie Warnes, 91; Rita Hannan, 89.

A large coalfield has been located in the Nelson province, near Motupipi, and towards the Tata Islands. Prospecting has been going on there for some time past, and there is now some certainty as to the extent and prospects of the field. From Motupipi coal was traced from the sea inland, and it was also found at Gohara Beach and Limestone Bay. The area of the field is about 1610 acres, and there are two seams, one 4ft 6in and the other 5ft. The former seam should yield 7260 tons to the acre, and the latter 8066 tons. The total estimated quantity is 34,675,906 tons, and at the rate of 400 tons a day it will take about 246 years to work out the field. The coal is described as a good household coal, and is said to be similar to Kaitangata. It is believed the coal could be delivered at people's doors in Wellington at 18s a ton.

The following is a list of the pupils from the Convent of Our Lady of the Missions, New Plymouth, who were successful at the recent musical examinations held under the auspices of the Associated Board of the Royal Academy and Royal College of Music and Trinity College, London:—Royal College: Harmony (higher division)—May Whitton (distinction), 91; Hilda Stoddart (distinction), 85. Local centre (preliminary), Amelia Smith, 97; Mabel Clarke, 77. Trinity College: Intermediate honors—Bessie Godsell, 94; Amelia Smith, 88; Violette Foote, 85. Pass—Iris Dixon, 73. Junior honors—Ellen L. Sutton, 93; Flossie Arundell, 93; Mabel Clarke, 92; Winnie Bennett, 87; Ethel Coldwell, 86; Pauline Sutton, 80. Junior pass—Laura Wood, 76; Mary Calgher, 60. Preparatory—Annie Clafey, 99; Eileen Brennan, 98; Rosie Rolfe, 98; Mary Moroney, 95; Queenie Hawkins, 90; Frances Harris, 79. At the Trinity College examinations the following pupils from the Monastery of Our Lady of Perpetual Succor, Stratford, were successful:—Junior honors—Adelaide Worthington, 96; Mary Callaghan, 92; Clara Watkins, 82. Preparatory—Frances Cramer, 96; Margaret Corkill, 94; Emma McQuay, 88; Margaret Tyrer, 83. The successful pupils from the Monastery of St. Teresa, Opunake, were: Junior honors—Olive Brennan, 95; Ellen Middleton, 95; Maud Middleton, 92; Arthur Brennan, 82. Pass—Cecil McDavitt, 67. Preparatory—Francis McDavitt, 91; Leonard Callaghan, 76; Bertha Higgins, 68.

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