

seconded by her sister, Miss Mabel Stock. The hostel has fully justified the hopes that were placed in it, and it will soon be necessary to devise means of increasing the accommodation.

This year's annual St. Patrick's Day concert, to be held in the Theatre Royal on Tuesday next, March 18, promises to be absolutely the finest musical treat ever afforded a Timaru audience. No pains have been spared by the management to secure high-class musical talent, and as the tickets are having a phenomenal sale, a crowded house is assured. As the proceeds are to be devoted to the upkeep of our schools—this annual concert being one of the school fund's chief sources of revenue,—it should be patronised by all who have the cause of Catholic education at heart. Among the artists taking part in the concert are Mrs. P. W. Rule, Miss Agnes Cunningham, Mr. Ernest Drake (Auckland), Miss Paula Scherek (violinist, Dunedin), Mr. W. Watters (Oamaru), Mr. Geo. H. Andrews, and Mrs. N. D. Mangos (accompanist). National dancing will be under the supervision of Miss Gwen Ritchie, while there will also be an orchestra of 16 instrumentalists, under the conductorship of Mr. T. O'Connor.

Invercargill

(From our own correspondent.)

March 10.

Next Sunday (March 16) the quarterly Communion of the Hibernian Society will take place, and as it will be the Sunday preceding St. Patrick's Day it is anticipated that there will be a large attendance.

The Invercargill delegate at the Diocesan Council meeting of the Catholic Federation speaks in glowing terms of the hospitality extended to the visitors by the Dunedinites.

Monday next being St. Patrick's Day, the national festival will be celebrated by a grand Irish national concert in the Municipal Theatre. A splendid programme has been arranged, some of the artists coming from as far as Dunedin. This annual concert is the one Irish event of the year, and a crowded house—as has been the gratifying experience of former years—is anticipated. Last year scores of people were unable to obtain admission, so patrons would be well advised to reserve their seats at the Bristol. The price is 2s, with a booking fee of sixpence. Every Catholic and Irishman should turn out on St. Patrick's Night.

OBITUARY

MR. THOMAS O'REILLY, METHVEN.

With regret is recorded the recent death of Mr. Thomas O'Reilly, of Methven, son of Mrs. M. O'Reilly, of Culverden, who is an old and respected member of the Cathedral parish of Christchurch. The deceased was a man of sterling qualities who, besides carrying on a successful business, took a deep interest in everything connected with the church of the newly-established parish of Methven. For months previous to his death he was an inmate of the Lewisham Hospital, where he received the careful and devoted attention of the Sisters. In his last days he received the regular administration of Father Price. The remains were conveyed to Christchurch, where the deceased had spent his youth, and after a Solemn Requiem Mass in the Cathedral he was buried by the Very Rev. Dr. Kennedy, Adm. He leaves a wife and one child, besides many friends to mourn their loss. To his sorrowing relatives sincere sympathy is extended.—R.I.P.

When minds are alive and active, opposing currents of thought necessarily arise. Contradiction is the salt which keeps truth from corruption.

Happiness is a great power of holiness. Thus, kind words, by their power of producing happiness, have also a power of producing holiness, and so winning men to God.—Faber.

FAREWELL TO FATHER SCANLAN

A pleasant social evening was spent in St. Joseph's Schoolroom, Milton, on Thursday evening, March 6, when a large number of local and district Catholics and personal friends of Father Scanlan assembled to do him honor and bid him *au revoir* on the eve of his departure for Cromwell parish, as assistant priest (says the *Bruce Herald*).

A short but thoroughly enjoyable musical programme formed the prelude to the principal business of the evening. Orchestral selections were contributed by Mrs. J. McMurtrie (piano), Messrs. J. Keen (cornet), W. Kirby and J. Walsh (violins); recitation by Miss Walsh; vocal solos by Misses Hand, Curran, Coleman, Healey, and Mr. W. Kirby; pianoforte selections by Mrs. McMurtrie and Miss Curran; and a vocal duet by Miss Dowdall and Mr. W. Kirby.

Father Howard, pastor of the district, expressed his own and the parishioners' deep regret that they were losing Father Scanlan's valued assistance, and that his visits to Milton would be less frequent in the future. During the past ten years Father Scanlan had rendered him (the speaker) invaluable aid in his church work and visitations throughout the large parish. These services were greatly appreciated, and on behalf of the congregation he asked Father Scanlan's acceptance of an upholstered easy chair and gent's dressing case as a small token of their esteem, and accompanied with their best wishes for his future.

Mr. Wm. Kirby supplemented the complimentary references and the good wishes expressed by the previous speaker. Living near to Father Scanlan they had been close personal friends from boyhood's days up. The church at Milton was deeply indebted to Father Scanlan for his great generosity in donations of articles for bazaars and other functions in aid of church, convent, or the school funds. The parishioners were also indebted to him for his kindly sympathy, and they wished him prosperity and robust health in his new sphere of labor at Cromwell.

Father Scanlan, on rising to respond, was greeted with hearty rounds of applause. He returned thanks for the kindly words and handsome gifts. The latter would serve as a perpetual reminder of "Home, sweet home," and whenever taking his leisure in the sandy and arid regions of Cromwell his thoughts would often wander to the verdant fields of Tokomairiro. He would not forget the people of Milton parish in the sacrificial Mass. He concluded by again returning thanks, and complimenting the Catholics of Milton on their staunch loyalty to the Church.

All things grieve and afflict man if he will not bear them for the love of God.—St. Teresa.

HELP THE N.Z. BOYS TO VISIT LOURDES BEFORE THEY COME HOME.

An association of influential ladies and gentlemen in England and Ireland, including Cardinals Logue and Bourne, has been formed for the purpose of raising funds to enable Overseas Troops to visit Lourdes before they embark for Home. A Cable has been received requesting New Zealand to assist this worthy object, and the Dominion Executive of the N.Z. Catholic Federation, with the approval of his Grace Archbishop O'Shea, has undertaken to receive donations for this worthy object.

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