

A full choir under Mr. E. J. Healy sang Wiegand's 'Mass of St. Joseph' as an appreciation of the bride's valuable services as a member. The bride wore a dress of ivory satin charmeuse, trimmed with handsome guipure lace and crescents of orange blossoms. The bridesmaids were Miss M. Hamilton and Miss M. Whin-cop. A reception was afterwards held at Godber's, where the usual toasts were given, and the happy couple left amid hearty good wishes for future happiness and prosperity in their new home at Foxton.

St. Patrick's branch of the Hibernian Society held a social evening last Monday night at St. Patrick's Hall. There was a large attendance, including representatives from the Ladies' Petone, Hutt, Newtown, and Thorndon branches. Bro. J. J. L. Burke presided. On behalf of Branch 95, the Rev. Father Venning, S.M., chaplain, presented the retiring president, Bro. W. J. Feeney, with a Past President's collar and certificate, and Bro. John O'Sullivan, the retiring treasurer, with a certificate, and in a brief speech made eulogistic references to the energy of these two officers. Father Venning was glad to see the progress the society was making in New Zealand, and especially in Wellington. He pointed out, however, that there was still much to be done. There was a large Catholic population in New Zealand, and it should be the ambition of the members of the society to work hard to enrol as many as possible of their co-religionists, thus making the society the strongest benefit society in the Dominion. Bros. Feeney and O'Sullivan, in brief speeches, returned thanks. A musical programme was gone through, to which the following contributed items:— Sisters Jones, D. McGrath, F. Flaherty, and Bros. E. Carrigan, D. R. Lawlor, C. Gamble, H. McKeown, J. Sullivan, J. T. O'Connor, J. Quinn, and J. Fitzgerald, and Mr. F. D. Andrews.

DIocese OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

August 20.

The boarding scholars of the Sacred Heart Convent High School were on Saturday last treated to an enjoyable outing to Rangiora. On arrival by train they found lunch, which was prepared by lady friends, ready for them in the Catholic schoolroom.

On the Feast of the Assumption Masses were celebrated in the Cathedral at 6, 7.30, and 9 o'clock, in the presence of good congregations. The various Masses at St. Mary's Church, Manchester street, were also well attended.

After Mass, celebrated in the convent chapel by the Very Rev. Dean Regnault, S.M. (Provincial), on last Wednesday morning, eight novices made their profession and nine Sisters received the habit as religious in the Order of Our Lady of the Missions. The Very Rev. Dean Regnault presided, and the Very Rev. Father Price, Adm., preached the occasional sermon.

On last Tuesday morning (Feast of the Assumption) at a Mass celebrated at half-past eight in St. Joseph's Church, Southbridge, by the Rev. Father Hanrahan, of the Cathedral, eighteen children (twelve boys and six girls) made their First Communion. After Mass, which was attended by a large congregation, Father Hanrahan presented prayer-books to the children, the gift of Mr. T. Riordan, as souvenirs of the happy occasion.

The Rev. Father O'Boyle, of the diocese of Kerry, who has been laboring in the archdiocese of San Francisco, was a passenger by the R.M.S. Matai to Wellington last week, and arrived in Christchurch on Sunday morning. Father O'Boyle is on a visit to the Dominion, and is the guest of the Very Rev. Father Price, Adm., at the Cathedral residence. It is his intention to go over to Westland to meet the Rev. Father Creed, of Kumara, and Rev. Father O'Connor, Ross, both fellow-students.

Oamaru

August 22.

Mr. A. W. Woodward, the local secretary of the Associated Board of the Royal Academy and the Royal College of Music, has received the results of candidates who presented themselves at the examinations last May

in the rudiments of music. The only candidates were Miss Hannah Cartwright and Miss Ailis Molloy, and both gained passes with 87 and 67 points respectively. Miss Cartwright is a pupil of Miss K. Cartwright, and the latter received her tuition at the Dominican Convent.

Church of the Redemptorist Fathers, Wellington

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

(From an occasional correspondent.)

Among the sacred treasures of St. Gerard's, Wellington, not the least precious is a facsimile of the miraculous picture of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, the gift of a pious benefactor. Several months ago the sacred picture arrived from Rome, accompanied by a brief from the Holy Father, granting numerous indulgences to those who pray before it for the wants of Holy Church; but it was deemed fitting to delay the solemn installation till his Grace the Archbishop had returned from Western Australia. August 6, the Sunday within the Octave of the Feast of St. Alphonsus, was deemed a suitable occasion on which to invite his Grace to perform a labor of love in honor of Our Blessed Lady.

At 10 o'clock on that day Solemn High Mass was celebrated in the presence of the Archbishop, the celebrant being Very Rev. P. P. Murray, C.S.S.R.; deacon, Rev. A. Venning, S.M.; subdeacon, Rev. C. J. Hunt, C.S.S.R.; assisting the Archbishop, Rev. F. Gondringer, S.M., and Rev. F. Lynch, C.S.S.R.; master of ceremonies, Rev. T. Creagh, C.S.S.R. After the first Gospel the Archbishop ascended the pulpit, and having given an interesting description of the miraculous picture, recounted in eloquent language its wonderful history during several centuries. In conclusion, his Grace exhorted his hearers to have frequent recourse to the Mother of Perpetual Succour, and especially to recommend to her intercession the ever-pressing wants of Holy Church.

Immediately after Mass the Archbishop accompanied by acolytes and clergy proceeded to the Lady Chapel, the choir meanwhile chanting the 'Magnificat.' The sacred picture, already blessed by the Pope, was incensed by the Archbishop, who afterwards sang the versicle and prayer to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour.

An interesting and edifying ceremony was brought to a close by clergy and people joining in fervent prayers for the Pope, the Archbishop, and Holy Church.

TEMUKA CATHOLIC CLUB

August 19.

The members of the Temuka Catholic Club received Holy Communion in a body on Sunday last.

On Thursday afternoon the Athletic (Catholic) Football Club met and defeated Temuka in the final of the junior championship. For the winners Twomey, Burke, R. Gillespie, and Sullivan were the pick of a splendid team. This win completes a quartet of creditable performances of South Canterbury Catholic Clubs, the others being Celtic (Timaru), winners of the senior championship; Marist School (Timaru), winners of the school championship; and the Avoca Hockey Club (ladies), winners of the South Canterbury championship.

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