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Timaru

(From our own correspondent.)

June 30.

Yesterday the devotion of the Forty Hours' Adoration was commenced at the eleven o'clock Mass. Rev. Father Gilbert, of St. Patrick's College, preached at that Mass and also in the evening. Rev. Father Farthing, of Oamaru, is also assisting at the exercises, which are being largely attended.

About twenty-five school children received First Communion at the nine o'clock Mass yesterday morning, when there was a large congregation of parents and friends. Afterwards the children were entertained at the customary breakfast in the girls' school. Rev. Fathers Murphy and Gilbert presided at this function.

On Tuesday evening last the Rev. Mr. Hall, at the invitation of Very Rev. Dean Tubman, gave an address on 'Home Rule' to a crowded audience in the Catholic Hall, Craigie Avenue. Mr. W. Angland, Mayor of Timaru, presided, and the Very Rev. Dean occupied a seat on the platform. At the conclusion of the eloquent and convincing address, Mr. M. J. Doyle proposed, and Very Rev. Dean Tubman seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to the rev. lecturer, coupled with an expression of belief in the reasonableness, justice, and necessity of Home Rule for Ireland. This was carried with enthusiasm, and the meeting concluded with the singing of 'God Save Ireland,' the solo being taken by Mr. J. McKennah, and the audience voicing the chorus.

On Tuesday evening the girls' school was filled to overflowing by the parishioners to do honor to their popular pastor, Very Rev. Dean Tubman, whose feast was celebrated that day. Among those present besides the local clergy were the Rev. Father Aubry (Waimate) and Rev. Father Schaefer (St. Patrick's College, Wellington), and the Marist Brothers. A choice musical programme opened the proceedings, those contributing being Mrs. Mangos and Miss Atkinson (piano-forte duet), Mrs. T. Lynch (song, 'Killarney'), Miss Riordan (song, 'Sunshine and rain'), and Mr. J. McKennah (song, 'Anchored'). Miss E. Dennehy acted as accompanist. A feature of the function was the splendidly worded address to the Very Rev. Dean, which was prepared and ably read by Mr. T. Quinn. The various societies then presented the Dean with suitable mementoes—St. Anne's Guild (Mrs. Mason), Altar Society (Mrs. Doyle), Children of Mary (Miss Venning), and Hibernians (Mr. T. Niall), each making their separate presentations.

Very Rev. Dean Tubman, in his reply, sketched the history of the parish during the past twenty years, and laid emphasis on his indebtedness for the successful state of Catholicity in the mother parish of South Canterbury to his saintly predecessors, the co-operation of his various assistants, the Catholic societies, and to the strong enthusiastic faith of the people.

A choice supper was served. On the same afternoon the combined Catholic schools assembled in the girls' school to congratulate the Dean on his feast. A well prepared programme of songs and drills was gone through, and Master Leo Brosnahan read in a clear and confident manner a suitable address, which he had prepared without assistance.

The lightning flashed, the thunder roared,
The rain came down like mad;
The cold got into poor Bill's bones—
It made him very sad.
But Mrs Bill—she loved her spouse,
This fact I know for sure,
Else she would not have physicked him
With Woods' Great Peppermint Cure.

Invercargill

(From our own correspondent.)

June 30.

The petitions now in circulation were largely signed at the church doors on Sunday. Those who have not yet signed them will have another opportunity on Sunday next.

The quarterly meeting of the Hibernian Society was held in Allen's Hall on Friday evening. Bro. T. Pound (president) occupied the chair, and there was a large attendance of members. The nominations of officers for the ensuing term resulted as follows:—President, Bro. A. Fitzgerald; vice-president, Bro. R. McCarthy; secretary, Bro. C. Matheson; treasurer, Bro. J. Shepherd; warden, Bro. F. McGrath; guardian, Bro. B. E. Murphy; sick visitors, Bros. E. McDonough and P. Scully; auditors, Bros. J. Robertson and M. Scully.

The annual euchre party of St. Mary's Tennis Club was held in Victoria Hall on Monday, the 23rd inst., when there was a splendid attendance of members and friends. The lady's euchre prize was won by Miss K. McGrath, and the gentleman's by Mr. Peter Scully. At a suitable interval during the evening the president of the club (Mrs. Timpany) presented to Miss Maggie Shepherd and Mr. John Kirwan two trophies, suitably inscribed. These players won the ladies' singles handicap and the gentlemen's singles handicap respectively in the club competitions during the year. Keen interest was displayed during the season in these competitive events, and the club is grateful to the Rev. Father Woods for presenting both trophies.

Waimate

(From our own correspondent.)

The weather so far has been ideal for farming. Settlers tell me that never have the prospects looked so bright, and that an early season seems assured.

It is satisfactory to note that the recent bazaar, held here in aid of St. Patrick's tower fund, resulted in £800 being netted. The tower is quite an ornament to the town, and as St. Patrick's Church is centrally situated, the beautiful dome is a landmark, and its architectural features are visible for miles around.

Readers of the *Tablet* in this part of the district are very favorably impressed with the continued improved tone of the paper, which has so many bright and attractive sides. Considerable interest is manifested in the discussion re the foundation of a new Catholic friendly society in New Zealand. The general opinion here is that the time is not opportune.

The gifted Rector of St. Patrick's College, Very Rev. Dr. Kennedy, is to lecture here next Wednesday on 'Astronomy.' It is not generally known that Dr. Kennedy is a native of this part of Canterbury, and has a large number of friends here. A feature of the lecture will be an open-air address for about half-an-hour, when the lecturer will use the stars as a practical object lesson.

Hokitika

(From our own correspondent.)

On Sunday evening, June 15, a presentation was made in St. Mary's Clubrooms to Mrs. J. O'Donnell by her lady friends, on the eve of her departure for Wellington, where her future home will be. The presentation (a silver entree dish and a pair of silver candlesticks) was made by Mrs. T. Devaney. Mr. H. Williams, in an appropriate speech, referred to the long residence of Mrs. O'Donnell amongst them, and trusted she would regard the gift as a token of the esteem in which she was held, and as a reminder of the pleasant friendships which she had made. They all hoped that long life and happiness would be her portion in her new home. Mr. Neil Warren replied on behalf of his sister, thanking the givers, and assuring them of the deep sense of feeling with which the tokens of their esteem and kindly sentiment were regarded. Mrs. O'Donnell carries with her to her new home the best wishes of the whole community.

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