

auditors, Bros. F. Doolan and T. Mackie; trustees, Bros. McEntee, Wood, and S. King. At this stage the visitors from the St. Joseph's branch, Dunedin, and Bro. Doolan arrived, and were welcomed by the president, who asked the president of St. Joseph's branch and Bro. Doolan to act as installing officers. All the officers were then installed, and Bro. Doolan congratulated the branch on their choice of officers. After this the members partook of a splendid repast, kindly provided by the young ladies of the parish in honor of the first visit of the representatives of St. Joseph's branch. The first toast honored was the 'Pope and King,' given by the past-president (Bro. McEntee). Bro. Connor proposed the toast of the 'Hibernian Society.' The secretary (Bro. Woltersdorf), in replying, gave a short history of the branch, and invited the members of St. Joseph's branch to come often to Port Chalmers. Bro. Doolan, as delegate to the district meeting at Napier, gave a detailed account of the business transacted there. Bro. Woltersdorf, on behalf of the branch, thanked Bro. Doolan for his report, and moved that it be received, which was carried. Bro. Woltersdorf proposed the toast of their departing vice-president (Bro. Edward), who is leaving on transfer to the Nelson district, and on behalf of the members wished him every prosperity. Bro. Docherty proposed the toast of 'St. Mary's branch,' which was responded to by Bro. McEntee. Bro. McEntee proposed the toast of the 'Visitors,' this being responded to by Bro. F. Doolan. Songs were rendered by Bros. Wood, Edwards, Docherty, King, Bonner, and Mr. Mead.

At the meeting of St. Joseph's Men's Club on Monday evening, Mr. O'Sullivan delivered a most interesting and instructive lecture on the anatomy of the human body. At its close he answered a number of questions relative to the functions of the various organs. The lecturer was accorded a hearty vote of thanks on the motion of Rev. Father Buckley (president), who congratulated him on the able manner in which he had treated the subject.

On Wednesday, July 2, a solemn ceremony of profession and reception took place at the chapel of St. Dominic's Priory, Dunedin, when the novice, Sister Mary Magdalen Meehan, of Dunedin, pronounced her final vows as a member of the Dominican Order in the presence of a large number of her relations and friends, and Miss Annie Bonisch, of Oxford, North Canterbury, received the holy habit of the Order, and will be known in religion as Sister Mary Zedislava. The ceremony was performed by his Lordship the Right Rev. Dr. Verdon, assisted by Rev. Fathers Coffey, W. Corcoran, and C. Morkane.

Wellington

(From an occasional correspondent.)

Before the midwinter holidays, the Inspectors examined the Marist Brothers' School, Hawkestone street. They were very pleased with the work done in all the standards. The day on which the Inspectors completed their examination, the boys were favored with a visit by his Grace the Archbishop. A chorus in three parts was rendered, and Master Francis Hally read the following address, to which his Grace replied with great feeling:—

'Your Grace,—With sentiments of cordial and filial respect we hail your presence in our midst to-day, and thank Almighty God and our Blessed Lady, the Star of the Sea, for having protected you during your long voyage. You will certainly be glad to know that this school, which you blessed but a short time before you set out for Rome, has increased in numbers. We can assure your Grace that under the guidance of the priests and of our teachers we are striving to increase in wisdom, too, and to be loyal Catholics—faithful to the principles of our holy Faith, and worthy of that portion of the great flock of Christ which has been placed under your pastoral care. May you find in us the true spirit of our fathers, who were patriots and martyrs. We rejoice to know that his Holiness has

granted your Grace the assistance of a Coadjutor in the person of that excellent priest and wise administrator, Dean O'Shea. Thus assisted in your arduous labors, we hope that you will be spared for many years to carry on in the archdiocese the numerous works of education, faith, and charity, commenced and nurtured during the past forty years of your episcopal labors. The Brothers hope long to continue working with increased success under your Grace's patronage, and most respectfully tender their dutiful obedience. We present your Grace with a purse of sovereigns. It is small, but it is like the widow's mite, all we have. We all join in wishing your Grace choicest blessings and *ad multos annos*.

'We are your Grace's humble and most dutiful children.

'The pupils of St. Francis de Sales' School.'

Palmerston North

(From our own correspondent.)

July 6.

The fourth round of inter-society card tournaments for the shield was held in the Oddfellows' Hall last week when the H.A.C.B. Society were again the victors. They now lead by 4 points, and the result is a foregone conclusion.

At the half-yearly meeting of the H.A.C.B. Society, held on last Tuesday, Bro. August Max was again elected president for the ensuing term, Bro. M. Rosanowski vice-president, and Bro. Westmorland secretary. Bro. M. J. Kennedy, who resigned as one of the trustees some time ago, was unanimously elected treasurer, and Bro. J. Puelan warden.

It is with great regret I have to announce the death of Mr. Thos. Gleeson, eldest son of Mr. John Gleeson. The deceased leaves a wife and three children unprovided for. The local branch of the H.A.C.B. Society, of which he was a member, held a benefit social in aid of the bereaved family in the Empire Hall on Thursday night, and met with a large measure of support from the other local benefit societies. During the evening songs were contributed by Messrs. J. Handly and W. Young; a recitation was given by Mr. Donaghue, and a violin solo by Master Penman was much appreciated. A feature of the entertainment was the Highland fling, sailor's hornpipe, and sword dance contributed by Mr. I. Hunt. The ladies supplied the refreshments.

Greymouth

(From our own correspondent.)

That the West Coast has had a 'lean' season, there is no denying, and pessimists have been only too ready to decry the Coast generally, but as the *Grey Star* pointed out in a recent issue, the Very Rev. Dean Carew does not share this spirit with them. His splendid presbytery will shortly be out of the contractors' hands, and now he has undertaken the enlarging of St. Patrick's Church. As the *Star* pointed out, other Churches may suffer through small attendances, but this cannot be said of the Catholic Church in Greymouth. The alterations when completed will add ten feet on either side of the church, and will necessitate the pulling down of the two side walls. The contractors are busy erecting the outer walls, and when this is complete the demolition of the two present walls will be commenced. As the cost of this work will run into a large sum, the Dean is anxious that all those who promised subscriptions will hand the same in as soon as possible.

The half-yearly meeting of the local branch of the H.A.C.B. Society was held on Sunday, July 6, 60 members being present. The election of officers for the ensuing term resulted as follows:—President, Bro. M. Quinlan; vice-president, Bro. J. Colloghan; secretary, Bro. M. Keating; treasurer, Bro. P. Blanchfield; warden, Bro. J. McDiarmid; guardian, Bro. McGilligan; assistant secretary, Bro. Tryon; sick visitors,

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