

latter purpose—e.g., by leaving Church open on Sunday and arranging with some local parishioner for the closing of the said Church in the evening.

Of course, the visit one makes to the Church for Sunday Mass does not count, but visits made before or after Mass do count.

During such visits we are to pray for the intentions of our Holy Father—ten 'Hail Marys,' for instance, would do.

4. Almsgiving—according to our means.

I would suggest the Seminary Fund as a very good object.

How often can we gain the Jubilee Indulgence? Probably the present Jubilee can be gained only once, but we might make more than one trial—the better to insure success.

The Jubilee will begin in this Diocese on the 26th of July—Feast of St. Anne, and anniversary of the consecration of our venerable Bishop.

Let us all pray earnestly to the Immaculate Mother of God, whose glorious Feast has been marked as the closing day of this year's Jubilee, to obtain for the Church of God that perfect peace which is of God and for us all graces which will mark as a red letter year in our lives the Constantinian Jubilee celebration of 1913.

I need scarcely, dear Reverend Father, remind you that enclosed Religious and others who for any legitimate reason cannot perform the works mentioned may have these same commuted by their confessor.

The prescribed *Communion* may, of course, be commuted, for those who have not yet made their First Communion.

This circular and the Apostolic letter are to be read in all the Churches as soon as possible after you have received them.

I remain, dear Reverend Father,

Yours sincerely in J.M.J.,

FRANCIS HILLS, S.M., V.G.,

Administrator of the Diocese.

9th July, 1913,

Feast of Our Lady of Peace.

Timaru

(From our own correspondent.)

July 14.

The Rev. Father Gilbert, M.A., preached to a well-filled church last evening.

On Thursday evening last, Mr. William Angland, the first Catholic Mayor of Timaru, presided at the Orange Lodge concert in Wesley Hall, in connection with the annual 12th of July celebrations.

The Catholic Young Men's Society meet in debate the Debating Society in the Catholic Hall, Brown street, on Wednesday evening. The Catholic Club will affirm 'That the settlement of international disputes by arbitration is impracticable.' The night is an open one, and a large attendance is assured.

The many friends of Mr. P. Kane, one of the founders of Hibernianism in Timaru, and who represented the local branch at the last triennial conference in Dunedin, will be pleased to learn that he is making satisfactory progress from the effects of his recent accident.

The half-yearly meeting of St. Mary's branch of the H.A.C.B. Society was held on Monday evening last. Bro. T. Wall presided over a large attendance of members. The sick visitors reported that one brother was off the funds during the previous fortnight, and six members were still on the sick list. The quarterly balance sheet, which was unanimously adopted, showed splendid progress both as regards funds and membership. This result was the cause of many congratulations to the branch officers. Accounts for the quarter, amounting to £80, were passed for payment. The receipts for the quarter amounted to £156 17s 8d. The election of officers resulted as follows:—President, Bro. V. Goulding; vice-president, Bro. W. Fitzgerald; treasurer, Bro. J. Sullivan; secretary, Bro. P. Mahoney; guardian, Bro. C. Watt; warden, Bro. H.

Travis; sick visitors, Bros M. Hyland and S. Venning; assistant secretary, Bro. M. Schaab; auditors, Bros. J. G. Venning and M. Hyland. The newly-elected officers were duly installed by Bro. M. Sullivan, P.P., who also presented the retiring president, Bro. T. Niall, with a past-president's collar as a mark of the branch's appreciation of his services as president. Several others endorsed Bro. Sullivan's remarks as to the ability and zeal of Bro. Niall while president, his administration being one of the most successful terms in the history of the branch during recent years. Bro. Niall having replied and thanked the brothers for their gift, the meeting was closed in the usual manner.

Temuka

(From our own correspondent.)

July 14.

The Temuka Catholic Club held their annual social on Tuesday evening, when they received a continuance of that support which in the past has been bestowed upon club functions. The club members are now engaged in a billiard tournament for a gold medal, presented by Mr. J. Foley. It is pleasing to note that many young players have entered for the competition. Tournaments of this description not only assist the club's finances, but, better still, serve to popularise the game amongst the new members.

Hokitika

(From our own correspondent.)

July 8.

At St. Mary's Club last night the second event in the competition for the Lawrence gold medal was held. Impromptu speaking occupied the evening, the subject given by Mr. D. J. Evans, who acted as judge, being 'Is patriotism declining?' There were five competitors, and the judge made the following awards:—S. Wormington, 87 points; J. P. Downey, 82; N. Warren and A. McCarthy (tied), 80; and J. Hanrahan, 77. At the conclusion, the judge briefly reviewed the speeches, pointing out the broad view which might be taken of the subject. He also intimated that when the Lawrence medal competitions were completed and the winner of each club had been named, he would be pleased to offer a silver cup for a public competition in impromptu speaking between the three winners. On the motion of Mr. F. P. Sellers, seconded by Mr. Warren, a vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Evans for his services as judge.

DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

(By telegraph, from our own correspondent.)

July 14.

Rev. Father O'Doherty returned by the Main Trunk express from the south yesterday morning, and celebrated the 9 o'clock Mass at the Cathedral.

His Lordship the Bishop, who left for the Goldfields district on Monday last to continue his lecturing tour in connection with the Bible-in-Schools movement, returned to the city on Saturday evening.

Rev. Father Carran, who has been in indifferent health for some time past, left for Australia last week. During his absence Rev. Father Finn is attending to the parochial work at Ormond, and Rev. Father Golden takes Father Finn's place at Ponsonby.

Right Rev. Mgr. Brodie addressed the confraternity at St. Patrick's on Tuesday last, and dwelt on the lessons Catholic men might learn from the life of Daniel O'Connell. The lecture was eminently practical, and was greatly appreciated by the men.

Miss Myrtle Pritchard, who has been an enthusiastic member of St. Patrick's Cathedral Choir for some years, left last night for Wellington. After the 11 o'clock Mass yesterday, Rev. Father Ormond, on behalf of the choir, presented her with a solid silver mirror, and expressed his appreciation of the great assistance given by her to the choir.

To-morrow afternoon the children from the Star of the Sea Orphanage, which was recently destroyed by fire, will be transferred to 'The Pah,' the property