

mitted towards the object, and it is hoped that the cause of Catholic education will induce many more to come forward and assist in giving the Catholic children of this rising township the opportunity of a sound Catholic education.

Rev. Father A. Herring, S.M., Marist Missionary, arrived in Temuka on Tuesday, and on the same evening was escorted to the local Catholic clubrooms, where he was introduced to the members by Father Lezer, S.M. At the weekly meeting of the club, which took place on the same evening, Rev. Father Herring was voted to the chair. The programme took the form of a debate—'Freehold v. Leasehold.' Messrs. J. Scott and E. B. Gillespie advocated the former, and Messrs. A. Scott and J. Fitzgerald the latter. After the members had spoken, the rev. chairman criticised the speeches, and gave hints to the members on the art of public speaking.

Timaru

(From our own correspondent.)

September 8.

A week's mission for the children was commenced yesterday afternoon by the Rev. Father McCarthy, S.M.

Mesdames Doyle and Mason gave a highly enjoyable social in the Assembly Rooms last week, and netted slightly over £10 for the vestment fund.

Miss G. Atkinson and her pupils gave recently a well arranged and most successful concert in the Wesley Hall, Church street. The building was crowded to the doors, and the progress shown by the pupils was the source of much favorable comment.

The mission for adults will commence on Sunday next, at the 11 o'clock Mass. Reference was made to the approaching 'Season of Grace' at all the Masses yesterday, and preparations for the fortnight's exercises are well forward.

On Wednesday evening last, Rev. Brother Egbert, by request of the Catholic Young Men's Club, gave a lecture to a crowded house in the boys' hall, Brown street, taking for his subject 'A hundred years of Irish history without self-government.' Mr. J. B. Crowley presided, and the rev. lecturer received a hearty vote of thanks for the able manner in which he handled his theme.

A complimentary concert was tendered by the citizens of Timaru to Mrs. N. D. Mangos on Tuesday evening last. There was a representative attendance of all classes, and the proceedings were of a most enthusiastic nature. Mrs. Mangos was presented with a handsomely illuminated address and a suitably engraved piece of plate by her past and present pupils. Mrs. Mangos received her musical education at the local convent, and studied the organ under the celebrated Belgian organist, Mons. Wiegand, of Sydney. She has been at the head of all things musical in Timaru for the past twenty years, and many of her students are now members of the profession and church organists. On all sides it is admitted that the programme presented on last Tuesday night, and which was contributed to by the leading artists of South Canterbury, was the finest ever heard in Timaru. The following handsome tribute was given in the leading columns of the *Timaru Herald* of Monday last, its value being augmented by the fact that it is the second time in the paper's forty-nine years that a local artiste has been so honored:—'The complimentary concert to be given in the Theatre Royal to Mrs. Mangos involves a recognition of her services to music in South Canterbury and to the public which is well deserved. Mrs. Mangos has been playing before the public for twenty years, and it is always glad to have the opportunity of hearing her again. As soloist and accompanist she has given her services, without charge, at over 300 concerts for public objects, regardless of section or denomination. She has been a leading influence in the musical culture of South Canterbury. The appropriateness of the compliment to be paid to her was attested by the enthusiasm with which the idea was taken up at the representative meeting at which it was first broached,

and the co-operation of all the talents which it has enlisted. We hope that the attendance at the concert will display the same appreciation of Mrs. Mangos's services on the public's part, as is being shown by the musical societies of Timaru, and leading singers of South Canterbury, who have combined to give it.'

Waimate

(From our own correspondent.)

The ceremony of blessing the peal of bells for St. Patrick's Church, Waimate, was performed by his Grace Archbishop O'Shea on Sunday, August 31. The day was mild and sunny, and a very large congregation assembled. A procession of Hibernians, led by the altar boys, escorted his Grace to the church, where a *Missa Cantata* was celebrated by the Rev. Father J. Herring, S.M. The ceremony took place after Mass. His Grace was assisted by Rev. Father Aubry, S.M., as deacon, and Very Rev. Father O'Connell, S.M., and Rev. Father Burger, S.M., as assistant priests. The Very Rev. Dean Tubman, S.M., and Rev. Father Herring, S.M., were also present.

In the evening his Grace delivered an able and instructive discourse on 'The Catholic Federation.' Rev. Father Aubry then thanked his Grace for coming to Waimate so soon after his consecration to bless the bells, and offered him the congratulations of the congregation on his appointment to so high an office. He thanked also the visiting clergy, who had come to assist at the ceremony, and finally he complimented the congregation who at Mass that morning had given their donations so generously to wipe off the debt still owing.

Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament was then given by his Grace, assisted by Very Rev. Father O'Connell.

On Monday evening a very pleasant gathering of parishioners took place in the schoolroom, which was tastefully decorated for the occasion. After a much appreciated musical programme had been given, Mr. J. Quinn, of Studholme, on behalf of the Catholic societies in Waimate, as well as the parishioners, read the following address:—

'May it please your Grace,—We, the representatives of the Catholic societies in this parish, on behalf of the people of the district, take this occasion of welcoming your Grace most warmly to South Canterbury, and we offer you our most heartfelt congratulations on the great dignity to which you have been raised, and which you share with our illustrious metropolitan, Archbishop Redwood. We esteem ourselves highly honored, and specially privileged to have your Grace with us so soon after your consecration, and shall always allude, with pride, to the fact that the blessing of our bells was one of the first functions performed by one whom we may call New Zealand's first prelate. We have followed with increasing interest the course of your career in the cause of Holy Church, and have noticed with what zeal you have labored to promote Catholic interests. We have marked especially your unceasing efforts to foster and strengthen our numerous Catholic societies, which you realised to be such a power for good where rightly organised.

'Accept then, your Grace, sincerest greetings from us, the members of the Catholic Federation, Hibernian Society, Altar Society, Society of Children of Mary, St. Patrick's Club, on our own behalf, and representing the people of this parish, and be assured of our continual prayers, that God may spare you many useful years in New Zealand, and may prosper you in every good work.

'On behalf of the parish committee of the Catholic Federation, P. AUBRY, S.M. (president), J. QUINN (secretary).

'On behalf of the Hibernian Society, M. HEALY (president), A. BURGER (secretary).

'On behalf of St. Patrick's Club, J. O'BRIEN (president), J. HEALY (secretary).

'On behalf of the Altar Society, M. HEALY (president), M. LAWLOR (secretary).

'On behalf of the Children of Mary, M. CLEARY (president), M. FERRITER (secretary).'

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