

during the fortnight at the Hospital and Jubilee Home. Parcels of clothing had been distributed, mostly for children. Three new members were elected.

The third and last social in aid of the Aramoho Convent School was held in the schoolroom on the evening of Thursday, September 18, when there was a good attendance. Little Miss Maggie Melody sang 'What will you take for me, daddy?' very prettily, and Master Albert Haggie gave 'Killarney' in good style. Miss Maily Melody played a violin solo, accompanied by Mr. Capon. The same young lady took part in a duet with Professor Leitchwark. The supper was a great feature of the evening, and quite up to the usual high standard, and, needless to say, was much appreciated by the young people. Mesdames Richardson, Ahern, Osbaldstone, Callaghan, and Meachem had charge of it.

The Aramoho branch of the St. Vincent de Paul Society will have pleasant recollections of Sunday, September 21, the occasion being the celebration, for the first time, of Mass at the quiet little village of Makirikiri. It is but a few weeks since the brothers undertook the conducting of a Sunday school in this locality, the pronounced success of which led the members to hope, in view of the number of Catholics in the district, that Mass would be celebrated there at no distant date. Undoubtedly Sunday was a red-letter day for the many Catholics present, and perhaps in a special manner for our pastor, and also the brothers who had this work in hand. Mass was celebrated in the hall, which was appropriately fitted up as a church. Very Rev. Dean Holley went up specially for the occasion, and had every reason to be proud of his people, and certainly his people were pleased to see him. The congregation numbered over 45. Prior to the Rev. Dean's remarks, which were entirely in keeping with the occasion, a pleasant surprise awaited him in the presentation of a beautifully worded address of welcome from the Sunday school children. Very general, indeed, was the satisfaction when the Dean made it known that owing to the warm-hearted support extended to the movement, he had arranged to have Mass said in the township on every second Sunday of the month. It is worthy of special mention that many had come long distances, one good family having journeyed twelve miles for the occasion.

### Masterton

(From our own correspondent.)

September 25.

The officers of the Masterton branch of the H.A.C.B. Society visited Carterton on Sunday for the purpose of infusing life into the Carterton branch, the affairs of which had got into low water. As a result of their visit there is every probability of the Carterton branch being placed once more on a sound footing. The Rev. Father Kinkead, who presided at the meeting, promised to do all in his power to push the society along.

The local branch of the Hibernian Society held a social evening on Wednesday to celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the formation of the branch. Bro. B. Chapman occupied the chair, and there was a large attendance of members and friends. Congratulatory speeches were made by visiting brothers and members of the society. The following toasts were honored:— 'The Pope and King,' 'H.A.C.B. Society,' 'Masterton Friendly Societies Council,' 'Our chaplain and clergy,' 'Kindred societies,' 'Ireland, a nation,' 'The ladies,' 'The press.' Musical items were contributed by Messrs. E. Flavin, W. Redmond, J. O'Regan, Walters, R. McRae, G. Carr, C. Ewington, M. Lavery, J. Dunn. Among the guests were the Rev. Fathers Harnett and Kinkead. During the evening a presentation was made to Bro. F. Treader of a handsome pipe, Bro. Treader being one of the oldest members of the branch. A presentation was also to have been made to the president (Bro. H. O'Leary) who was the first president of the branch, and who is one of the oldest Hibernians in New Zealand, but as he was absent owing to indisposi-

tion, the presentation will take place next meeting night.

The examinations in connection with Trinity College, London, were held at St. Bride's Convent, Masterton, yesterday. The following are the results:—

Teachers' Diploma.—Margery McKenna, 91 (honors) A.T.C.L.; Doris Tregonning, 70, C.P.

Higher Local.—May Fowle, 76.

Senior.—Ruth Mountfort, 84 (honors); Phyllis Tregonning, 60 (violin).

Intermediate.—Katie Nelson, 75 (singing).

Junior.—Clare Brown, 87 (honors); Mary Beech, 83 (honors); Kitty Hodgins, 61 (singing).

Preparatory.—Brenda Mountfort, 85 (honors); Una Norman, 78; Eileen Bacon, 76.

First Steps.—Phyllis Windle, 72; Alice Eton, 71; Frank Cooper, 66; Maizie Johnson, 65.

### DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

September 29.

The Rev. Father MacFarlane, M.S.H., who, for some time has been assisting the Rev. Father Fanning, M.S.H., at Darfield, has been recalled to Australia.

Mrs. Arthur Mead, of Christchurch, was specially engaged to sing in the Napier Choral Society's production of 'Maritana,' in which she took the leading role.

In last Monday's *Lyttelton Times* a summary, extending to close on two columns, was given of the articles which appeared recently in the *Tablet* on the Catholic Missions in New Guinea.

Following are the results of the second term examination in connection with the Marist Brothers' School:—Standard VI.—F. O'Brien, 1; T. Pollard, 2; J. Gibbs, 3. Standard V.—R. Jones, 1; A. Barker, 2; G. O'Reilly and D. McLaren, 3. Standard IV.—H. Batchelor, 1; E. Sloane, 2; E. Barrett, 3. Standard III.—W. Stride, 1; W. Sutherland, 2; W. Hammel, 3. Standard II.—R. Glubb, L. Harrington, and F. Pender (equal). Standard I.—G. Daly, J. Blackaby, 2; H. Handisides, 3.

There died recently at Roscommon, in Ireland, Mrs. Ellen Mullany, at the patriarchal age of 105 years. Mrs. Mullany had fourteen grandchildren and thirty-six great-grandchildren, and among her children are Mrs. A. Stanley and Mr. M. Mullany, of Christchurch. She was practically immune from sickness during her life, and up till the very last possessed all her mental faculties unimpaired. Less than a month before her death she might have been seen reading her prayer-book without the aid of glasses.

The frontage of St. Mary's Church property, Manchester street, has recently been materially improved by the erection of a substantial brick fence, with elevated pillars of the same material flanking the entrance. With the addition of handsome iron gates, the whole will present a pleasing effect, and add one more to the works which have been carried out under the direction of the Rector, the Very Rev. Dean Hills, S.M., V.G., and which have greatly improved the appearance of this parochial centre.

For the grand Oriental Carnival in aid of the Cathedral fund rehearsals are being vigorously practised by the 250 participants in the spectacular display under Signor Borzoni. A number of novelties are being introduced, and with the elaborate dressing and effective coloring it is easy to see that the event will prove one of the chief attractions of the popular holiday period in November. I am authorised to state that the art union in connection with the carnival will positively be drawn on the closing night, and it is earnestly urged that all friends of the supreme movement to free the Cathedral from debt will exercise their energies in disposing of the tickets in the brief time now left to do so. The investment of a shilling is, apart from the merits of the object itself, a good business proposition, as besides a large number of very fine and costly works of art to be distributed, there is a fifty-guinea nugget.

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