

and even trampled upon the Sign of our salvation extorted from him the admission that the Reformers should have respected the Crucifix. Again and again he expressed his astonishment that the Holy Bible plays so prominent a part in Catholic ceremonies.

As we were approaching the terminus, the guard came again, checked our tickets and by some dexterous movement either pushed us into the "heel of his fist" or jerked them up his sleeve. Conversation lagged for the

tiny remnant of the journey. As we separated, he thanked me for my useful information and hoped we should meet again. His companion was busy getting down the suit-cases belonging to both. My own luggage I had no difficulty in arranging. I treated it, however, with more than due respect, because it held the copy of the *Tablet* from which I had derived, the evening before, the information that interested Mr. Smith and that had so deeply impressed myself.

Kingan (Wellington), and Roche, S.M. (Christchurch).

Music appropriate to the occasion was supplied by the Sisters' Choir. His Lordship delivered an impressive sermon on the religious state, the benefits to civilisation and religion which have followed from it, and complimented the venerable Foundress upon the great work which she had been the means of accomplishing in the cause of education on the West Coast, the influence of which had been extended to Canterbury in the flourishing schools directed by the Sisters.

The Bishop and visiting clergy were entertained at dinner by the community. In the afternoon at 2.30, the parishioners entertained the venerable Jubilarian at a musicale in the clubrooms. Items were contributed by Mrs. C. Hickman, Misses Jones and Gillooly, Fathers McDonald and Herbert, Mr. T. Stopforth; Miss Marie Giese being a very efficient accompanist. Mr. McGavin read an address embodying the sentiments of the parishioners, and Mr. F. Groufsky presented a Jubilee Offering.

The day's proceedings terminated with Solemn Benediction given by the Bishop in the Convent Chapel; his Lordship being assisted by Rev. Fathers Finnerty and O'Began.

Diamond Jubilee Celebrations at Hokitika

MOTHER MARY CLARE HONORED

A unique celebration in the annals of religious teachers engaged in educational work in our midst was celebrated on 7th inst at St. Columbkille's Convent, Hokitika. During the year the venerable Foundress, Mother Mary Clare Molony, completed sixty years of religious life as a Sister of Mercy. Born in Ennis, Co. Clare, Ireland, in 1844, the Jubilarian entered the Novitiate of the Order in that town at an early age and was professed two years later. She had engaged in teaching in the schools of her native city for a period of seventeen years when an appeal was made to the Ennis community to send a band of its members to Hokitika, to undertake there the work of education. Mother M. Clare was chosen as the Superioress of the little community of ten members, who arrived in Hokitika in October, 1878. There are many amongst us who still remember the cordial welcome given them by the late Dean Martin and the parishioners of St. Mary's.

After residing for some months in a temporary residence in Stafford Street, the community transferred to the present Convent in Sewell Street. This building has been enlarged from time to time. Present additions in course of construction have been undertaken to commemorate Mother M. Clare's Diamond Jubilee. A beautiful brick Gothic Chapel was erected to commemorate the Golden Jubilee of the Foundress. St. Columbkille's community to-day numbers 31 religious, including those in charge of the schools in Kumara and Ross, and directing those of Kanieri and Rimu. St. Columbkille's is the parent house from which the present flourishing communities of Greymouth, Lyttelton and St. Mary's, Colombo Street, Christchurch, were founded. The educational work carried out by the Sisters in the town of Hokitika is two-fold—the parochial mixed School with a roll number of 180, and a Secondary and Boarding School for which latter, additional accommodation is being provided. Excellent results have been obtained in the schools and very favorable reports received at all times from the Board's Inspectors. St. Columbkille's, as a music centre, vocal and instrumental, has always enjoyed a high reputation and gained distinctions gratifying to teachers and pupils alike.

To commemorate the occasion, the friends of the venerable Jubilarian have gathered from far and near. His Lordship Bishop Rodie arrived in Hokitika on Tuesday night accompanied by a number of clergy, several

of whom are past pupils. The celebrations began with early Masses in the Church and Convent, largely attended. At 10.30 his Lordship pontificated at Solemn High Mass in the Convent Chapel, Father Herbert, S.M. (Reefton), being assistant priest; Fathers Herring, S.M. (Reefton) and Riordan (Ross), deacons at the throne; Fathers Long (Greymouth) and Fogarty (Abaura), deacon and subdeacon respectively, and Rev. Dr. Kennedy (Hokitika), master of ceremonies. There were also present Rev. Fathers Walshe (Upper Hutt), Gilbert, S.M. (Rector of St. Patrick's College, Wellington), McDonald, S.M. (Hastings), Murphy, S.M. (Wellington), Joyce (Christchurch), McMonagle, O'Regan, Madden (Greymouth), Finnerty (Kumara),

Returning to the Fold

The *London Universe* of October 17 states that 57 converts have passed through St. Charles's House, Hatfield, since its foundation five years ago.

This gives some idea of the silent stream of conversions which is still flowing steadily. The names and records of some of them have never before been published.

Among those who have been through St. Charles's are the following, the first four of whom are now priests.

D. A. Harris, M.A., St. John's College, Oxford and Oscott (Northampton).

John Cullen, M.A., Trinity College, Oxford; late curate St. Matthew's, Sheffield; now priest at Birkenhead.

W. L. Arrowsmith, M.A., St. John's College, Oxford, and curate of St. Giles', Cambridge. Now ordained and continuing studies in Rome.

Geoffrey Chatwin, M.A., Merton College, Oxford, and Vicar of St. John's, Limehouse. Now priest at St. Gregory's, Longton.

E. E. Kilburn, M.A., and J. B. Holland, M.A., till 1923 vicar and curate, respectively, of St. Saviour's, Hoxton; now at the London Oratory.

S. Mornington, M.A., St. John's College, Oxford, and Ely Theological College, now at Womersley (Southwark), and

C. B. Howell, now at Quarr Abbey, were both at one time chaplains to the Anglican Convent at Lymington.

A. T. Mercer, L.Th. Formerly curate-in-charge of St. Alban's, Middlesbrough; now at the Collegio Beda, and to be ordained priest this year. (Middlesbrough.)

Gerald Taylor, M.A. Hertford College, Oxford. Formerly house-master at Rossall and rector of Broome, Norfolk.

B. E. Kenworthy-Brown, B.A. Jesus College, Cambridge, and curate of Beckenham.

J. B. Payne, B.A. University College, Oxford, and for six years lecturer in metaphysics at Glasgow.

W. A. B. Parkin, A.K.C. Formerly curate of St. Peter's, Hammersmith, and St. Michael's, Highgate, and

A. T. Parsons, formerly churchwarden of the Annunciation, Brighton; both go to the Beda College this term to proceed with their studies for the Plymouth Diocese.

From the Anglican Society of the Sacred Mission at Kelham have come five converts, two being professed members for many years:

E. C. Reynard, now completing his studies at Friburg (Leeds).

Walter Ramsay, now with the Servites.

W. D. Walford, now at Oscott (Nottingham).

A. H. Russell and D. Corcoran.

From St. Chad's College, in the University of Durham, have come three:

Ronald Burn, M.A., now lecturing in classics at Glasgow.

J. S. Robson, M.A., formerly curate of St. Barnabas, Middlesbrough.

W. L. L. Sandell, M.A.

The following are at present studying at St. Charles's:

A. G. B. Herring, B.D. (Lond.), till recently sub-warden of St. Deiniol's Library, Hawarden. (Plymouth.)

T. Royds, M.A. Christ's College, Cambridge (Nottingham).

F. J. Gurd, M.A., St. John's College, Oxford. Formerly curate of St. Mary and St. John, Cowley, and chaplain of the All Hallows' Sisterhood, Ditchingham, Norfolk.

T. H. Pitt, L.Th., formerly curate at St. Andrew's, Willesden (Brisbane).

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