

Std. 2—Religious knowledge, R. Dooley; good conduct, M. Condon; arithmetic, F. Marra.

Std. 1—Religious knowledge, P. Robertson; spelling, P. Old; arithmetic, J. Taylor; sewing, M. O'Neil.

Primers—Religious knowledge, P. O'Dowd. Doll (presented by Mrs. O'Malley) for best pupil in primer room—Joyce Carrington.

Other prizes—R. Taylor, L. Chapman, C. Yankovich, J. Crump, N. Tidey, B. Brockbank, D. Stanaway, M. Hackett.

Best attendance as an acolyte—Patrick Stanaway.

Proficiency candidates—W. Downs, Joseph Stanaway, M. Dell, Ruby Bradley, Dagmar Bourke and J. Stanaway.

TIMARU NOTES

(From our own Correspondent.)

January 8.

There were large congregations at the early Masses on Christmas Day and a great number approached the Holy Table. Rev. Father Kane, S.M., of St. Patrick's College, Wellington, celebrated the 10.30 o'clock Mass. A number of visitors assisted the choir, which gave a good rendering of the music. The high altar and sanctuary were most tastefully decorated, and reflected great credit on those responsible for the devoted work. A beautiful crib was erected in the right transept, at which a large number of worshippers paid their homage.

We had the pleasure and privilege to welcome Rev. Father Lysaght, S.M.—a student from St. Andrew's—who was ordained last month. He was born and brought up in this parish, and we naturally feel very proud of him.

Parishioners who have pleasant and grateful memories of the Rev. Father Galerne, S.M., will be pleased to hear that he is happily engaged as a master of discipline in the large Marist College of Seulis, near Paris. Prior to taking up work, he spent an enjoyable and well-earned holiday in his beloved native land, visiting Lourdes, his old Cathedral of Chartres, where he spent some early years as a chorister, and other places of personal interest. He is in the best of health and by the last mail he sent kind Christmas greetings to all his friends in South Canterbury.

At the Sacred Heart Church on Sunday, the 4th inst., Gounod's "Messe Solennelle" was rendered by a full choir under the direction of Mrs. N. D. Mangos. In the evening there was an exceptionally large attendance, when excerpts from Gounod's "Messe Solennelle" and Silas's "Mass in C" were rendered. In addition to special Benediction music, the aria "How Many Hired Servants" from "The Prodigal Son," by Sir Arthur Sullivan, and Bizet's "Agnus Dei" were sung with impressive effect by the Rev. Father Ryan, Miss K. Byrne supplying a very artistic violin obbligato to the latter number. Miss K. Dennehy (soprano) and I. Meehan (contralto) gave the duo "Ave Maria" from Silas's Mass in C." Mrs. N. D. Mangos contributed as an organ solo "Communion in A" by Wm. Faulkes, the item proving a noteworthy addition to an artistic programme.

In beautiful weather the South Canterbury

Caledonian Society held two very successful meetings, also their jubilee, on the 1st and 2nd inst., on their grounds at Patiti Point, in the presence of record attendances. Splendid programmes were arranged, which included a number of championship events. The officials included many of our co-religionists who have been prominent in all branches of sport for a lengthy period—Mr. W. H. Hall (president since 1916), Messrs. J. O'Leary, C. and E. Hall, P. Cosgrove, J. Kennedy, W. Angland, P. O'Connor, P. Lysaght, etc. In the cycling events, the ever popular Phil O'Shea annexed the 1, 1, 2, and 3 mile championships of New Zealand. W. Kelly secured 1st place in 100yds championship, second in 220yds championship, 3rd in 440 yds championship, 3rd in Caledonian Handicap 100yds, 3rd in 440yds handicap, and 3rd in high jump championship. L. Spring, 1st in long jump, 2nd and a 3rd in the hop, step, and jump, and 3rd place in the 100yds championship. S. O'Connor, 2nd place in 120yds handicap. M. Farrell, 2nd place in the amateur 120 and 220yds handicap, also 3rd place in the 100yds and 440yds handicap. J. Murphy, 1st for throwing 22lb hammer, and 3rd for 16lb hammer. J. J. O'Connell, 2nd for putting the 16lb stone. M. Kennedy, 2nd in wrestling, catch-as-catch-can. S. Brophy, 3rd in wrestling, Cumberland style, under 12 stone. P. Murphy, 1st for tossing the caber. E. O'Neill, 1st for high jump championship. W. G. Kalaugher, 1st and 2nd place in amateur high jump. M. Farrell also 1st and 2nd. Beri and Dwyer received second and third money in boys' races. Miss C. Kyle won the Irish jig—South Canterbury championship.

PAEROA NOTES

(From our own Correspondent.)

January 2.

At the recent examination held at the High School, Paeroa, three pupils from St. Joseph's Convent (V. Charlesworth, N. Carthy, and N. Ryall) were presented and gained their proficiency certificates.

The Christmas tree and sale of work, organised by St. Mary's Ladies' Committee, was held in the Gaiety Theatre on Tuesday afternoon and night. The undertaking was well supported, and at closing time very little of the stock remained unsold. The following were in charge of the various stalls: Sweets—Mesdames G. H. Taylor and McDougall, and Miss Tierney. Jumble—Misses Dawber and P. Treanor. Christmas Tree—Misses C. and I. Taylor, E. K. and D. Poland. Tea and Supper Rooms—Mrs. W. Bain and assistants. Strawberries and Cream—Mrs. McDougall. Sideshows—(nail-drawing) Mr. I. Smith, (candle-lighting), Messrs. J. Barrett and N. Beattie.

A considerable number of people took advantage of the Christmas and New Year holidays to visit their friends, and avail themselves of other sources of enjoyment. Many attended the early Mass on Christmas Day and approached the Holy Table before setting out on their journey. A fair congregation attended the early Mass on New Year's Day, and those who intended travelling had ample time afterwards to carry out their arrangements.

Since the departure of Mrs. Budd from

the district, the choir was somewhat hampered for want of an organist. Now, however, this difficulty no longer exists as several efficient players are available. These include Misses M. Bertelsen, Irene Smith, and P. Treanor, any of whom can replace the present organist (Miss C. Taylor) in case of an emergency.

INVERCARGILL NOTES

(From our own Correspondent.)

January 7.

Last Sunday was the quarterly Communion Sunday for the members of the local branch of the Hibernian Society, 35 members in regalia attending the early Mass. This society is now flourishing, and at every meeting new members are being received. It is indeed pleasing to see that so many men realise not alone the benefits but also the pleasures obtainable by membership.

There was Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from after the eleven o'clock Mass on Sunday, the first Sunday of the month. There was a large attendance of the members of the Confraternity of the Sacred Heart at the evening devotions. The Very Rev. Dean Burke delivered a beautiful sermon.

WEST COAST NOTES

(From our own Correspondent.)

Greymouth, January 7.

The death occurred at Linwood, Christchurch, on the 4th inst., of Mrs. Mary Claughsey, aged seventy-three, relict of Mr. William Claughsey, who were well-known former residents of Greymouth. Deceased was a native of King's County, Ireland. The interment took place privately at Greymouth.—R.I.P.

Rev. Father Walshe (Lower Hutt) arrived from Christchurch on Saturday, proceeding by the evening train to Hokitika. Father Walshe was for many years stationed in Ahaura and Kumara.

Rev. Father Joyce (St. Bede's College) arrived from Christchurch on Saturday, and is a guest at St. Patrick's presbytery.

The Bevilacqua Medal, for competition in the proficiency class at the convent and Marist Brothers' Schools, was this year won by Miss Doreen Heffernan and Master Leo Phillips.

A number of the Greymouth priests and Sisters are visiting Hokitika for Mother M. Clare's diamond jubilee.

The dance at the Columba Club on Friday evening, in aid of the new convent, was attended by a large number of pleasure-seekers. The hall was beautifully decorated with greenery, roses and New Zealand mistletoe, and a very dainty supper was served during the evening. The lucky one-step was won by Miss Dillon, while Miss M. Daly was the winner of the Monte Carlo waltz.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

The rule that matter for insertion must be written in ink is not being observed by several correspondents. Copy written in pencil (indelible or otherwise) entails an unnecessary amount of strain and trouble on linotype operators, especially when working by artificial light, and the practice generally is objectionable. We trust this intimation will have the desired effect.

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