the Irish Relief Fund said there was still urgent need for assistance in this regard, and it was felt that the society would be neglecting its duty were it not to take advantage of the opportunity of identifying itself with the cause of their country. A feature of the evening's programme was the singing of Mr. Frank Perkins. Mr. A. Neill spoke on "Irish Life, Wit and Humor." He handled his subject in a very effective manner, and in addition to dwelling on the characteristics of the Irish people, gave numerous instances of the wit and keen perception of the people. He related a number of amusing anecdotes which were greatly appreciated. Mr. Neill was heartily applauded at the conclusion of his lecture. The following members of the society also contributed to an enjoyable musical and elocutionary programme: -Mrs. Murdoch, Misses M. Dickson, A. Finnerty, McGrath. Rac. Kennedy, Messrs. J. Seymour, M. O'Sullivan, W. Keyes, and P. J. Wilson. Mr. P. D. Wilson dauced an Irish jig, and the accompaniments were played by Mrs. Finnerty, Mrs. Murdoch, and Miss

#### ST. THOMAS'S ACADEMY, OAMARU.

In the North Otago schools' writing competition held recently the following pupils of St. Thomas's Academy distinguished themselves: -Rhyming alphabet competition -Standard V., Theo McKay; Standard IV., 1st prize (silver medal), Cuthbert Mowat; 3rd prize, Bernie Mangos. Bullied's special writing competition-Standard IV., prize (one guinea), Cuthbert Mowat. To Cuthbert Mowat was also awarded Messrs, A. S. Paterson and Co's prize.

#### IRISH RELIEF FUND

Mrs. Holland, Gore, £1; Mr. Holland, 10s; "Lover of Erin," £1; T. J. O'Malley, £1; M. F. Egan (attributed by mistake to Grey Lynn Fund as U.F.S.), £5; Mrs. J. Barrett, £2 10s; Mr. J. Barrett, £2 10s; D. Brophy, £2; Anonymous, £21; Friend, £2 2s; John Donlan, Dunedin, £5; Father P. Quealy, £5; M. M. Mechtildes, £5; Lower Hutt Self-Determination League (per M. Ongley), £50; Convent Pupils, Napier, £7 7s; James Walls, Mosgiel, 10s.

# CONVENT OF THE SACRED HEART, TIMARU

A SPIRITUAL RETREAT FOR LADIES will begin on SATURDAY AFTERNOON, SEPTEMBER 3, and end on WEDNESDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 7.

The Director of the Retreat will be REVEREND FATHER HANNIGAN, U.SS.R...

Ladies desirous of attending should apply promptly to the Reverend Mother Superior.

# AN APPEAL FROM THE BACKBLOCKS

At Tuatapere-a bush township in Southland-Mass is celebrated in the most westerly part of New Zealand. The few scattered Catholics are making a bold endeavor to raise funds for a much-needed church but realise their difficulties without assistance from outside. They therefore appeal to the generously disposed readers of the Tablet to help them in their enterprise.

Subscriptions may be sent to the undersigned-Presbytery, Riverton—and will be acknowledged in the Tablet. (Rev.) D. P. Buckley.

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IRISH SOCIETY'S MEETING IN OVERSEAS CLUB ROOMS ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 25, AT 7.45 p.m.

- LECTURE BY -

## HIS LORDSHIP THE RIGHT REV. DR. WHYTE

---- on --

#### CARDINAL MANNING AND IRELAND

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## IRISH DISTRESS FUND

A sum of one hundred pounds has been cabled to Bishop McRory, Belfast, for the victims of Orange intolerance. This amount is subscribed by the Catholics of Waikiwi and Rakahonka, together with some other friends. The contributions range from five guineas to a halfsovereign, with a few five shillings.

JAMES O'NEILL.

#### **MARRIAGES**

MURPHY-RYAN.-On July 12, 1921, at the Sacred Heart Church, Timaru, by the Rev. Father Kimbell, James, eldest son of Mrs. and the late Denis Murphy, Eversleigh, Fairlie, to Margaret, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ryan, Harper Street, Timaru.

#### **DEATHS**

CAHILL.-Of your charity pray for the repose of the soul of Maggie Cahill (dearly beloved sister of Mrs. S. Conelly, Tuakau, and niece of Mrs. C. J. Molloy, Market Hotel, Auckland), who died at her parents' residence, Roscommon, Ireland, on April 17, 1921; aged 25 years.—R.I.P.—Inserted by Mrs. Conelly, Tuakau.

EARL.-Of your charity pray for the repose of the soul of William Earl (late of Geraldine and Otaio), who died at his residence, Selwyn Street, Timaru, on July 31, 1921; aged 84 years.—R.I.P.

McEVOY.—Of your charity pray for the repose of the soul of Mary, the beloved wife of Michael McEvoy, who died at Avenue Road, Otahuhu, on August 6, 1921, in her 65th year.—R.I.P. (The remains were interred at the Catholic Cemetery, Otahuhu, on Monday, August 8.)

McDERMOTT .- Of your charity pray for the repose of the soul of Catherine McDermott (late of Pukerau, Southland), who died in Ballarat on August 15, 1921; aged 85 years. Born at Kilrush, Co. Clare, Ireland.—R.I.P.

BARRETT.-Of your charity pray for the repose of the soul of Thomas Barrett, dearly beloved husband of Catherine Barrett, 10 Bourke Street, North Invercargill, who died on July 31, 1921; aged 78 years. Native of Ballinasloe, Co. Galway, Ireland.—On his soul, sweet Jesus, have mercy.

## IN MEMORIAM

O'REILLY .- Of your charity pray for the repose of the soul of Patrick O'Reilly, who died at Skinner Road, Stratford, on August 19, 1912.-R.I.P.-Inserted by his loving wife and son.

DILLON .- Of your charity pray for the repose of the soul of James Daniel Dillon (Eketahuna), who died at Gallipoli from wounds on August 6, 1915 .- On his soul, sweet Jesus, have mercy .- Inserted by his mother.

McWILLIAMS.-Of your charity pray for the repose of the soul of John McWillaims, dearly beloved husband of Mary McWilliams, who died at the Mater Misericordiæ Hospital, Auckland, on August 23, 1920.—On his soul, sweet Jesus, have mercy.

EGAN.-Of your charity pray for the repose of the soul of Nora Mary, beloved wife of James Egan, Wrey's Bush, Southland, who died on July 27, 1919.-Compassionate Heart of Jesus, grant her eternal rest.

JOYCE.—Of your charity pray for the repose of the soul of Henry Bernard Joyce, who died in Gallipoli from wounds on August 21, 1915.-Sweet Jesus have mercy on his soul.

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