

Obituary

MRS. CATHERINE COONEY, MORVEN.

With deepest regret the untimely death is recorded of Catherine, wife of Mr. Michael Cooney, Morven. The deceased, daughter of the late John Nolan and Mrs. Nolan, Morven, was born at Lincoln, Canterbury. Shortly after marriage Mr. and Mrs. Cooney came to Morven and entered farming life on the Waikakahi Estate. During 21 years' residence there her kindly disposition and characteristic hospitality endeared her to all who had the pleasure of her acquaintance. The late Mrs. Cooney was a highly practical Catholic, and in works relating to church and convent was never outdone in zeal and generosity. For a few years her health was not robust, but her death came as a great shock after little more than a week's illness. Her funeral was one of the largest ever seen in the parish of Waimate. The solemn obsequies were conducted by the local clergy, assisted by Very Rev. Dr. Kennedy (Temuka), Fathers Burger and McCarthy. The greatest sympathy is felt for Mr. Cooney, his three daughters, and son in their sad bereavement.—R.I.P.

THE LATE FATHER CARRAN, OTAHUHU

A Solemn Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of Rev. Father Carran was celebrated in the Sacred Heart Church, Ponsonby, on Monday, the 26th ult., by the Co-adjutor-Bishop, Right Rev. Dr. Liston (writes our own correspondent). The assistant priest was the Very Rev. Dean Van Dyk; deacon, Father Hunt, of Huntly; sub-deacon, Father O'Malley; master of ceremonies, Very Rev. Chancellor Holbrook; assistant master of ceremonies, Erin Griffin. In the sanctuary there were present Monsignori Mahoney and Ormond, Dean Cahill, Fathers Moore (of Manchester, England), Ford, Furlong, Skinner, Doyle, O'Beirne, Wm. Murphy, Brennan, O'Connell (of Oamaru), Kelly, and Brady. The music of the Mass was sung by the Brothers of the Sacred Heart College. The hearts of the crowded congregation were moved by the eloquent panegyric delivered by Very Rev. Chancellor Holbrook, who for many years had been associated with Father Carran, and knew and appreciated his sterling qualities. The "Dead March" from "Saul" was played by Miss Dunne. Representatives of the religious communities were also present. The funeral, which took place on Sunday, the 25th ult., at Otahuhu, was the largest ever witnessed there. Thousands journeyed from the city and suburbs by train and motors to pay their last tribute of respect and affection to one of God's most devoted priests.—R.I.P.

ST. MARY'S CONVENT, CHRISTCHURCH.

All the pupils presented from St. Mary's Convent, Colombo Street, were successful in passing the examination in theory of music held last June in connection with Trinity College, London. The number of successes in the various divisions were:—Intermediate—Honors: 7; pass, 1. Junior—Honors: 12; pass, 1. Preparatory—Honors: 8; pass, 5.

Advice has also been received from Pitman's Examination Department, Melbourne, that all the candidates who presented themselves last August for examination in theory of shorthand were successful. The following are the names of the candidates:—Zillah Campbell, Honor McDonough, Veronica McDonough, Eileen Murphy, Myrtle O'Connor, and Lily Stewart.

Temuka

(From our own correspondent.)

October 3.

A very successful mission, conducted by Rev. Fathers Herring and Eccleton, Marist Missioners, was brought to a close at St. Joseph's Church last evening. During the whole fortnight the various exercises were well attended, despite the fact that the weather, was anything but pleasant for those coming long distances. It must have been gratifying to the missioners to see the large numbers approaching the Holy Table at the three Masses celebrated each morning. Two very large processions around the presbytery grounds, in which the whole congregation joined, were splendid manifestations of faith. During the course of the mission the preachers did valuable work in fostering Catholic societies. The sodality of Children of Mary has been reorganised, and on two occasions large numbers of aspirants were admitted. The Hibernian Society, which the missionaries have so much at heart, shows a very large increase in membership, thanks to their many appeals. Branches of the Sacred Heart Confraternity for men and women have also been formed, and the first meetings are to be held shortly.

The Apostleship of Prayer has, too, been established in the parish. The efforts of the missioners were further rewarded on Sunday, when the first men's Communion breakfast to be held in Temuka took place in the Catholic Hall, and was attended by about 130 men, including the members of the H.A.C.B. Society, in regalia. Rev. Dr. Kennedy, S.M., presided, and there were also present Rev. Fathers McCarthy, Herring, and Eccleton. Great credit is due to the promoters of the gathering (which it is intended to make an annual function), including members of the ladies' social committee, who prepared the breakfast—a task involving no small amount of labor and expense—and the members of the Children of Mary Sodality, who attended to the wants of the assemblage. Rev. Father Herring's final touch to the mission was accomplished at the breakfast table when a Catholic club worthy of the parish was launched with great success, practically every man present becoming a member. The first meeting is to be held next Sunday, when office-bearers will be elected. Previous to Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament last evening, Rev. Dr. Kennedy, S.M., paid a tribute to the good work of the missioners, and exhorted his congregation to live up to the promises made and resolutions formed during the past fortnight.

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Taumarunui

(From our own correspondent.)

September 29.

Last Saturday morning 20 children from the convent school received their first Holy Communion. During the Mass the children's choir sang very sweetly hymns appropriate to the occasion. After Mass the children adjourned to the convent, where a dainty breakfast had been prepared for them by the Sisters, parents, and friends.

The Mother-General of the Order of Sisters of St. Joseph of the Sacred Heart, Sydney, spent a day last week at the local convent, which is a branch of the Order.

Rev. Fathers Campbell and Hannigan, C.S.S.R., arrived in Taumarunui last Saturday, and on Sunday morning opened missions at Kakahi and Manunui respectively. Both missioners will return to Taumarunui next Sunday, when they will open a week's mission here.

The devotion of the Forty Hours' Adoration will commence next Friday, concluding on Sunday, the opening day of the mission.

On Sunday, October 23, Right Rev. Dr. Liston is expected here to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Napier

(From our own correspondent.)

September 27.

The annual social of the Marist Brothers' "Old Boys' Association was held in Scinde Hall on Wednesday evening, the 21st inst., and proved a complete success. All the arrangements had been well attended to, the delightful music provided by Mrs. Keane's orchestra, and excellent catering, adding to the enjoyment of the occasion. The supper-room was tastefully decorated, and the management of this department reflected much credit on Mrs. Harris, who had charge. Messrs. Treiston, Reichenbach, Tyne, and Walsh made efficient M's.C's.

A meeting of the Napier Catholic Education Board was held in St. Patrick's Hall on Sunday, 25th ult., to arrange for the creation of a fund which will, it is hoped, ultimately provide free education for the Catholic children of Napier. The parish was divided into districts, and each member was given the responsibility of raising money for the fund in his particular area. It is expected that there will be a generous response to an appeal in so worthy a cause.

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Invercargill

(From our own correspondent.)

October 3.

The church accommodation was quite inadequate for the very large congregation attending the eight o'clock Mass on Sunday. Both the Hibernians and Children of Mary, in large numbers, approached the Holy Table.

Sunday afternoon was fine, and the unpleasant prevailing wind did not interfere with the usual Rosary Sunday procession. A very large number of parishioners took part, and a noticeable feature was the fine body of men present. Very Rev. Dean Burke, V.F., recited the Holy Rosary, after which there was Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. The Dean preached a short and appropriate sermon.

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