

## DIOCESE OF DUNEDIN

On Tuesday, the Feast of All Saints, Masses were celebrated at 7, 8, and 9 o'clock in St. Joseph's Cathedral.

In announcing at St. Joseph's Cathedral on Sunday morning that a home for the aged poor would be opened by the Little Sisters of the Poor on December 8, his Lordship the Bishop expressed the hope that members of the congregation would assist in the furnishing of it.

All who have followed the unqualified successes which have attended the efforts of the Christian Brothers and their pupils at the Dunedin Elocutionary Competitions, since their inauguration three years ago, must feel very gratified with the results obtained during the present Competition. Of the three sections open to boys, the pupils from this school have carried off two firsts and two seconds. This is most creditable when we consider that only three candidates are placed in each section. In the recitation for boys under 14, 'The fall of D'Assas,' the judge gave well-merited praise to the winners of the first and second places, viz., Master T. Leyburn (1st) and W. Mulrooney (2nd). Both winners are pupils of the Christian Brothers' School. In the more difficult piece, 'Cardinal Wolsey's Soliloquy,' open to boys and girls under 16, Master Thomas Lahey took first prize, he being, in the estimation of the judge, the one who got nearest to the spirit of the grand soliloquy. Master P. Wilson obtained second place in the piece, 'Sheridan's Ride,' for boys under 21. Results like these plainly show that successes on the athletic field are not the only ones to the credit of the pupils of the Christian Brothers.

At the ordinary meeting of the Dunedin branch of the H.A.C.B. Society, held on October 25, the balance sheet for the past quarter was read and adopted. The sick pay for the quarter amounted to £17 6s 8d, and the quarterage to the district funeral fund to £12 16s 6d, whilst the receipts amounted to £90 6s 9d, leaving a balance of £30 3s 7d to the sick fund on the quarter's transaction. During the quarter 11 members were initiated, and eight left—three by death, three by arrears, and two by clearance, leaving a membership at present of 200 benefit and nine honorary members. Sincere regret was expressed at so many deaths during the quarter. The auditors reported having examined the books, etc., and, finding everything correct and up-to-date as usual, complimented the secretary on the satisfactory state of his accounts. The secretary reported, according to instructions received at a previous meeting, that the amount of capital paid by present members to the Dunedin United Friendly Societies' Dispensary was £8 1s. The information was asked for with the view of returning it, but the meeting unanimously resolved to take no further action in the matter. During the evening four candidates were initiated and seven proposed. On Sunday afternoon the members turned out in large numbers in regalia to attend the funeral of the wife of Bro. W. McKewen, who died during the week.

The annual meeting of St. Joseph's Ladies' Social Club was held in St. Joseph's Hall on Wednesday evening of last week. The committee in their annual report thanked his Lordship the Bishop and the clergy for the kind interest which they had at all times taken in the Club. The committee also thanked Mrs. J. B. Callan, who had at various times entertained the members with interesting and instructive readings. The season just closed was a very successful and enjoyable one. Many social gatherings were held, and everything was done to make the evenings pleasant for the members. The membership during the year stood at 70. The balance sheet showed the total receipts for the year to be £25 15s 8½d, made up as follows: Balance in bank, £6 3s; cash in hand, 12s; subscriptions, £9 12s; gross receipts of euchre party, £8; weekly collections, £1 8s 8½d. The following were the items of expenditure: Books, membership cards, etc., 9s 11; weekly supper, £1 2s 3d; expenses of euchre party, £2 8s; expenses of social evenings, £1 7s; handed to his Lordship the Bishop, £9 10s; leaving a balance in bank of £5, and in hand, £5 18s 5½d. The report and balance sheet, which were considered very satisfactory, were adopted. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Miss Staunton; secretary and treasurer, Miss Purton; committee, Misses O'Neill, M. Hannon, K. Hannigan, M. Bryant, and A. Clancy. In bringing the meeting to a close the Rev. Father Murphy, Adm., congratulated the members on the success of the Club during the past year.

The Railway authorities have a notice in this issue with reference to the alterations in, and additions to, the time-table on the King's Birthday. The goods sheds at Dunedin, Port Chalmers, and Oamaru will be closed on November 9...

## OBITUARY

MR. MICHAEL FITZGERALD, TIMARU.  
(From our own correspondent.)

October 31.

Mr. Michael Fitzgerald, one of the old Canterbury pioneers, passed away at his residence, Church street, on Thursday last, after a long illness, in his 64th year. He died fortified by all the rites of Holy Church, of which he had always been a practical and devoted member. The funeral took place yesterday afternoon, and was one of the largest that has left our parish church for many years, many friends being present from as far north as Geraldine and as far south as Waimate, the representative attendance showing the esteem and respect in which the deceased was held. He was one of the founders of the Hibernian Society in this district, and despite the threatening state of the weather the members turned out some 80 strong, and marched before the hearse, the officers acting as pall-bearers. Mr. Fitzgerald was a native of the parish of Cullen, County Cork, Ireland, and left the Old Land for the Colonies in 1858. He first visited the goldfields and then spent some time in Christchurch and Geraldine, and finally settled in Timaru, starting business as a nurseryman. He did most of the forestry work for the Mackenzie County Council, and other South Canterbury public bodies, in fact the future forests of this district were planted under his direction. He always evinced the keenest interest in parish matters and was for many years a member of the Catholic school committee. He leaves a widow, two sons, and four daughters to mourn their loss, also two brothers, Mr. M. Fitzgerald, J.P., Arrowhenua, and Mr. W. Fitzgerald, Dirrah Farm, Pleasant Point Road.—R.I.P.

Presentation to Father Servajean,  
Blenheim

An interesting and popular function (says the 'Marlborough Daily Times') took place at the social gathering held in St. Patrick's Hall on Wednesday evening, when the Rev. Father Servajean was presented, on behalf of a large number of friends, with a mark of esteem, on the occasion of his forty-first birthday. Some time after nine o'clock a considerable number of gentlemen ascended the platform of the hall, and, in the presence of the large gathering assembled at the social, Mr. R. McCallum (president of the Exhibition Executive Committee) presented the guest of the occasion with a purse containing 11 sovereigns.

Mr. McCallum said that they all knew Father Servajean not only as a pastor of his own flock, but as a citizen worthy of all the honors of true citizenship. Father Servajean had always felt it incumbent upon himself to help on any movement that made for the social welfare and happiness of the community; and they were taking advantage of this public occasion to tender to him on his natal day some recognition of the broad-minded interest he had taken in public matters. Mr. McCallum then referred to the active part taken by Father Servajean in the work of the Exhibition, and pleasantly referred to him as the popular 'chaplain' of the Exhibition Committee. They wished to express their appreciation of his liberal desire and his energetic efforts to promote the interests of the people as a whole; and, mindful of 'La Belle France,' had brought the token up to the value of one thousand francs.

Dr. Anderson added a few words in appreciation of the public worth of Father Servajean.

Mr. G. W. McIntosh also wished the recipient of the testimonial many happy returns of the day. Father Servajean's heart was as generous privately as his head was able in matters affecting the general weal. He spoke of his services as a supporter of the A. & P. Association and the Acclimatisation Society, as well as an Exhibition worker.

Mr. F. Shaw (vice-president of the Exhibition Association) paid a tribute to the active interest displayed by Father Servajean in the progress of public institutions.

The Rev. Father Servajean, who was received with applause, said that he was very grateful for the handsome present, and the kind remarks with which it was accompanied. He felt that the gentlemen who had given him this testimonial had either been blind to his faults, or he had been very successful in concealing them. He had met the members of the Exhibition Committee not as a priest but as a citizen, and he had been proud to associate with them. They had throughout had the courage of their convictions, had pulled together for what they regarded as the common good.