

The accompaniment to this item was played by Mrs. Schnack. Part two was composed of an instrumental duet (piano and organ), a maypole dance, song in character, vocal solo, and song and chorus by the senior boys. The instrumental duet was played in a very satisfactory manner. The maypole dance, in which twelve of the pupils took part, was very pretty, the performers keeping very good time and deporting themselves very gracefully. The song in character, 'Darby and Joan,' sung and acted by two little nites, who were no more than six years of age, was voted by the audience to be one of the best items on the programme. The vocal solo, 'Life's lullaby,' was very sweetly sung. An instrumental duet brought the first portion of part two to a close. The drama, 'Blind Obedience,' was acted by ten of the boys, who appeared very much at home in their respective parts, their acting being highly appreciated by the audience. A song and dance, 'The gipsies,' were given by six of the senior girls in a manner which elicited general admiration. In the song and chorus, 'Curly-headed coons,' the verses were sung by five of the boys appropriately attired. This was a fitting item to conclude one of the most successful school concerts ever given here. The Port Chalmers Brass Band very kindly played several selections outside the hall prior to the commencement of the entertainment.

## ORDINATIONS AT MEANEE.

(From an occasional correspondent.)

December 2.

During the past week St. Mary's Church, Meanee, has been once again the favored scene of the deep-meaning ceremonial of priestly ordinations. In the absence of His Grace the Most Rev. Dr. Redwood, His Lordship the Right Rev. Dr. Grimes willingly acceded to the request of Archdeacon Devoy to act as ordaining prelate, and consequently, on his return from the Congress in Melbourne, his Lordship proceeded immediately to Meanee, where he arrived on Friday, November 18.

### The First Ordination

took place on Sunday, November 20, when the Revs. J. M. Pipaud, W. Schaefer, J. Rausch, and F. W. Bartley, all of the Society of Mary, were raised to deaconship, and Mr. P. Finnerty, S.M., received Minor Orders. The following day (Monday), the Feast of the Presentation, was marked by even greater things, for in addition to the Orders conferred, six students of St. Mary's Seminary made their profession as members of the Society of Mary. Punctually at 8 a.m. the solemn procession of students and clergy entered the church, singing that sweetest hymn of love, 'Ave Maris Stella.' As its familiar words died away in softest echoes, his Lordship arrived at the sanctuary, intoned the 'Veni Creator Spiritus,' after which he ascended the altar steps and delivered an address to the students who were about to vow themselves to God. The Right Rev. preacher took for his text the words the Incarnate Son utters in David's Psalm: 'Behold I come, in the head of the book it is written of Me, that I should do Thy will.' In the course of a fine sermon his Lordship stated that this was the first time he had assisted at a religious profession of the Society of Mary in New Zealand, and proud he was to be able to stand on the steps of God's altar and tell those young aspirants to go on in the name of God, to gird themselves for their encounter, and continue on the great work their saintly predecessors in the Society had done and were doing. His Lordship concluded by bestowing his blessing on the congregation.

After the sermon the simple but solemn ceremony of profession took place. The Very Rev. Father Provincial (Ven. Archdeacon Devoy), assisted by the Rev. Father Superior (Dr. Kennedy) and Rev. Father Martin, S.M., received the vows of the following: Messrs. R. J. Hoare, A. T. Herring, B. J. Gondringer, L. J. Quin, T. J. McCarthy, and T. A. Gilbert. At the Mass which immediately followed, his Lordship conferred the Order of subdeacon on Mr. P. Finnerty, S.M., and Minor Orders on Mr. P. J. Smyth, and the newly professed. Sunday, November 27, was the day fixed for the ordination of

### Four Marist Fathers.

The ceremony was to begin at 10 a.m., but for an hour previous the faithful of all the surrounding districts were gathering together within the walls of St. Mary's. Not for many a year had the church such a number within its sacred precincts. Not only had numbers come from Napier, Hastings, and Clive, but relatives and friends of the ordinands had come from different parts of the North Island, and even from the south. At the appointed hour the cross-bearer and acolytes, leading the procession of students and clergy, entered the aisle amid the majestic organ roll of Mendelssohn's

March. His Lordship being vested, proceeded to the altar where, attended by the Ven. Archdeacon Devoy and Rev. Dr. Kennedy, Holy Mass was begun. Though the sanctuary was necessarily full, there being twelve candidates for the different Orders, everything, even the slightest ceremony, was carried out to perfection, thanks to the admirable foresight and supervision of the masters of ceremonies, Rev. Father Lezer, S.M., and Mr. D. A. Hurley. At the call for subdeaconship Messrs. Hoare, Herring, Gondringer, McCarthy, Smyth, and Gilbert, S.M.'s, stepped forward; at the call for deaconship the Rev. J. Barra, S.M., and Rev. P. Finnerty, S.M., and at the call for priesthood the Revs. Peoples, Pipaud, Schaefer, and Bartley, S.M.'s. After their ordination the new subdeacons retired from the inner sanctuary to the adjoining stalls, and then followed the solemn ordination of the priests. The scene was moving to a degree. The Bishop himself betrayed the deepest emotion as he pronounced the words of the Pontifical, and at that silent moment when the future priests knelt beneath the Prelate's uplifted hand a feeling of reverential awe seized on all, for in the profound-meaning ceremonies of a priests' ordination there be one more solemn than another, it is that spoken of by St. Paul as the 'imposition of hands.' After the Gospel the Bishop addressed the newly ordained priests in the words the Pastor of Pastors addressed to His chosen twelve on that night, when He, having taken a towel, girded Himself, and washed His disciples' feet. 'Know you what I have done to you?' In the course of

### A Sermon of Great Power

his Lordship referred to the work which St. Mary's had done since its humble beginning 14 years ago. Within those short years the grand total of 42 Marist Fathers had been ordained, of whom, except one who had won the crown of life, 23 were now laboring in New Zealand, and the remainder were giving their energies to their Master's service in the missions of Australia and Oceania. During the whole course of his address his Lordship showed himself deeply touched and not even the coldest heart could suppress its emotion. The Holy Sacrifice was then proceeded with, and after the Consecration the Bishop completed the ordination by conferring on the new priests the power to forgive sin.

At the conclusion of the Mass a solemn 'Te Deum' was sung by the whole body of clergy and students, and the procession left the sanctuary while Mr. A. Burger played the 'March of the Priests.'

On Sunday afternoon his Lordship, accompanied by the Rev. Fathers Galerne, Pipaud, and Schaefer, left Meanee for Hastings, whence on Monday morning, the 28th, he left for Wellington. At St. Joseph's, Buckle street, Wellington, he was again engaged, and on Wednesday, 30th November, raised to the priesthood the Rev. J. Rausch, S.M., and Rev. P. Finnerty, S.M.

The kindness of his Lordship during his short stay at the scholasticate won him the sincere reverence and love of all. At great inconvenience he had come to Meanee when his presence was urgently needed in his own Cathedral City, and yet he condescended to remain for a week and a half. For which kindness not only the Fathers and students, but even the good faithful of Meanee parish were very grateful.

## WEDDING BELLS

### SMITH-DELAHUNT.

There was a large attendance at the Church of the Sacred Heart on Wednesday morning, November 23 (says the 'Kaikoura Star'), to witness the marriage of Mr. Francis Smith to Miss Mary Ellen Delahunt, the ceremony being performed by the Rev. Father Golden. Mr. H. Chisnall escorted the bride to the altar rails. Mr. John Peoples was the best man. The bride was very becomingly attired in a richly trimmed white silk robe, and wore also a beautiful veil and wreath of orange blossoms. Miss Morley, of Christchurch, cousin of the bride, discharged the duties of bridesmaid. Steadman Chisnall (maid) and Mattie Mullane (page) accompanied the bridal party. At the conclusion of the ceremony Miss Kate Harnett played Mendelssohn's 'Wedding March.' The bridegroom's present to the bride was a beautiful gold bangle, and to the bridesmaid a gold and greenstone brooch. The presents received by the happy pair were of a very diversified character, costly and chaste, ornamental and useful, totalling in the aggregate over 100. The wedding breakfast was provided by Mr. and Mrs. James Mullane (brother-in-law and sister respectively of the bridegroom). The Rev. Father Golden, who presided at the breakfast, proposed the toast of the 'Bride and bridegroom.' The toast of the health of Mrs. W. D. Smith (mother of the bridegroom) was received with, if possible, more warmth than the previous one.