

DIOCESE OF DUNEDIN

The Rev. Father McDermott, C.S.S.R., of the new Redemptorist House at Wellington, is coming to Dunedin for the purpose of conducting a retreat for the Dominican Nuns.

The St. Joseph's Harriers held their usual weekly run on Saturday, 14 members taking part. The run was from Mr. Columb's house in Roslyn, through Brockville, and over Whare Flat. The run extended over an hour and a half, and the members had a most enjoyable outing. On their return they were entertained very hospitably by the Misses Columb.

The Christian Brothers' Defence Cadets paraded 40 strong on Thursday evening last. Instructor Cardale attended and gave the non-commissioned officers a thorough grounding in the methods of handling their sections, both in the skirmishing line and manual drill. The lads gave him every attention, and worked with a will. It has been arranged with Colonel Robin to have the services of the instructor every third Thursday in the month. The corps has purchased waistbelts, which, with the addition of the bayonets, give the lads a smart appearance in their neat uniforms. A euchre party is to be held at St. Joseph's Hall on Tuesday evening next in aid of the corps' equipment fund.

The programme for the last meeting of St. Joseph's Men's Club consisted of readings from the 'Merchant of Venice' under the direction of Rev. Brother Brady. Mr. T. Deehan (vice-president) occupied the chair. At the conclusion the Rev. Brother Brady impressed upon members the necessity of being good readers, for such, he said, were fluent speakers, and it was by reading good literature, such as that of Shakespeare, that the members would acquire a taste for what was best in the language. He hoped that they would have many more evenings of a similar character. On the motion of Mr. Spain a hearty vote of thanks was accorded Rev. Brother Brady for his instructive remarks.

DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

(From our own correspondent.)

June 16.

I regret to say that Rev. Father Benedict, O.P., makes but slow progress towards recovery.

The Devotion of the Forty Hours' Adoration begins in St. Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday, June 25.

The Redemptorist Fathers will begin a mission in this diocese on September 3 at St. Patrick's Cathedral.

The minstrel troupe of the Marist Brothers' Old Boys' Association are to give an entertainment in aid of the schools of St. Benedict's parish at an early date in St. Benedict's Hall.

Last Sunday, the Feast of Pentecost, High Mass was celebrated at 11 o'clock at the Cathedral, Rev. Father Edge being celebrant, Rev. Fathers Holbrook, and Cahill deacon and subdeacon respectively. His Lordship the Bishop was present in the sanctuary, and preached. In the evening Pontifical Benediction was given, before which the Bishop preached upon the advent of the Holy Ghost.

Monday last was the first anniversary of the ordination of the Rev. Father Cahill, and the Children of Mary, of which he is chaplain, made it the occasion of presenting him with a silver pyx, Miss Julia Rist making the presentation. A complimentary concert was given in honor of the occasion by the Confraternity, at which Rev. Fathers Cahill and Holbrook were present. A most enjoyable evening was spent. Rev. Father Cahill heartily thanked the members for their kindly remembrance of him, and for their valuable and useful present.

Last Sunday throughout the diocese the annual collection in aid of our orphanages was made, as the result of the appeal issued by the Bishop, in the course of which his Lordship said:—'The Superiors of the Orphanages would be greatly pleased to receive visits from our people, so that they might show them the workings of our institutions, the number of children in each Home, and the benefit these derive from the care and attention paid them by the Sisters of Mercy. The Government and Charitable Aid Boards pay for the maintenance of the children committed by the Court, but the requirements of the Government Department cause much more expense to-day than were asked for originally, and these must be carried out by us, while the amount the Government gives remains at the same level. Immense good has been done in these institutions, and we look to you to subscribe liberally and generously to carry on this noble work.'

At St. Patrick's Cathedral on Whit Monday the choir, under the direction of Mr. P. F. Hiscocks, Mr. H.

Hiscocks presiding at the organ, gave a number of selections from the oratorio 'Elijah.' The following was the programme:—'Grand Offertoire in D. minor,' Mr. P. F. Hiscocks; 'Veni Creator' (Millard), choir; introduction, 'As God the Lord,' Mr. Rupert Mantell; duet and chorus, 'Lord bow Thine Ear,' soloists, Miss Lizzie Knight and Miss Eva Carrigan; tenor solo, 'If with all your hearts,' Monsieur Casier; chorus, 'Blessed are the men who fear Him'; quartette, 'Cast thy burden upon the Lord,' Miss Maud Donovan, Mrs. Hiscocks, Messrs. Casier and Mantell; soprano solo, 'Hear ye Israel,' Madame Casier; chorus, 'Be not afraid'; bass solo, 'It is enough,' Mr. Rupert Mantell; terzetto, 'Lift thine eyes,' Miss Maud Donovan, Miss Lizzie Knight, and Mrs. Hiscocks; alto solo, 'O rest in the Lord,' Miss Madeline Knight; recitative with chorus, 'O Lord Thou hast overthrown,' Mr. Rupert Mantell and Madame Casier; chorus, 'Thanks be to God.'

Before commencing his sermon at St. Patrick's last Sunday evening the Bishop made the sad announcement of the deaths of Fathers Madden and Madan. Both were well known and deservedly esteemed in this diocese. The first-named was a native of Cork City, and brother of the late Alderman Paul Madden, of that city. Before coming to Auckland Father Madden was stationed at Kaikoura. On arrival here in 1895 he was appointed administrator of St. Patrick's, which office he held until his departure for California in the winter of 1896. He was loved by his people, and his death is mourned by them. Father Madan belonged to the Order of St. Joseph, and, with Father Becker, now at Hokianga, was the pioneer of the Mill Hill Fathers in Auckland. He was an Oxford student, and owed his conversion to the Church to his visits to Mill Hill, where he was drawn to the Faith and to the Order which he subsequently served so well. He was stationed at Matata in the Bay of Plenty, and his health failing him, he proceeded home, where he died on April 14 last. Father W. J. Madden died just two days before at Providence Hospital, Oakland, California.

Waihi

(From our own correspondent.)

June 12.

Initiations are the order at each meeting of the Hibernian Society, and the society now numbers over 60 members. A syllabus is now drawn up for a few meeting nights, and after closing the ordinary business, most enjoyable evenings are spent, either musically, or in games, or debates.

On Whit Sunday the Right Rev. Mgr. O'Reilly, of the Thames, assisted the Very Rev. Father Brodie at St. Joseph's Church, Waihi. At the half-past seven and nine o'clock Masses large numbers received Holy Communion, and members of the Hibernian Society attending in regalia at nine o'clock. In the evening the sermon was preached by the Right Rev. Mgr. O'Reilly, who told his hearers of what great pleasure it gave him to see the way his hearers had responded to the exhortation of their worthy pastor to fulfil their Easter duties. In speaking of the buildings, he said that what he noticed as a want when he was here two years ago was now an accomplished fact, viz., a commodious presbytery. He was pleased to see priest and people working so well together.

PALMERSTON NORTH

(From our own correspondent.)

June 18.

The usual fortnightly meeting of the local branch H.A.C.B. Society was held on the 14th inst, there being a large muster of members. Four candidates were proposed and three initiated. Bro. I. J. Fake, in a neat speech, returned thanks for the honor done him in electing him an honorary member, and generously offered a donation of £5 toward a new meeting room, or furniture, or any necessary thing the committee might think fit to put it to. On the motion of Bro. Dallow he was accorded a very hearty vote of thanks for his timely aid.

The annual social, held on the 7th inst., was in every way an unqualified success, the Zealandia Hall being well filled. During the evening several songs and recitations were given, and a step dance by the veteran and enthusiastic honorary member, Bro. John Hurley. Amongst those present were the Rev. Fathers P. Tymons, J. Bowden (chaplain), Mr. W. T. Woods, M.H.R., Mrs. Woods, and family. As a result some £18 will be placed to the credit of the benevolent fund. Too much praise cannot be given to the honorary members and our lady friends for the abundance of good things