

Among the recently ordained priests from the Irish College, Rome, who were received in private audience by the Holy Father in the early part of June, was the Rev. Daniel O'Neill of the Diocese of Dunedin.

The Rev. J. Coffey has been appointed Administrator of St. Joseph's Cathedral, in place of the Rev. Father Murphy, who was promoted to the pastoral charge of Riverton. Among his former congregation in South Dunedin deep and genuine regret has been expressed at Father Coffey's transfer to another, although adjoining, sphere of spiritual work.

The work of carving the stonework in the interior of St. Joseph's Cathedral is fairly well advanced, and the handsome appearance of the building is already greatly enhanced by the diapering, etc., that has already been executed. The work will take a considerable time to complete. It includes the carving of the capitals of all the pillars in the nave.

The half-yearly meeting of the Dunedin branch of the H.A.C.B. Society was held on the 18th inst., a large number of members being present. The balance sheet for the quarter showed a very healthy position, both numerically and financially. The amount standing to credit of the sick fund for the corresponding quarter last year was £1298 2s 7d, and for the June quarter this year, £1415 8s 10d; the management fund last year (June) was £176 16s 4d, the June quarter this year shows a credit of £217 1s 8d, and the benevolent fund had a credit of £40 18s 11d, whilst this quarter shows a credit of £48 16s 2d. The membership in June, 1904, was 198, and in June, 1905, it stood at 225. The total increase in the branch funds for the past twelve months amounts to £165 10s 10d, and the increase in the membership for the same period is 27, which is considered very satisfactory. The District Board business for the August meeting was discussed and disposed of. All the motions, with the exception of that from the New Headford branch, were unanimously opposed. The members also expressed themselves entirely opposed to bringing business of this nature forward at those meetings, being of opinion they should be held over until the triennial meetings. The question was also asked if there was any special reason why the report of a district meeting held in Auckland on February 22 could not reach Dunedin before July 7, and why the district business could not be forwarded in time for the quarterly meetings. The following officers were elected and installed, past President Bro. J. M. Casey acting as installing officer:—President, Bro. T. McDermott; vice-president, Bro. T. McQuillan; secretary, Bro. J. O'Connor; treasurer, Bro. J. Hally; warden, Bro. G. Webb; guardian, Bro. R. Fogarty; sick visitors, Bros. T. McQuillan and J. Saunders; auditors, Bros. T. J. Hussey and D. S. Columb. The following were elected a judicial committee: Bros. T. J. Hussey, Thos. Hoare, J. Marlow, J. Saunders, J. Rattigan, J. Jacques, T. Boyle, and C. Dawe. Four candidates were initiated and one proposed.

NEW BOOKS

'The Crux of Pastoral Medicine.'

'The Crux of Pastoral Medicine' is one of the latest books published by Fr. Pustet and Co. It is intended chiefly for pastors of souls, parents, nurses, and medical men, and is, we believe, the only book on the subject of Pastoral Medicine in the English tongue. It does not treat of such subjects as hygiene, nursing, etc., but goes straight to the heart of one of the most difficult and—especially in our day—necessary branches of practical theology in which both parent and nurse and priest and physician must be accurately informed so as to avoid collision with the natural and the positive law in the exercise of their respective vocations. The dangers of nascent life are treated with great delicacy and yet with perfect clearness, and in pleasant and flowing style, and the book is enriched with quotations from the latest ecclesiastical legislation. The volume is a handy one of about 170 pages, neatly bound and printed. (One dollar net. Fr. Pustet and Co., 52 Barclay street, New York, and all Catholic booksellers advertising in our columns).

The Australian Catholic Truth Society.

The Australian Catholic Truth Society continues to issue a rapid succession of its admirable penny pamphlets. The latest to hand are: a biography of Louise de la Valliere, by the Rev. F. J. Kelly, D.D.; 'The Blessed Virgin in English Poetry'; and 'The Miraculous Conception and Virgin Birth of Christ.' These fully maintain the high standard which the A.C.T.S. set for itself in the earlier issues of its publications. We

cordially commend this great and good work to the Catholic clergy, Catholic householders, Catholic societies, confraternities, clubs, and libraries, and to all who are engaged in the education of youth. We know of no more suitable and useful prize-books for our Catholic schools than neatly bound volumes of the Australian Catholic Truth Society's publications. (W. P. Linehan, 309-311 Little Collins street, Melbourne, and all Catholic booksellers advertising in our columns).

'Allel: A Pentecostal Sequence.'

M. H. Giln and Son, Dublin, have published a Pentecostal hymn from the pen of the gifted Dr. O'Mahony, of All Hallows College, Dublin. Dr. O'Mahony is a gifted writer in both English and French, and in the present modest brochure of 24 pages demy 8vo. he blossoms into poetry which comes from the heart and constitutes a grand hymn of praise that finds its inspiration in the coming of the Paraclete on the day of Pentecost.

OBITUARY

MR. F. FOSTER, HOKITIKA.

A very old and respected member of the Catholic community (writes our Hokitika correspondent) in the person of Mr. Frank Foster, passed away on July 16, fortified by all the rites of the Church, and surrounded by his sorrowing family. Mr Foster was a native of Ennis, County Clare, and came out to Dunedin in the early days of the goldfields, and after a time was attracted to the West Coast. Soon after his arrival on the Coast he commenced a business at Longford, and finally removed to Hokitika. His last illness was of a very short duration, the immediate cause of death being bronchitis. The large number of people assembled from far and near to attend the funeral proved the esteem in which the deceased was held. Rev. Father Aubry celebrated a Requiem Mass on Wednesday morning, and also officiated at the graveside.—R.I.P.

MRS. R. J. COTTER, ARROWTOWN.

Sincere regret was felt in the district on July 17 when it became known that Mrs. Cotter, wife of Mr. R. J. Cotter, had passed away at the early age of 30 years. The deceased, who was a daughter of Mrs. de la Perrelle, of Arrowtown, was a sufferer for a lengthy period from a painful illness, which she bore with great resignation. The late Mrs. Cotter, who was a convert to the faith, was a most earnest and practical Catholic. During her trying illness she received much consolation from the frequent visits of the Sisters of St. Joseph, and the ministrations of the Rev. Father O'Donnell, and she passed away fortified by all the rites of Holy Church. The late Mrs. Cotter was highly respected in the district, her kindly and gentle disposition making her a general favourite. A husband and two young children are left to mourn the loss of a loving wife and devoted mother. The funeral, which took place on the 20th inst., was largely attended by mourners from all parts of the district, thus showing their respect for the deceased, and sympathy with the bereaved husband. The burial service was conducted by the Rev. Father O'Donnell.—R.I.P.

MR. ANGUS MACKINTOSH, TAPANUI.

On July 4 (writes an esteemed correspondent) there passed away at the residence of Mr. D. A. Cameron, Nokomai, one of the pioneer settlers of the early sixties in the person of Mr. Angus Mackintosh. The late Mr. Mackintosh was a native of Lochaber, Scotland, and was a member of an old Catholic family. In New Zealand he was occupied with pastoral pursuits. In company with his brother, Allan, he held at one time Nevis Run and Lorn Peak Station. Advanced age and failing health laid him aside from active work. For the last few years he lived with Mr. Donald Cameron, at Nokomai, to whom he was much attached. He was 75 years of age. His remains were taken to Tapanui, where the interment took place on July 5.—R.I.P.

We have received from Messrs. B. Reid and Co., seed merchants, George street, Dunedin, a conveniently compiled catalogue of vegetable and flower seeds, bulbs, and garden sundries, which will be found to be very useful to those interested in gardening...

Those in need of footwear have the opportunity just now of supplying their wants at the City Boot Palace, George street, Dunedin, where the annual mid-winter sale is taking place. They will find there a varied stock of superior goods, and undeniable bargains in all lines...