

and sanctuary have been beautifully picked out in suitable colors, and the whole has been artistically finished.

## DIOCESE OF DUNEDIN

Rev. Father Kerley, of Temuka, passed through Dunedin on Friday on his return from a trip to Central Otago and the Cold Lakes district.

The annual retreat of the clergy of the diocese of Dunedin commences at Holy Cross College on January 22, and will be conducted by the Very Rev. Father Clune, C.S.S.R.

We understand that Mr. W. F. Connor, son of Mr. J. J. Connor, of Dunedin, who has been in the employ of Messrs. Hallenstein Bros. for many years in Dunedin and Auckland, has received the appointment of manager of their retail business in Princess street, Dunedin. The many friends of Mr. Connor in Dunedin will be pleased to hear of his promotion, and to welcome him back to his native city.

At the meeting on Sunday evening of the general committee in connection with the schools' annual picnic it was reported that the Dunedin Jockey Club had kindly granted the use of the Wingatui Racecourse for the holding of the gathering, and that arrangements had been completed with the railway authorities for a special train to leave about half-past nine for Wingatui, returning at half-past six. The fares are to be: Junior pupils 8d, senior 1s, adults 1s 3d.

The ceremony of profession took place at the Convent of Mercy, South Dunedin, on Friday morning. His Lordship the Bishop performed the ceremony, the priests present being the Very Rev. Father Keating, S.J. (Melbourne), Rev. Father Kerley (Temuka), Rev. Father Howard, and Rev. Father Corcoran. The ladies professed were Sister M. St. Michael, Sister Mary Regis, and Sister Monica.

The Rev. Father Slattery, C.M., of St. Stanislaus' College, Bathurst, who had been spending a holiday in New Zealand, left Dunedin for Melbourne by the 'Moe-raki' on Sunday. The Very Rev. Father Keating, S.J., of Melbourne, left on the return journey by the same steamer. Very Rev. Father Meredith, O.S.A. (Rochester, Victoria), and Rev. Fathers Hogan (Chiltern, Victoria), Murphy (Meredith, Victoria), and Hegarty, C.M. (Malvern, Victoria), also passed through Dunedin during the week.

The first business meeting of the year of the H.A.C.B. Society took place on Tuesday evening, when there was a fair attendance. The balance sheet for the quarter was read and adopted, and the Government returns were read. From the latter we take the following interesting items: The benefit members at the beginning of 1905 totalled 205; admitted during the year, 41; defections, 22; net increase, 19; total at end of year 224, of which number 147 members were under 35 years of age. The sick fund increased during the year by £101, management fund by £47, and the benevolent fund by a small amount. The sick pay for the twelve months amounted to £212, and the medical attendance and medicine to a like sum. Investments bearing interest amount to £1700, the sum received from this source being £76. P.P. Bro. J. Casey installed the following officers: President, Bro. P. McDermott; vice-president, Bro. P. McQuillan; secretary, Bro. J. O'Connor; treasurer, Bro. J. Hally; warden, Bro. W. Butler; guardian, Bro. W. Menton; sick visitors, Bros. Saunders and McQuillan. Four candidates were proposed for membership.

## DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

January 15.

Mass was celebrated at Sumner on Sunday by the Rev. Father Mahony, the little church, 'Star of the Sea,' being prepared for the occasion with the assistance of visitors to the popular seaside resort.

The Commission of inquiry in connection with the Waltham Orphanage is causing considerable stir in the city, very lengthy reports of which are appearing in all the daily papers.

A branch of the H.A.C.B. Society is likely to be established in the near future at Darfield. At a meeting recently held for the purpose Bro. F. J. Doolan, P.P., of the Christchurch (St. Patrick's) branch, attended and explained the objects of the Society and the steps necessary to open a branch. The pastor of the district, the Rev. Father Ahern, is in perfect accord with the endeavor, and intends to use his best efforts for its accomplishment.

His Lordship the Bishop returned on Monday night from Cheviot, where he had spent a part of the previous Saturday and all Sunday. His Lordship preached

to large congregations on Sunday, and administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to 24 candidates prepared by the Rev. Father Price, pastor of the district of which Cheviot is a part. The church, which is situated on the finest site in the settlement, was most beautifully decorated for the occasion. In his discourse of the morning the Bishop congratulated the people on the evident signs of progress everywhere visible in the thriving locality.

The ordinary monthly meeting of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Particular Council was held at Lyttelton on last Tuesday evening at the residence of the Rev. Father Cooney, and attended by representatives of the Cathedral, St. Mary's (Manchester street), and St. Joseph's (Lyttelton) Conferences. The report and balance sheet for inclusion in the annual report, published by the Superior Council (Sydney), were presented by the president and adopted. The presidents of the various Conferences reported thereon. That by Bro. H. Anthony, president of St. Joseph's Conference, on the progress of the mission to seamen, was exhaustive and particularly encouraging, showing the results of much patient labor and zeal of the members engaged. Very sincere sympathy was expressed towards Bro. J. McAdam, who was seriously ill, and a vote of thanks was passed to the Sisters of the Missions and pupils of the Sacred Heart High School and Convent day school for a successful matinee in aid of the funds.

## The Late Dean Foley

The Month's Mind of the late Very Rev. Dean Foley will take place in the Cathedral, Christchurch, at the close of the annual retreat and diocesan synod on Tuesday, January 23.

## Hokitika

(From our own correspondent.)

January 9.

A very successful bazaar was brought to a conclusion on the 5th inst. The object aimed at—namely, the liquidation of our parish debt—was accomplished to the satisfaction of all concerned. Great praise is due to the stall-holders and workers and the Sisters of Mercy for the manner in which they worked to make the function such a success, and the thanks of the congregation are due to all, who, by their presence and liberality in giving, have achieved the object aimed at.

On Friday evening, 5th inst., Mr. E. J. Fitzgibbon, of Wellington, who is spending a short holiday on the West Coast, delivered a lecture in the Town Hall to a large and sympathetic audience. The lecturer, who won the Plunket Medal for Oratory at the Victoria College, Wellington, last year, took for his subject 'The Life of Daniel O'Connell, Ireland's Great Reformer.' An unusual amount of interest centred round the lecturer on account of the fact that he is a native of the district and received his early education here; nor was the large audience disappointed in their expectations, as he showed himself thoroughly conversant with his subject, and treated it in a masterly manner. The Mayor (Mr. J. Mandl), who presided, introduced the lecturer in a few felicitous words, and at the close of the lecture he voiced the sentiments of all present when he said, 'that they had received a very pleasant surprise and a rare treat that evening, and that the frequent applause, which punctuated the lecture was proof positive of the feelings of those present.' At the conclusion of the lecture a hearty vote of thanks was accorded by acclamation to Mr. Fitzgibbon for his able lecture, and his courtesy in coming forward at such a short notice to help a deserving object—the repayment of the debt on St. Mary's Church, and, incidentally, the beautifying of the House of God.

## Greymouth

(From our own correspondent.)

January 12.

On Wednesday evening Mr. E. J. Fitzgibbon, president of the Federated Catholic Young Men's Societies of New Zealand, and a young West Coaster, who has made a name for himself by winning the medal presented by Lord Plunket for oratory, gave a lecture on the 'Life of Daniel O'Connell' in the St. Columba Hall. There was a very large attendance, the speaker being repeatedly applauded. Before commencing his address the speaker congratulated the club on the possession of such up-to-date rooms, which, to use Mr. Fitzgibbon's own words, were easily the best Catholic club rooms in New Zealand. He also took this opportunity of thanking the club members for the kindness shown him during his stay in Greymouth. After the address refresh-

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