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Ashburton

The New Catholic Presbytery, Ashburton.

A report of the ceremonies in connection with the blessing and opening of the new presbytery appeared in our last issue.

DIocese OF DUNEDIN

At a meeting of the Royal Humane Society in Christchurch an in memoriam certificate was awarded to the next of kin of William Ernest Mullaney (aged 14), who lost his life in attempting to rescue Thomas Curran (aged 14) from drowning at Lake Waihoia, Otago, on February 12, 1907.

The Quarant' Ore devotions will be held on the following dates in the Diocese of Dunedin:—Gore, May 5. Otautau, May 12. Orepuki, May 19. Riverton, May 26. N.E. Valley, May 30. Cromwell, September 1. Milton, September 29. St. Joseph's Cathedral, October 6. South Dunedin, October 13. Oamaru, October 20. Invercargill, October 27. Queenstown, November 3. Arrowtown, November 10. Lawrence, November 17. Winton, November 24. Mosgiel, December 8.

During his stay in Queenstown last week his Excellency the Governor visited the Dominican Convent School, where he was received by the Rev. Father O'Donnell. After taking his seat in the comfortable and well-lighted schoolroom (writes the correspondent of the 'Otago Daily Times') the following programme was gone through with a view to bringing before his Excellency some of the results of the excellent training imparted in the institution:—'Song of welcome' (words written for the occasion), by the pupils on his Excellency's entrance; chorus, 'Swing song'; vocal solo, 'Shadowland,' Miss Monica M'Bride; pianoforte solo, 'Happiness,' Miss M'Carthy; and chorus, 'Meeting of the waters.' His Excellency addressed a few words to the children, thanking them for the very excellent entertainment they had afforded him, and 'God save the King' was sung as the concluding item.

The annual meeting of St. Joseph's Boys' Club was held in St. Joseph's Hall on Monday evening. Rev. Father Corcoran presided, and there was a good attendance. The report showed the past year to have been highly successful, the membership being large and the attendance of a good average. The literary branch was most successful, there being several debates in which most of the boys took part, many of whom showed a marked ability in that department. The thanks of the club were expressed to his Lordship the Bishop for an evening's entertainment with his gramophone, to Rev. Brother Brady, and Dr. O'Neill for lectures, to the members of the Ladies' Club for two very enjoyable evenings, and to Mr. Jas. Swanson, who kindly gave his services as gymnastic instructor. The club took part in conjunction with the other clubs in a most enjoyable harbor excursion to Harrington Point on Labor Day. The Rev. Father Corcoran, addressing the boys, con-

gratulated them upon the past season's work, and expressed a hope of seeing them all as enthusiastic for the club's advancement as they had been during the past. He asked their hearty co-operation in making it still more attractive, and urged upon them the necessity of bringing as many new members as possible, and as an incentive to work for a larger membership he offered a prize to the boy who would introduce the largest number of new members. The following are the officers for the ensuing year:—Patron, his Lordship the Bishop; president, Rev. Father Corcoran; vice-presidents, Rev. Brother Brady and Master John Dunne; secretary, Master W. Higgins; committee, Masters B. Connor, W. O'Connor, L. Coughlan, J. O'Sullivan, and T. Laffey.

WAIHI

(From our own correspondent.)

April 27.

Last Sunday the Very Rev. Father Brodie was in Auckland to assist at the re-opening of St. Patrick's Cathedral. His place here was taken by Father Williams. Father Brodie returned to Waihi and was present at the entertainment given by the school children, and left again next morning for Auckland, so that Father Williams will officiate in Waihi until Father Brodie's return.

The annual entertainment by the pupils of the Waihi Convent school was given last night in the Academy of Music. Notwithstanding that there were several counter-attractions there was a large attendance. The excellent manner in which the pupils, girls and boys, acquitted themselves, showed that the Sisters of Mercy must have devoted a great deal of time and trouble, to say nothing of patience, in preparing them for the entertainment. Every item of the following programme was well received:—Selections, 'Bohemian Girl' and 'Sea song,' by Waihi Orchestra; choruses by girls, 'Come o'er the moonlit sea,' 'Tripping through the meadows,' 'Calm is the wave,' 'Emerald Isle,' and 'The seasons'; by boys, 'Gay and happy'; by infants, 'The windmill'; action songs by girls, 'A butterfly ball,' 'Quakeresses,' and 'Tambourine March'; dances, minuet and Highland reel. Several pianoforte duets were interspersed through the programme. The music was supplied by Miss Garvey (piano) and Misses Stanley, Simmons, and Anderson (violins). The Very Rev. Father Brodie returned thanks to all those who had assisted in the success of the entertainment. He paid a high tribute to the Sisters who had trained the children, and congratulated the Orchestral Society on their success in their numbers rendered that evening.

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