

ing accommodation. It is expected that the church will be opened in February.

Missions will be conducted as follows in the diocese of Dunedin by the Redemptorist Fathers: Invercargill parish (beginning at Bluff) from next Monday, ending on November 24; in the Riverton parish the missions open November 17; Port Chalmers, mission opens next Sunday; cathedral, opens on Sunday, November 3, closes on November 24; South Dunedin, begins on Sunday, November 10, ends on Sunday, November 24; Mosgiel parish, opens on November 24, ends on the first Sunday of December. The missions now in progress in the Oamaru parish close next week.

Oamaru

(From our own correspondent.)

Oct. 20.

The mission being conducted by the Redemptorist Fathers at St. Patrick's Basilica, was continued during last week, and was well attended. The Very Rev. Father Clune was joined early in the week, by the Rev. Father McDermott, and the mission will be continued until Sunday, Oct. 27, after which the Rev. Fathers will conduct missions in the country districts.

The devotion of the Forty Hours' Adoration commenced at the 9 o'clock Mass on Friday last, and terminated at High Mass, on Sunday, the 20th., with a procession, followed by Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. The children's mission closed at 3 o'clock on the same day. On Sunday evening, the Very Rev. Father Clune, preached a most impressive sermon to an immense congregation. The mission will be continued during the week.

Sunday, Oct. 20, was a red-letter day for the Catholic community of Oamaru, and, in particular, for the Oamaru Catholic Club, when the latter body, in practically full strength, received Holy Communion. The Rev. Father McDermott spoke of the edifying sight of so many young men, approaching the Holy Table, and eulogised the devotion shown by the members of the Club. At the conclusion of Mass, the members marched to the Club rooms, where the Communion breakfast was laid. Mr. T. O'Grady, (senior vice-president,) occupied the chair, and was supported on his right, by the Rev. Father McDermott, and on the left by the Right Rev. Monsignor Mackay. Mr. O'Grady, in addressing the gathering, expressed his pleasure at seeing such a splendid muster of the Catholic Club, and of the exhibition of faith shown by them. He spoke of the sympathetic interest shown, and the great honor conferred on the Club by the presence of the Right Rev. Mr. McKay, and Rev. Father McDermott. In the course of his address, Rev. Father McDermott said it gave him great pleasure to witness the manifestation of faith shown by the members of the Club, and regretted the absence of the Very Rev. Father Clune, and the spiritual director of the Club, the Rev. Father O'Neill, who were prevented by their duties, from being present. The Right Rev. Mr. Mackay spoke feelingly of the gratitude he felt to the Club for their splendid example to the members of the congregation, that morning. It was a spectacle that would long live in the hearts of all who witnessed the united spirit of the Club. Mr. Mulvihill, in speaking on behalf of the Catholic Club, voiced each member's mind when he returned most hearty thanks, to the Right Rev. Monsignor, and the Rev. Father for their presence, and for the beautiful words they had spoken. The Club appreciated the honor done them, and would be ever ready to help the Church, to whom it owed so much. He also paid a fitting tribute to the ladies who so generously devoted so much of their time and labor in preparing the breakfast, in beautifying the Club room, and in waiting on the members that morning. He said the Club has had great success in all its functions, and a large share of that success was due to the unselfish and kindly interest shown by the lady friends of the Club.

Waimate

The work of removing St. Patrick's Church to make room for the new Church is now completed. It was highly creditable to the contractors, that the removal was carried out without any serious injury to the Church or furnishings. It is now placed in position that it can be used by the congregation for the various services, just as it had been in the past. Even during the two Sundays, over which the removal extended, it was used. On Sunday, Oct. 13, Very Rev. Dean Regnault gave a very interesting history of the progress of the parish, and of the building of the present sacred edifice. Dean Regnault left on Monday for the North. For the next few weeks, the parish will be in charge of the

Ven. Archpriest Le Menant des Chesnais, S.M., who will bless and open the Church on its new site on Sunday.

A few days ago, an interesting ceremony took place at St. Patrick's school, when a presentation was made by the pupils to Sister Margaret Mary, on her feast day. The presentation was made on behalf of the children by Miss M. Ferriter. The Sister thanked the children for their kindness and thoughtfulness, and the Very Rev. Dean Regnault congratulated them on their singing, gave them some good advice, and granted them a holiday.

Masterton

(From our own correspondent.)

Oct. 18.

The Triduum, which, in the parish was combined with the Forty Hours' Adoration, commenced last Friday, and in spite of the inclemency of the weather, the devotions were excellently attended. The Very Rev. Father Keogh of St. Patrick's College, preached each evening on the Blessed Sacrament. At the early Masses on Sunday, the large number of communicants, which included the Children of Mary and the Hibernian Society, was a most edifying sight.

The usual meeting of St. Michael's Branch of the H.A.C.B. Society, was held on Tuesday evening, the President (Bro. H. O'Leary) presiding. One member was initiated. The quarterly balance sheet was read and showed the branch, to be in an excellent position. Bro. F. Treader was elected a trustee. The next meeting is to be a summoned one, when the building committee, will submit a scheme for the erection of a suitable meeting room.

Mr. P. J. O'Leary has received notice of his transfer to the Palmerston branch of Messrs. Abraham and Williams, and leaves for that town this week. Mr. O'Leary will greatly be missed by the Catholic community. He took a great interest in Hibernian matters, and has held every office. During his turn as secretary, the branch almost doubled in members, mainly through his efforts. He was one of the promoters of the St. Patrick's Day Sports' Association, and acted for the first two years, as secretary. He was also a member of the church committee.

Mr. R. Cummings, examiner for the Associated Board of the R.A.M. and R.C.M., has conducted practical examinations in pianoforte, violin, and singing during the last few days. The following pupils of St. Bride's Convent were successful in passing. Advanced singing, Misses K. F. Holloway, F. E. H. Elkins. Intermediate grade (singing), Vera Edwards; Intermediate (piano), Phyllis P. Hanify. Pianoforte, (elementary division), Effie Wall, C. Minogue, D. Varnham, Lena Cress. Pianoforte, (lower division), M. O'Neill, M. Cress, Doris Cameron, A. Fuller. Pianoforte, (higher division), Colina McKenzie, Jessie Milne. Violin, (elementary), Mary O'Neill; Violin, (higher division), Marjorie Hunt. Mr. Cummings also conducted an examination of class-singing at St. Bride's Convent. The class consisted of Mrs. F. Dupre and Misses Elkins, K. Holloway, V. Edwards, Brown, Mitchell, Piriphi M. Kelligher, M. Walsh, A. Hester, O. Richards and J. Bennington. An extract from the examiner's report on the singing is as follows:—'The voices in this class were of good, bright quality, and were well grouped to produce the best effect. The part song by Kuckner and the Round, were intelligently rendered, the attack being bright and crisp, and the voices well together. With the exception of the minor scales, which were not free from wrong notes, the exercises were excellent. As a whole, the performance by the class was very satisfactory.'

Napier

(From our own correspondent.)

October 21.

First Communion will be given on the third Sunday, in November, and the Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered on the first Sunday of December.

Next Sunday Rev. Father Goggan is to go to Waipawa to take up the collection for the Wellington Cathedral building fund, and will be relieved in Napier by one of the priests from Meanee.

The Rev. Father Goggan has been giving a course of lectures at the 9 o'clock Mass in St. Mary's Church each Sunday on the liturgical languages of the Church.

On Sunday there was Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in St. Patrick's Church from the last Mass until Vespers. Benediction was given in the afternoon for the children, and a procession was held in the evening.