

DIOCESE OF DUNEDIN

The Masses at St. Joseph's Cathedral on the feast of All Saints were very well attended, and large numbers approached the Holy Table.

On Sunday, the first Sunday in the month, there was Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Joseph's Cathedral from High Mass until Vespers. There was a very large congregation present in the evening, when the Very Rev. Father Clune preached.

The Rev. Father Creagh, C.S.S.R., is this week conducting a successful mission in Port Chalmers. Father Lowham, C.S.S.R., conducted short missions during the week in Seacloth, Waitati, and St. Leonards. A fortnight's mission in South Dunedin begins on next Sunday.

The Rev. Father Campbell, C.S.S.R., brought to a close the mission at the Bluff on Sunday morning. On Tuesday of last week Rev. Father Hunt, C.S.S.R., opened a children's mission at Invercargill, which was concluded on Sunday last. On Sunday at the eleven o'clock Mass the Rev. Fathers Hunt and Campbell opened a mission for grown people in Invercargill, which will be continued during this and next week.

A three weeks' mission by the Redemptorist Fathers was opened on Sunday morning at St. Joseph's Cathedral. High Mass was celebrated at 11 o'clock by the Rev. Father O'Reilly, Rev. Father Cleary being deacon, Rev. Father McDermott subdeacon, and Rev. Father Coffey, Adm., master of ceremonies. The occasional sermon was preached by the Very Rev. Father Clune, C.S.S.R., who took for his text the words, 'Thy Master is come and calleth for thee (St. John xi, 28). The Very Rev. Father Clune is assisted by the Rev. Father McDermott, C.S.S.R.

At the practical music examination held at St. Dominic's College by Mr. C. Edwards, L.L.C.L., the following candidates were successful:—Higher examinations: Doris Grant Dall, A.T.C.L. (vocalist); Violet Fraser, A.T.C.L. (vocalist); Ethel Wood, A.T.C.L. (pianist); Jeanie Millar, certificated pianist. Senior grade: D. Millar, honors, 93; M. Gawne, honors, 88; P. McIlroy, honors, 90; pass, D. Martin, 65. Intermediate grade: A. Wallis, honors, 94; M. Paton, honors, 93 (singing); A. Heffernan, honors, 87 (singing); M. Cunningham, honors, 88; pass, F. Lane, 69. Junior grade: R. Wakelin, honors, 89; K. Wallis, honors, 85; M. Laffey, honors, 81; K. Sullivan, pass, 79; L. Nolan, pass, 73; M. Leslie, pass, 68; E. Dick, pass, 61. Preparatory grade: M. Wilson, pass, 91; M. Coughlan, 89; F. Millar, 79 (violin); L. Shiel, 79 (violin).

The St. Joseph's Ladies' Club gave an invitation progressive euchre party in the club rooms on Wednesday evening of last week, as a wind-up of the season. There was a large attendance, and much interest was evinced in the games of euchre played. After the successful winners had been presented with the prizes, the Rev. Father Coffey, Adm., on behalf of the members, presented Misses Staunton (president) and Purton (secretary) with silver perfume bottles as a slight recognition of the services rendered to the club during the season, and as a mark of esteem in which they are held by the members. The Rev. Father, concluding, hoped the club would long continue to have the services of such enthusiastic officers. Messrs Miles and Corcoran responded suitably on behalf of the recipients respectively. During the evening vocal items were pleasingly rendered by Misses Davis, L. Bryant, Brady, and Messrs. T. Hughes and H. Miles. Mr. P. Carolin also gave some interesting records on his phonograph. Miss Hughes assisted at the piano. After supper had been handed round Mr. Miles, on behalf of those present, thanked the Ladies' Club for the enjoyable evening they had spent, and in doing so urged upon all the ladies present, if not already members, to become members, and thus help to make the St. Joseph's Ladies' Club an even more successful institution than it is at present.

A notice with reference to the train arrangements in connection with the King's Birthday appears in another part of this issue...

Our readers in Timaru and district are reminded that Mr. S. McBride is a direct importer of marble and granite monuments from the best Italian and Scotch quarries, and that he has a comprehensive stock of the latest designs from which to make a selection, prices at the same time being very moderate...

DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

(From our own correspondent.)

November 1.

The annual mortuary service is to be held next Sunday afternoon in Symonds street Cemetery. His Lordship the Bishop will preside.

His Lordship the Bishop last Sunday evening said that he had noticed in the local press within the last few days a controversy on the Creation, and reference was also made to cremation. He would take an early opportunity of explaining the doctrine and attitude of the Church upon both of these subjects.

The Onehunga Catholic Men's Club held its annual social last Friday evening. There was an excellent attendance, including representatives from the Marist Brothers' Old Boys' Club, and Newton Men's Club of Auckland. Miss Leahy won the lady's prize (a parasol), and Mr. Carrington the gentleman's prize (a pipe and case).

A very successful euchre party was held last Wednesday evening in the Royal Albert Hall in aid of the Cathedral building fund. The attendance was very good. The Bishop and Rev. Fathers Holbrook, Murphy, and Farthing were present in the early part of the evening. Mr. Thos. Holbrook, general secretary, assisted materially in making the function the success it undoubtedly was.

Last Sunday evening at the Cathedral the choir, under Mr. P. F. Hiscocks, rendered in really excellent style several items from the 'Creation.' Each number bore ample testimony of careful study and preparation by the choir and its industrious conductor, all of whom merit the highest encomiums. A word of praise is also due to the organist, Mr. Harry Hiscocks. While the soloists acquitted themselves admirably, a special meed of praise is due to Miss Annie Lorrigan, who sang the difficult passages in 'On mighty wings,' very artistically, and to Mr. John Fuller for his fine rendering of 'In native worth.' The items given were as follow:—Recit. and chorus, 'In the beginning; bass solo, 'Now Heaven in fullest glory shone,' Mr. J. Lonergan; solo and chorus, 'The marvellous work,' Mrs. Kean; recit., 'In splendor bright,' Mr. T. Guscott; chorus, 'The heavens are telling,' recit., 'And God said, let the waters,' and air, 'On mighty wings,' Miss Annie Lorrigan; recit., 'And God created man,' and air, 'In native worth,' Mr. John Fuller; duet, 'By Thee we bless,' and chorus, 'For ever blessed be His power,' Miss Coleta Lorrigan and Mr. T. Guscott; finale, 'Halleluja chorus'; offertorium, 'Cujus Animam' (Rossini) Mr. John Fuller. At the close his Lordship the Bishop addressed the congregation, and alluded to the excellent performance of the great work of the 'Creation' to which they had all just listened. He heartily congratulated and thanked the choir. His Lordship then devoted his attention to the finance of the parish, and said that the debt, all told, amounted to £8000. If the amount raised in the next few years was in proportion to that raised in the past two years the debt would soon be wiped out. He pointed out that the great bulk of the parishioners had not subscribed. Under the scheme of collection now about to be put in force an opportunity would be afforded everybody to contribute to the reduction of the debt. It was not fair that the burden should fall upon the shoulders of the minority. He hoped that all would enter heartily into the work, and generously assist those who would call upon them once a month at their homes.

Onehunga

(From an occasional correspondent.)

October 30.

The first annual meeting of the Catholic Men's Club was held in the club room last night when there was a large attendance of members. The Rev. Father Mahoney president, occupied the chair, and expressed his pleasure at seeing such a large attendance, which indicated the interest taken in the club by its members. The year had, he was pleased to say, been in every respect most successful. The report submitted to the executive stated that the club was founded twelve months ago with a membership of thirty, while at the present time there were seventy on the roll. In February of this year, the club was honored by a visit from the Irish Envoys, Messrs. Devlin and Donovan, who warmly supported the institution, and their presence amongst the members materially assisted in the membership being increased. In August last, the club's patron, Rt. Rev. Dr. Lenihan, was entertained and presented with a