

The Right Rev. Dr. Gallagher, Bishop of Goulburn, writes as follows:—

Bishop's House, Goulburn,
June 2, 1908.

Dear Father Cleary,

Will you be so good as to ask your Manager to forward me 60 copies of your work on 'The New Disciplinary Law of Marriage.' I am anxious to have it if possible for the 17th Inst., when we have a meeting of the clergy for the 'Month's Mind' of the late Father Carroll. No better result of our Conference could be than to have it spread throughout the diocese. Let me congratulate you sincerely on having given us a most instructive and readable and useful work. It is just what we wanted for ourselves, the clergy, and for our people. No one could plead 'invincible ignorance' on almost any point however difficult, as an excuse for going wrong, on the new Law of Marriage, after carefully reading your book. I am beginning with 60 copies, but trust that this is only a beginning of a vast circulation through the whole diocese.

With genuine thanks for the good work you have done in giving us this work, I am, dear Father Cleary,

Yours sincerely,

✠ JOHN GALLAGHER

Bishop of Goulburn.

Rev. Father Cleary,
Editor 'The Tablet,'
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DIocese OF DUNEDIN

On Sunday there was Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Joseph's Cathedral from the last Mass until Vespers. In the evening there was a procession of the Blessed Sacrament, in which the parish societies took part.

The annual collection on behalf of the St. Vincent de Paul Society was made on Sunday at St. Joseph's Cathedral, the Sacred Heart Church (North-East Valley), and St. Patrick's Basilica (South Dunedin), the result being close on £60. The amount received in the Cathedral parish was £17 odd, and in South Dunedin £12 12s.

The St. Patrick's Young Men's Social and Literary Club, South Dunedin, held its usual weekly meeting on Monday evening, when there was a fair attendance. The programme consisted of a question box, and extempore speeches were delivered by several members, who showed considerable ability in speaking on the various questions asked.

On Friday evening the Hon. J. B. Callan, M.L.C., delivered a lecture before the St. Joseph's Men's Club on the 'Works of Tennyson.' Mr. Callan treated his subject in a highly interesting manner, giving an explanation of several of Tennyson's poems, some of which he recited with much elocutionary skill. Mr. Deehan proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Callan, which was seconded by Mr. D. S. Columb. Rev. Father Coffey, Adm., who presided, also spoke, and thanked Mr. Callan for his entertaining and instructive lecture, and referred to the educational value of lectures such as the one delivered that evening.

On Thursday morning of last week the solemn ceremonies of profession and reception took place in the convent chapel of the Sisters of Mercy, South Dunedin. The young lady professed was Miss Annie Deegan, of Winton (in religion Sister M. Camillus), and the young ladies received were Miss May Moloney, of Dublin (in religion Sister M. Benignus), and Miss Winifred Marion Marlow (in religion Sister M. Teresa). The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father Coffey, Adm., St. Joseph's Cathedral, who preached an impressive discourse appropriate to the occasion, and the music of the Mass was rendered by the nuns' choir.

On Wednesday, June 3, the Hibernian Cadets mustered in strong force under Captain Columb and Lieutenants J. B. Callan, jun., and J. S. Columb, for field practice. The boys were marched to the Town Belt, where a sham fight was held, and as the different parties entered into the spirit of the engagement a most useful and enjoyable morning's work was accomplished. The corps is now in a high state of efficiency that reflects credit on the painstaking and enthusiastic interest which the officers take in their work. There are a few vacancies in the corps, which the officers would be pleased to see filled up.

From a private letter we learn that directly after his arrival in Rome his Lordship Bishop Verdon was received in private audience by the Holy Father. The

audience lasted about twenty-five minutes. His Lordship was delighted with the kind and gracious manner of his Holiness. Immediately after the Very Rev. Father Power, of Hawera, and the Rev. Father McMullan, of Ranfurly, were presented to the Holy Father, who addressed kind and affectionate words to them, and sent his blessing to their parishioners. At the date of the communication (April 29) Bishop Verdon was about to proceed to Vichy for a short stay at that famous health resort, after which he was to proceed to Ireland, where he was to arrive about the middle of June. His Lordship was much improved in health, and greatly rejuvenated by the voyage.

OBITUARY

MR. W. J. FOY, THAMES.

It is with deep regret that we record the death, which occurred at the Thames Hospital on May 17, of Mr. William Joseph, eldest son of Mr. J. M. Foy, well known and highly respected at Thames, and also throughout the Dominion in Hibernian circles. Mr. Foy was born at Thames 24 years ago, was educated at the convent school, and afterwards assisted his father in the conduct of the photography business. He was popular with all classes of the community, and was held in high esteem. He removed to Auckland with his father some months ago, and latterly returned to Thames. He suffered a long illness, which was borne with Christian fortitude, and he passed away in the presence of his relatives and friends. The funeral was largely attended, there being a representative gathering from Thames and surrounding districts. The members of the H.A.C.B. Society attended to show their last tribute of respect to the deceased. Many telegrams and messages of regret have been received, and general sympathy is expressed towards the family in their sad bereavement. The ceremony at the church and at the graveside was conducted by Rev. Father Broomfield, assisted by Father Williams, of Waihi.—R.I.P.

SISTER MARY VERONICA (BRADY), DARFIELD.

The Sisters of Mercy of Colombo street, Christchurch, have sustained a sad loss (writes our Christchurch correspondent) in the death of Sister Mary Veronica, of their branch convent at Darfield, which occurred on last Friday after a brief illness. In response to an urgent summons, the Rev. Father Peoples, S.M., of the Cathedral, attended the deceased Sister in her last moments. The remains were conveyed to the convent in the city, and Requiem Mass is to be celebrated at St. Mary's, Manchester street, this morning (Monday), after which the interment will take place at the Linwood Cemetery.—R.I.P.

MRS. FITZGERALD, TUAPEKA FLAT.

We regret to report the death of Mrs. Fitzgerald, who passed away at Tuapeka Hospital on May 27, at the age of 73 years. The deceased, who was only ill for a few days, died fortified by the rites of the Church. During her residence of 47 years in Tuapeka, Mrs. Fitzgerald was universally esteemed for her kindly disposition and fine womanly qualities. She was a native of Limerick, and arrived in Victoria in 1854. The funeral, which left St. Patrick's Church, was largely attended by settlers and friends from all parts. The Very Rev. Mgr. O'Leary, assisted by the Rev. Father Morkane, officiated at the graveside. Deceased leaves a family of four daughters and three sons, all grown up, to mourn their loss.—R.I.P.

WEDDING BELLS

ROUGHAN—KEENAN.

A pretty wedding took place at Mr. D. Keenan's residence, Tuapeka Mouth, on June 3, the contracting parties being Miss Cecily Keenan, youngest daughter of Mr. D. Keenan, and Mr. W. Roughan, Waitahuna West. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a pretty costume of cispselene, with wreath and veil. Misses Kitty and Ria Roughan acted as bridesmaids, and Mr. C. Roughan and Mr. J. Keenan as groomsmen. Rev. Father Morkane performed the marriage ceremony, after which over 200 guests sat down to the wedding breakfast. Rev. Father Morkane presided, and in a happy speech proposed the toast of the bride and bridegroom. Other customary toasts were also duly honored. The happy couple left in the afternoon for Christchurch, where the honeymoon is being spent, taking with them the best wishes of their many friends for their future happiness.