

is to be regenerated, it will only come through His " words of eternal life." Shall we, then, go back to Christ? Better still, never leave Him.'

DIOCESE OF DUNEDIN

At a social gathering of the Dunedin Firé Brigade last week advantage was taken of the occasion to present an address to Deputy Superintendent Salmon on his attainment of that position. The presentation was made by Superintendent Mitchell in very eulogistic terms. He referred to the length of time served by Mr. Salmon in fire brigade work, as he and the speaker were associated years ago at Naseby. The address was a very handsome piece of work, and was executed by Fireman R. Duncan.

The bazaar and sale of work in aid of the Dominican Convent building fund was opened in St. Patrick's Schoolroom on Friday, when there was a good attendance of the public (says the *Tuapeka Times*). There was nothing in the nature of an official ceremony, the ladies merely getting to work as promptly as possible in effecting sales. The arrangement and decoration of the room left very little to be desired, the trimmings of the various stalls and the greenery judiciously placed in odd corners helping in the making of an attractive scene. The stalls, of which there were five, were presided over as follow:—Handkerchiefs, etc., Misses Alice Kelleher and Moody; sweets, Miss Cissy Brosnan, assisted by Misses Zetta Hart and Letitia Higgins; fancy goods, Misses Mills, assisted by Misses Colgan, Fahey, and Higgins, and Messrs. T. Hunt and M. Fahey; fancy goods No. 2, Mrs. H. Hart and Miss Kelleher, assisted by Miss Airey and Miss Hannah Moody; produce stall, Miss Jean Fahey. The refreshments were under the control of the Misses Hart, assisted by Misses Kelleher, Higgins, and M. Roughan. Needless to say, a brisk business was done during the afternoon and evening, while the various side shows and competitions of one kind and another provided no end of amusement and excitement.

Oamaru

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

October 11.

The devotion of the Forty Hours' Adoration commences on Saturday morning at St. Patrick's Basilica.

His many friends learned with sincere regret of the death, as the result of acute pneumonia, of Mr. E. J. Roughan, who has been a member of the local telegraph operating staff for the past eight months. Mr. Roughan's body, which will be interred at Lawrence, was accompanied to the railway station by a number of members of the staff, including the chief postmaster and Mr. Cumming. Mr. Roughan was recently elected a member of the local Catholic Club, and was very popular among the members.—R.I.P.

The meeting of the Catholic Club on Friday last was devoted to 'A Night with Ireland,' and was attended by a large number of members. The programme consisted of songs, speeches, stories, and vocal and instrumental items having relation to the Emerald Isle. Excellent addresses were delivered by Rev. Father O'Neill and Messrs. Mulvihill and F. Cooney. Mr. O'Grady contributed two amusing recitations; Mr. J. Cagney sang 'The minstrel boy'; flute solos were given by Messrs. A. Kay and J. Cagney; and Mr. Cooney gave a reading. The evening passed off very successfully, and much interest was taken in the proceedings by all present. Before the members dispersed, the president, on behalf of the club, bade good-bye to one of the most active and popular members in the person of Mr. J. O'Donnell, who has accepted an appointment in Dunedin. Mr. O'Donnell has ever been a most willing worker, and showed a good example by his punctual and regular attendance at the meetings. The club wishes him every success in his new sphere. Mr. Cunningham, a member of the Ashburton Club, who was present during the evening, congratulated the Oamaru Club on their capital entertainment, and spoke of the pleasure he had received from being present.

WELLINGTON

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

October 10.

The Catholic Club's Federation Executive is offering prizes for an oratorical competition to be conducted by the several affiliated clubs and for an essay competition. The subject of the essay is 'Some Illustrious Irishmen.'

The Catholic Club proposes to form a cricket club this season. The club will not for the present affiliate with the Cricket Association.

Mr. J. J. Bourke, a member of the well-known Bourke family of Kilbirnie, is to be married during the month at Dublin to Miss McHugh, a member of a well-known Catholic family in Dublin. Mr. Bourke left the Dominion in May last for the Old Country.

On Thursday evening representatives from the Petone Catholic Club, under the management of Mr. Alfred Coles, were entertained by the Wellington Catholic Club. A games tournament was held, in which the visitors were victorious. A very pleasant evening was spent by members of both societies. The City Club was represented by Mr. A. H. Casey as chairman.

The Rev. Father O'Connell, S.M., who has just completed a mission at Taihape, begins very soon a retreat for the Sisters of Compassion, Buckle street. The Rev. Father will be engaged in this retreat for about eight days, and will then leave the city to conduct retreats at the several towns along the Main Trunk line.

The results of the Trinity College musical examinations are to hand, and reflect in more than the ordinary degree to the credit of our Sisters of Mercy. This year's results are even more satisfactory than the splendid results of previous years. The examiner stated that the singing of the convent pupils was the most finished singing he had heard on his travels. Perhaps the most noteworthy success was that achieved by Miss Agnes Segrief, who gained the distinction of A.T.C.L., with the splendid and rare record of 98 per cent. Miss Teresa McEnroe was entitled to two gold medals, but did not enter for the competition. Other prize-winners were Miss Aicken and Miss Gard, both convent pupils. These grand results prove conclusively the great work done by our Sisters in the musical training of their pupils.

[One folio of this letter has not come to hand. The detailed lists of successful candidates at the Trinity College musical examination were sent by our correspondent, but they are already given in an earlier letter that appears elsewhere in our columns.—Ed. N.Z. Tablet.]

Napier

(By Telegraph from our own correspondent.)

October 12.

St. Patrick's Church is now under repair, and is also being painted, whilst the spire is being consolidated to admit of the fine bell being properly swung.

The Very Rev. Father Clune and Rev. Father Lowham, C.S.S.R., are at present conducting a mission here, which is to last for a fortnight. The church is crowded every evening by a very large congregation to hear the eloquent sermons of both missionary Fathers.

A successful social evening was held by the Catholic Young Men's Club in St. Patrick's Hall on last Friday evening, with Mr. R. P. Clarkson, M.A., in the chair. An opportunity was taken to present the medals won by the Sanctuary boys for good conduct and attendance, the winners being Masters J. Sullivan, F. Merrick, and A. Williams. On the previous evening an oratorical contest had been held, and the prizes were now presented to the winners—Mr. J. Fortune winning the gold watch as first, and Mr. D. Doyle the silver watch as second. Part of the evening was spent in euchre, there being also a concert programme, towards which Mr. J. W. Coe contributed an amusing ventriloquial sketch, Mr. C. J. Dolan a humorous reading, Mr. J. Mullaney a step-dance, and Master Merrick a pianoforte solo. Misses Mahony and McIntosh won the euchre prize. Refreshments were provided by the young men.

The concert given by the pupils of the Marist Brothers' School in the Theatre Royal last Wednesday proved most successful, and was excellently attended. The programme was wholly supplied by the pupils themselves, who succeeded in thoroughly entertaining the audience. A gymnastic display, consisting of club-swinging and parallel bar performance, met with unstinted applause, while songs were well rendered by the senior and junior pupils. Master H. Ruston gave an excellent comic song, while Masters W. McConnell and C. Kenny contributed recitations. A parliamentary debate on the question, 'Should bad boys be birched?' was most amusing, and was presided over by Master F. W. Goldfinch as speaker. The speeches were evidently prepared with an eye to novelty, and the points were cleverly made. The accompaniments were played by Mrs. Mansfield and Miss McGrath. Mrs. Mansfield played two pianoforte selections by way of overtures to each part.