

## DIOCESE OF DUNEDIN

Mr. T. Deehan, senior vice-president of St. Joseph's Men's Club, has been appointed the club's official representative at the Australasian Catholic Congress, to be held in Sydney this month. Mr. Deehan leaves for Sydney via Melbourne on September 19.

The following candidates of St. Dominic's College were successful in the theory examination held by the Associated Board of the Royal Academy and Royal College of Music, London, on June 5 last:—Intermediate harmony—Winifred Haworidge, 122. Rudiments of music (Local Centre)—Mary S. Hall, 91; Elsie Paton, 84; Kate H. Park, 71; Mabel L. Esquilant, 88. School examinations, higher division—Ethel M. Goldsmith (honors), 131; Honor Morrison (pass), 110.

The members of the Shakespeare class connected with St. Joseph's Men's Club gave a splendid reading of the 'Merchant of Venice' on Friday evening. The following gentlemen sustained the various characters:—Messrs. J. B. Callan, jun., E. W. Spain, L. Coughlan, T. Deehan, O. Swanson, J. V. Quelch, A. Graham, H. Poppelwell, and J. Sims. At the conclusion of the entertainment the readers were warmly congratulated on the excellence of the performance and the improvement noticeable since their last appearance.

### Oamaru

(From our own correspondent.)

August 28.

St. Patrick's Dramatic Club intend to produce 'Our Boys' at Waimate on September 9.

The annual examination of the local primary schools is now being conducted by Inspectors Goyen and Bossance.

The Dreadnought Carnival was continued all last week with much success, and on Thursday and Saturday nights exceptionally good business was done. A novel attraction was added to the evening's programme on Thursday, when Mr. J. Pheloung, conductor of the Armidale (N.S.W.) Band, played the beautiful cornet solo, 'Silver shower,' and also led and conducted a brass band composed of his seven brothers. The playing of the Pheloung Brothers was a musical treat, and delighted the huge audience which filled the Opera House. On Monday the twelve nights' carnival was brought to a close, the attendance being a record, and a great clearance was made in the stalls. Signor Borzoni's display, 'The Birth of the Empire,' was repeated nightly and well received, the performers going through their evolutions in a graceful and finished manner. The ladies who had charge of the stalls and their willing assistants worked very hard to ensure the success of the carnival, and deserve every praise for their indefatigable efforts. The gross proceeds of the carnival total over £800, which must be considered very satisfactory when the dull times at present prevailing are taken into consideration.

### Invercargill

(From our own correspondent.)

August 24.

On Tuesday evening the members of the Hibernian Band entertained at a social all those who assisted at the recent Empire Fete. A very enjoyable evening was spent, among those present being the Mayor and Mayoress.

The members of the Catholic Club gave a very successful concert in the Victoria Hall this evening. The following was the programme: Pianoforte duet, 'Fanfare militaire,' Misses C. Sheehan and K. McGrath; hat-trimming competition for gentlemen; humorous recitation, Master J. Woods; dance, 'Highland fling,' Miss M. Walker; song, Miss K. Kirwan; song, Mr. F. Byrne; club-swinging exhibition, pupils of Marist Brothers; song, Miss Gertrude Kempton; dance, Miss D. Galt; 'The Merchant of Venice,' act I, scene 3; instrumental duet (trombone and cornet), Masters A. and R. Wills; 'The Merchant of Venice,' act III, scenes 1 and 3; humorous recitation, Master T. Fogarty; 'The Merchant of Venice,' act IV, scene 1, in which the following took part: Duke of Venice, Mr. C. Matheson; Shylock, Mr. F. Byrne; Antonio, Mr. W. McGoldrick; Bassanio, Mr. P. Prendergast; Salario, Mr. R. Timpany; Gaoler, Mr. J. Malachi; Portia, Mr. T. Pound. Miss C. Sheehan played the accompaniments during the evening.

## DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

(By Telegraph from our own correspondent.)

August 30.

St. Benedict's bazaar and fête are progressing apace. Signor Borzoni has arrived, and is engaged marshalling his forces for his grand display.

Last Friday was the twenty-seventh anniversary of the ordination to the priesthood of the Right Rev. Bishop Lenihan, who was the recipient of numbers of congratulatory messages and good wishes on the occasion. At the Sacred Heart College an address and purse of sovereigns were pre-

sented on behalf of the college by Masters John Scott and Henry Quinn respectively. Brother Clement (Superior) tendered his congratulations. His Lordship heartily thanked the Brothers and students for their kind thoughtfulness in recollecting the anniversary of the great day of his ordination. He also took the opportunity of welcoming to Auckland Brother Clement, and he knew his stay here would be fraught with the best results for the students of the college. There were also present Rev. Fathers Edge, Holbrook, Wright, O'Brien, and Ormond. Three hearty cheers were given for the Bishop, who bowed his acknowledgments, and a most pleasant gathering was then brought to a close. The Bishop, in his motor-car, afterwards visited the Mater Misericordiae Hospital and the nuns of the Sacred Heart Convent.

An edifying profession of faith was witnessed at the Sacred Heart Church, Ponsonby, on Sunday last, when the members of the Marist Brothers' Old Boys' Association made their quarterly Communion. Despite boisterous weather, there was a good muster of members, no fewer than fifty approaching the Holy Table in a body. Had the weather been fine, the number would have been more than doubled. Besides the Old Boys, some sixty students from the Sacred Heart College also made their Communion, a fact which lent much to the impressiveness of the occasion. The Rev. Father Edge congratulated the association on the splendid example its members had set to the rest of the Catholic community, for although many of them belonged to distant parishes, they had braved the elements and attended their quarterly Communion in large numbers. In the course of a spirited address he exhorted the young men to remember that, whatever their temptations, they had the force of their grace-aided manhood behind them, and to successfully combat all evil inclinations they had but to fight determinedly, and they would win. After Mass the members adjourned to the schoolroom, where breakfast was prepared by lady friends. The chaplain, Rev. Father Holbrook, Rev. Father Edge, Brothers Vincent and George were also present. It was a happy gathering, and general appreciation of the occasion was voiced by the speakers, who stated that, though in numbers it had been exceeded, no other quarterly Communion had been more encouraging. The chaplain stated that arrangements were now being made for the formation at an early date of a society for boys just about to leave school, and which would be a recruiting ground for the association. It would be called the Children of Mary's Society, and boys from the age of thirteen to eighteen would be enrolled. He proposed placing the Cathedral at the disposal of the society one night every week, when the boys would be given instructions. He knew full well that when the time came the Old Boys would be ready to give a helping hand to the scheme.—(Applause.)

Another important announcement, which was received with demonstrations of approval, was made by Brother George, who stated that the further enlargement of the Sacred Heart College was in contemplation. There were now some sixty permanent boarders at the college, and the time had arrived when the question of increased accommodation had to be considered.

Rev. Father Edge referred to a question that has been given much prominence by the clergy of late—namely, the mixed-marriage question. He said that the legal status of Catholics in the British Empire was that of idolaters, and how, he asked, could a union of a Catholic and a Protestant under these circumstances be happy? Nor was it desirable that they should seek the conversion of Protestants with a view to marriage. It was much better to select a Catholic girl, who in all probability would be able to teach her husband something about his religion, rather than that he should teach her.

## St. Mary's, Christchurch

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

An illustrated lecture on 'Niagara' was given in St. Mary's schoolroom, Manchester street, on Friday evening by the Rev. Father Hoare, S.M., in aid of the funds of the Altar Society. Despite the very unseasonable weather, there was a very large attendance, and, judging by the frequent applause, the subject and the treatment were highly appreciated by the audience. The Falls were shown by various views in their stupendous grandeur and overpowering magnificence, and their surroundings were depicted in their summer splendor and in the grip of the rigors of winter. The rev. lecturer gave a vivid word-painting of the unconquerable wildness of the rapids below the Falls, and dwelt at length on their history. Their gradual erosion by the water on the different faces was exhaustively dealt with. The harnessing of Niagara was another interesting feature of the lecture. A picture of the immense tunnel, which conveys the water of the river to the wheel pit that supplies the great power for which the Falls are renowned, was shown and described.

The lecture was preceded by a musical programme. At the conclusion of the lecture Mr. W. Hayward, jun., on behalf of the members of the Altar Society, thanked the performers, and made special reference to the lecture, which, he said, was most interesting and instructive.