

in their voices that they would often think of me at that very same table, where, so often in days gone by, I had passed them the Lea and Perrin's. But I prepared my dying aphorism, Strange to say, I fancy I have seen it before.

'Too underdone, and too much stew.'

I learnt it by heart. I practised saying it like Henry Irving or Barrie Marschel. And I thought that if I could only have the lime juice or limelight turned upon me in that supreme hour, I wouldn't care a button whether Kipling wrote a eulogy of me or not. When I grew too weak to take the boarding house food, I began to get better. During my convalescence I read Mark Twain's account of a French duel in which a man said 'he died that France might live.' It cured me. A classical education has its advantages.

A Breach of Promise.

According to the daily papers, an Indiana judge has decreed that if a man dies while he is engaged, his fiancée can claim compensation for breach of promise. That is rather rough on the young man, considering that it isn't his fault at all that he doesn't toe the line. And he cannot get out of the difficulty by marrying the girl on his deathbed, because if he dies after the marriage—which is extremely likely, if he hasn't died before—and the law is logical, he should be imprisoned for wife desertion. There are funny things in a toy-shop. But there are funnier things still among the laws of the United States, and this caps the lot. The best thing for the Indiana young men to do is to die before they get engaged or not get engaged at all.

Quips

DIOCESE OF DUNEDIN.

His Lordship Bishop Verdon will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation in St. Patrick's Basilica, Oamaru, on Sunday.

The Rev. Father McEneaney, C.M., is at present conducting a mission in the Naseby district; and the Rev. Father Henry, C.M., in the Ophir district.

The Vincentian Fathers, who have been conducting missions in various parts of the Dunedin diocese with most successful results for nearly six months, will bring their labors to a close on Sunday next, and will leave for Sydney by the Waikare on Tuesday.

The Very Father Boyle, C.M., brought a week's mission at Wai-kouaiti to a close on Sunday last. He left early in the week to join the Rev. Father McCarthy, C.M., at Oamaru, who opened a mission there on Sunday. His Lordship Bishop Verdon will be present on Sunday at the closing ceremonies.

The executive committee of St. Joseph's Club have decided to cater in a very generous manner for the members during the coming winter. No sooner had they liquidated the debt on the piano than they purchased a billiard table, which is now in working order. With the exception of one or two nights in the week when the hall will be required for other purposes the table will be at the disposal of members. Arrangements have also been made for that fascinating game—ping pong, and no doubt many will avail themselves of the opportunity to become proficient in this fashionable pastime. On Friday night the Rev. Father Murphy, Adm. (president), will give a brief address, after which a programme of songs, instrumental selections, recitations, etc. will be given. It is to be hoped that the efforts of the committee will be appreciated by the congregation in the shape of a large addition to the membership of the club. The objects are such as ought to commend themselves to all, namely the bringing together of the Catholics of the city and suburbs in social intercourse, and the providing of healthy and innocent amusement for young people. The subscription is fixed at a very small amount, and should not stand in the way of anyone becoming a member. Even those who have neither time nor inclination to attend the meetings or take part in the amusements should remember that by assisting such an institution they are doing a very good work and helping to keep many of our young men off the streets by providing them with healthy recreation.

ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON.

(From our own correspondent.)

April 19,

His Honor the Chief Justice admitted Mr. P. C. Putnam as solicitor of the Supreme Court of New Zealand on Wednesday last. Mr. S. J. Moran, of Wellington, has passed the first section of the LL.B. degree. He is an ex-pupil of St. Patrick's College and it is his intention to practise here.

His Grace Archbishop Redwood and the Ven. Archdeacon Devoy will return to Wellington about the end of the month. They intend being present at the opening of St. Patrick's Church in Masterton on May 4.

The statues ordered for the Church of the Sacred Heart have arrived from Munich and are now in position in the sanctuary. They are very artistic in design and represent the Sacred Heart and the four Evangelists.

The bazaar terminated on Saturday night with the drawing of the art union. The gross takings amounted to £1326 which is an ample proof of the success of the undertaking.

Mrs. Macarthy entertained the stallholders and assistants of the New Zealand stall at an afternoon tea on Wednesday. A most enjoyable time was spent at her residence in Boulcott street.

A meeting of the Hibernian Society was held on Wednesday evening to discuss the advisability of joining in the local dispensary movement with other friendly societies. Bro. J. N. Callaghan, president, was in the chair. After a lengthy discussion it was decided by a narrow majority that the branch should stand out of the scheme. The quarterly report and balance sheet were read by the secretary, Mr. P. J. Kelliher. The balance sheet showed that the sum of £50 had been expended in sick pay for the quarter, making a total sum of £118 17s 6d for the past half year. Several candidates were proposed for membership.

At the Magistrate's Court on Wednesday afternoon the members of the Wellington Law Society met for the purpose of bidding good-bye to Inspector Pender and to present him with a purse of sovereigns. Mr. T. F. Martin, president of the society, said Mr. Pender was known to them for the last nine years and they were able to bear witness to the able manner in which he had discharged his duties. His service in Ireland, Turkey, Russia, Victoria and Canterbury were not unknown to them, and throughout his career, while ably and fearlessly carrying out the duties of the responsible positions which he filled, he had always earned for himself the respect and goodwill of all classes of the community. It was their right as barristers and solicitors, who had special occasion for observation, to express their admiration of his faithfulness to duty and great ability ripened by experience. In wishing him an official good-bye they were pleased to know it was not a final one, and would not interfere with their private friendships. He asked his acceptance of a purse of sovereigns as a small token of good will. Messrs. Quick, T. M. Wilford, Ashcroft and Gully also spoke. Inspector Pender in replying said he felt he could not sufficiently express how strongly he felt on the present occasion. It was gratifying to know that those with whom he had been associated during the last nine years had met to express their appreciation of the manner he had discharged his duties. He felt sure that if he had not had their co-operation he could not have succeeded.

One of the most successful concerts yet given by the pupils of St. Mary's Convent was held at the Sydney street schoolroom on Friday evening. The hall was crowded, and the decorations of the stage were most artistic. The honors of the evening were equally divided, and the talent displayed by several performers was of a very high order. Miss Kate Connell, A.T.C.L. of Hawera, came down especially for the concert. Her items were delightfully given and were deservedly encored. Miss Long, whose final appearance it was in Wellington, sang her solo in a finished manner. She received a well-merited recall. Miss Rowe, whose first appearance it was in public as a soloist, created a favorable impression. She possesses a clear soprano voice, very flexible, and of high range. She was also honored by a recall. Miss Palsford also made her debut. She has a rich contralto voice, and with a little more training will certainly prove an acquisition to musical circles. Miss Maclosky, gold medalist, was in excellent voice, and was deservedly encored for her numbers. The piano solos of Misses Falconer and Ward were brilliantly rendered, and the performers simply bowed their acknowledgments to the loud applause given them. The choruses, quartet, trios, and duets were rendered in a finished manner. A most acceptable item was the recitation of Miss M. Bannister. Misses Magnitty and Sullivan acted as accompanists.

St. Joseph's Club, Dunedin.

THE annual meeting of the members of St. Joseph's Club was held in St. Joseph's Hall, Dunedin, on Friday evening. His Lordship Bishop Verdon presided, and there was a representative attendance.

The annual report, presented by the Executive Committee, after referring to the success which had attended the bazaar held in aid of the building fund of the hall, and thanking all who had worked towards that end, went on to say that the meetings of the social and literary branches had been interfered with to a considerable extent whilst the preparations for the bazaar were going on. The gymnasium classes had been well attended during the year, many of the members attaining great proficiency under Mr. T. Deehan, the honorary instructor. The ladies club was also well attended, the culinary classes being taken advantage of to a large extent. The liability on the piano had been cleared off. Forty new tables, suitable for social gatherings, had been procured, and these were the means of considerable saving, as otherwise they would have to be hired on special occasions. A very great success had been made of the St. Patrick's night concert, over £50 having been netted therefrom. The library had been catalogued, and very little more labor will now put it in working order. A billiard table has just been procured for the hall and the thanks of the club are due to his Lordship for advancing the purchase money. The committee return their sincere thanks to the Rev. Father Murphy, Adm., for assistance given at various times. The statement of receipts and expenditure showed that the sum of £50 9s 1d had been received from all sources, including a balance brought forward from last year of £5 15s 1d. After meeting all expenses there remained to the credit of the funds a sum of 16s. The report and balance sheet were adopted.

The rules as revised by the committee were passed with a few minor alterations.

The election of officers resulted as follows—President, Rev. Father Murphy, Adm.; vice-presidents, Messrs W.H. Haydon, jun., and