

generally known that even poor varieties may be made sweet, tender, and good by garnishing them with patience, smiles, and affection.

'They should then be wrapped in a mantle of charity and kept warm with a steady fire of devotion. Thus treated, they will keep for years as when first selected. Sometimes they improve with age.'

DIOCESE OF DUNEDIN

His Lordship Bishop Verdon will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation in St. Joseph's Cathedral on Sunday afternoon.

There was Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in St. Joseph's Cathedral on Sunday from last Mass until Vespers. In the evening the usual procession, in which the children of the parish schools and the members of the Sacred Heart Society took part, was held. As it was the first Sunday in May our Lady's altar was beautifully decorated.

The many friends of Dr. E. J. O'Neill will be pleased to hear that his father has received a cable message from him conveying the news that he has passed his examination for the qualification of F.R.C.S., Edinburgh. On the 21th ult. Dr. O'Neill resigned the position of surgeon to the Lock Hospital, Soho, in order to proceed to Edinburgh for this examination, for which he sat on April 28.

The Right Rev. Mgr. Mackay leaves for Europe from Dunedin on Tuesday next by the Mararoa. By the Tauranga he goes from Auckland to Suva (Fiji), where he joins the Moana, bound for Vancouver. Monsignor Mackay intends crossing the greater part of Canada, and will go by one of the Transatlantic steamers from New York to England. A token of the high esteem in which he is held by his people will be given him on this (Thursday) evening in the shape of a social and presentation.

At the half-past nine o'clock Mass on Sunday his Lordship the Bishop earnestly exhorted the young men of the parish to become members of the St. Joseph's Men's Club, which was an excellent society and deserved better support than it had received in the past. His Lordship also commended the Hibernian Society, and said it was not right that Catholic young men should join other friendly societies when they had such an excellent benefit society of their own.

A bazaar in aid of the building fund of the Catholic presbytery will be held in the Town Hall, Lawrence, next week. The bazaar will be opened on Thursday evening and will be continued on Friday and Saturday. An energetic committee of ladies has been making preparations for this event for some time, and the expectations are that it will be most successful. Donations towards the fair are earnestly requested and will be thankfully received.

The inaugural meeting for the current session of the St. Joseph's Men's Club was held in St. Joseph's Hall on Friday evening when there was an excellent attendance. Mr. T. Dehn presided in the unavoidable absence of the president, Rev. Father Murphy. A very good programme was submitted, consisting of recitations by Messrs J. Hill and J. B. Callan Jun., vocal items by Messrs J. McKinnah and H. Miles, the latter being accompanied on the clarinet by Mr. W. Miles, a flute solo by Mr. T. Dehn, photographic selections under the direction of Mr. W. H. Haydon Jun., and a short lecture on New York by Rev. Father Cleary.

The annual general meeting of the Catholic Literary and Social Club, Milton, was held on Tuesday evening of last week. Mr. J. A. Scott presided, and amongst those present was the Very Rev. Father O'Neill. The annual report and balance sheet for the past twelve months, read at the meeting, showed that the club had had a very successful year. The election of officers resulted as follows:—President, the Very Rev. J. O'Neill; vice-president, Mr. J. A. Scott; secretary and treasurer, Mr. W. Kirby. The following committee of five ladies and five gentlemen was elected: Mrs. W. Kirby, Miss Scanlan, Mrs. Keogh, Miss Connor, Miss O'Neil, Messrs J. Ward, Jos. Lynch, J. Wright, Jas. Scanlan, R. Lockhart, and P. Walsh, assistant secretary and librarian, Mr. James Curran. The coming session will be formally opened with a presidential address by the Very Rev. Father O'Neill.

The annual entertainment on behalf of the fund of the St. Vincent de Paul Society takes place in the Garrison Hall on Friday evening, 22nd inst. The good work which is being done by the members of this Society is well known by all and worthy not alone of all praise but of the most generous encouragement. The poor and deserving are assisted, the orphans are rescued from unsuitable surroundings and placed in institutions where they will be trained so as to be useful members of society, whilst those who have fallen are assisted to make another start in life. All this is done by the Society in the most unostentatious manner, and with very slender resources. The extent of their benevolence is only limited by their means, and they appeal with confidence to the public to aid them in extending their good work, which is not confined by considerations of race or creed.

Mr. A. Harris (late with Messrs. Park, Reynolds, and Co.) migrates to his friends that he has commenced business under the style of A. & S. Harris and Co., as auctioneers, valuers, land and fruit agents, etc., at 131 Princes Street, Dunedin. All business entrusted to the new firm will receive prompt, careful, and personal attention.

DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

May 4.

Mr. H. H. Loughnan, who was for some years a member of the former City Council, was, at the election held last week, returned as one of the members for the Central Ward of Greater Christchurch.

Mr. G. Richmond Fleming, a gentleman who has held the position of organist in several important centres, a composer of ability, and the possessor of excellent credentials, has received the appointment of organist at St. Mary's, Manchester street, recently vacated by Miss Katie Young.

The Rev. Father Rouillac, S.M., after spending some time in South Canterbury is at present in Christchurch and assisted morning and evening on Sunday last in the Pro-Cathedral.

In the Pro-Cathedral on Tuesday last Mr. James Mercer (a recent convert to the Church) was united in the bonds of holy Matrimony with Miss E. C. Funston. His Lordship the Bishop, attended by the Very Rev. Father Le Menant des Chesnais, S.M., V.G., and Rev. Father O'Connell, celebrated a Nuptial Mass at 9 o'clock, and officiated at the marriage ceremony. There was a numerous congregation, and his Lordship in impressive terms addressed the newly-wedded couple. Members of the Pro-Cathedral and St. Mary's Chorus sang the 'Kyrie' from Haydn's Mass No. 2. Miss Katie Young presided at the organ, and as a recessional played the 'Wedding March.'

A successful entertainment was given at St. Mary's Schoolroom on last Monday evening in the presence of a large gathering, including several of the clergy, in aid of the local educational requirements.

PALMERSTON NORTH

(From our own correspondent.)

May 3

The mission at St. Patrick's was brought to a close on Sunday last at Vespers. The Very Rev. Father O'Farrell, C.S.S.R., preached a most impressive and earnest sermon. The renewal of Baptismal vows and the giving of the Papal blessing made a fitting close to the work of the mission.

The Rev. Father Tymons, speaking at the 11 o'clock Mass this morning, announced that, beginning with next Sunday, there would be a 9 o'clock Mass for the children of the parish, at which hymns would be sung, making three Masses in all on Sundays, viz., at 8, 9, and 11 o'clock.

Mayor, Dunk was returned as Mayor on Wednesday last, beating his opponent by a large majority.

The certificates awarded by the St. John's Ambulance Association to the Palmerston North ladies' branch was presented by Mr. Fred Pirani on Wednesday evening last, some 45 ladies receiving certificates. During the evening Mr. Pirani gave an interesting speech on ambulance work generally. I am pleased to note that many of our Catholic ladies are earnestly taking up this good work, great praise being due to Mr. E. Hitchings, their indefatigable secretary.

A most successful mission was brought to a close at St. Columba's, Ashurst, by the Rev. Father O'Donnell on Thursday last.

OBITUARY

REV. MOTHER M. ST. TERESA, CHRISTCHURCH.

(From our own correspondent.)

The Rev. Mother M. St. Teresa, Provincial of the Order of Notre Dame des Missions in New Zealand, passed peacefully away to her eternal reward, after a protracted illness, on Sunday in the Monastery of the Sacred Heart, Barbadoes street. The late religious was a native of France, and after spending twelve years at Deal (England) was appointed to the position which she has held during the last ten years in this Colony. She was a niece of the late Right Rev. Bishop Elloy, S.M., late Bishop of Central Oceania (including Samoa and Tonga), and was a cousin of the late Rev. Father Hurin, S.M., formerly of Fiji. The deceased was in the fifty-sixth year of her age and the thirty-fifth of her religious profession, and bore her long period of suffering with exemplary patience and fortitude. She was surrounded in her dying moments by the members of her community, who had learned to love and revere her for innumerable excellent qualities. This love and reverence was shared in by all those connected with the numerous branch establishments scattered throughout this Colony and in the States of the Commonwealth, and by all who knew her. Besides many other admirable characteristics, the deceased religious was a great organiser, and was possessed of exceptional administrative abilities, and her death is a severe loss to the Order. During her long illness the late Rev. Mother continually venerated a relic of the true Cross which was placed in her room by the Bishop, and it is somewhat remarkable that she died on the feast day of the Finding of the Cross. At all the Masses on Sunday, the day of her death, she was recommended to the prayers of the congregation, and just as the church bell announced the 'Regina Coeli' the last agony began. A message was at once despatched to the Very Rev. Vicar-General, who was concluding