

DIOCESE OF DUNEDIN

A Solemn Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of the late Bishop Moran will be celebrated in St. Joseph's Cathedral on Friday, it being the eighth anniversary of the lamented prelate's death.

Rev. James Liston, Dunedin, was ordained deacon in Rome on last Tuesday. Rev. D. Buckley, also of Dunedin, will be ordained priest in the same city on Trinity Saturday, June 6. After a tour in Ireland, they leave for Dunedin at the end of August.

We desire again to remind our readers of the concert which takes place to-morrow (Friday) evening in the Garrison Hall on behalf of the funds of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. The season has arrived when the slender resources of this admirable society will be most heavily taxed, and it behoves all who are in a position to do so to give a helping hand to the ladies who work so earnestly for the benefit of the poor, the fatherless, and the neglected. Apart altogether from the charitable object of the concert, the programme itself is such an excellent one that it ought to attract a crowded house.

The St. Joseph's Ladies Club opened the current session with a successful euchre tournament in St. Joseph's Hall on Wednesday evening of last week. There were fully 150 persons present, and the ladies' prize fell to Mrs. Powell, and the gentlemen's to Mr. Mouatt. The coming session of the club gives every promise of being even more successful than the last one. The members do not devote their time solely to pleasure and recreation, for various classes for the improvement and instruction of members are carried on during the winter months. Two of these—the dramatic and needlework classes—begin work this week, and others will start business as soon as the necessary arrangements are completed. The Ladies' Club is doing a great social and educational work in the parish, and should receive the most generous support and encouragement. Now is the time, at the commencement of the financial year, for intending members to give in their names, so that they may take full advantage during the winter months of the various classes which will be started.

St. Joseph's Men's Club held its usual weekly meeting on Friday night, the programme for the evening being short speeches on the favorite sports of members. Rev. Father Howard occupied the chair, and there was an attendance which was very satisfactory, considering the state of the weather. It came as a surprise the number of sports that are looked upon as the best, the following being recommended:—Harrriers, Mr. D. S. Columb; gymnastics, Mr. T. Deehan; cricket, Mr. J. Hussey; football, Messrs. J. S. Columb and D. Flanagan; hare-hunting, Mr. E. Spain; ping-pong, Mr. J. Swanson; rabbiting, Mr. T. Hughes; cycling, Messrs. J. Swanson and T. J. Hussey. The debate was highly interesting, instructive, and sometimes amusing, many of the speakers advancing highly ingenious arguments in support of their favorite sport. The rev. chairman expressed himself pleased with the speeches, particularly with the efforts of the younger members, and said he would be very much surprised if at the end of the season they were not able to acquit themselves exceedingly well.

On Thursday, 14th inst., the people of Cromwell (writes an occasional correspondent) were again charmed by a concert given by the pupils of the Dominican Convent, and the finished manner in which every item was rendered reflected the highest credit on the pupils and teachers. The first item, a chorus, 'Those evening bells,' by the pupils, was splendidly rendered, as were also two pianoforte duets, played respectively by the Misses Martha and Toy Mitchell and Frances O'Connell and Martha Mitchell. A recitation by three little tots, Olive May, Nellie McLaren, and Rosie Scott, was particularly well given, while one by Master Cedric Dawson gave that precocious boy another opportunity of displaying his talent. A cantata, 'The Flower Queen,' was then performed, and the performers, beautifully dressed to represent the various flowers, made a pretty spectacle and sang very nicely. In the second part the cantata was finished, and two pianoforte duets by the Misses Maud Mitchell and Kathleen Thomas, and Maggie Cahill and Annie Gibson were splendidly played. The Sandow dumb-bell exercises by eight boys were performed in a creditable manner. This was followed by a skirt dance by three young girls and an action song with fans by twelve girl pupils. This last item took the fancy of the audience greatly and was warmly applauded. Mrs. Costelloe sang 'Life's lullaby' in the first part and 'Beauty sleep' in the second in splendid style. She was vociferously applauded and had to respond to two emphatic encores. During the interval Rev. Father Hunt thanked the audience for their attendance and the performers and their teachers and Miss Maggie Cahill, the accompanist, for the great treat provided that evening. He also tendered his thanks to the Cromwell Brass Band, who played several selections in front of the Athenaeum Hall before the performance started.

Bazaar at Lawrence

The bazaar, the proceeds of which are intended to liquidate the debt on the Catholic presbytery (says the 'Tuapeka Times'), was opened in the Town Hall on Thursday evening under auspices of a very pleasing and promising kind. The hall was very nicely decorated, and the stalls were furnished with a very fine assortment of those various articles of ornament and utility that seldom fail to appeal successfully to the pockets of the

visitors. The exhibits included some very fine specimens of needlework, which were highly creditable to the industry and talent of the ladies who had spent so many months in their production. There were also some pretty designs in fancy work, whilst the panels and paintings were very much admired. The bazaar, as a whole, was the best seen in Lawrence for some time.

The Mayor (Mr. G. Jeffery), who performed the opening ceremony, said he had known intimately the people of the Catholic community in that district for 40 years, and during that time he had known them to be sympathetic and good citizens, who were always ready to put their hands in their pockets and assist any good, deserving object of a public or private character. His memory took him back to the time when, one of the first, if not the first, Catholic church in Lawrence was erected. It was a very humble structure indeed. It consisted of an iron building, with walls six feet in height. At that time there was no presbytery in connection with the church. But things had changed since then, and to-day, through the good work of Monsignor O'Leary, they had a church and presbytery of which they ought to be proud. It was a long time since the Catholic body in Lawrence had a bazaar, and he could see on looking around that the ladies had come forward with a bazaar which was the very best of its kind, the display of the work on the stalls being highly artistic.

The Very Rev. Mgr. O'Leary thanked the Mayor for his kindness in opening the bazaar, and also for the very nice things he had said about the Catholic community. He thought it was very fitting that the Mayor of the municipality should be asked to open the bazaar. It was the duty as well as the interest both of the community and the Mayor to encourage improvements in the town, and he was sure his Worship would admit that the Catholic community had done something to improve its appearance. They did not take out of the town any of the money made at any previous bazaar, but put it into bricks and mortar, in the upraising of buildings which, he might say, would remain an abiding improvement to the town when both his Worship and himself were in their graves.

The following were the stallholders:—No. 1, Mrs. Kelleher, assisted by Misses Kelleher (2), Brosnan, and Coigan; No. 2, Misses T. Ryan and Wall, assisted by Misses Moody and Roughan; No. 3, Mesdames H. Hart and Bowman, assisted by Misses Airey, Traynor, and Woods; No. 4, Miss Mills, assisted by Misses Riordan, W. Roughan, Fahev. K. Roughan, and Smith; Mesdames Casey and Cummings, assisted by Miss O'Donnell, being in charge of the refreshment stall. A sum of £60 was taken on the first night, the total receipts for the three nights being over £220.

DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

May 18. ...

In the Forty Hours' Adoration now in progress at Rangiora the Rev. Father Hyland is being assisted by the Very Rev. Father O'Donnell (Ashburton), and Rev. Father O'Connell (Pro-Cathedral).

The Rev. Fathers Murray and King, C.S.S.R., after completing missions at Greymouth and Ahaura, came overland to Christchurch last week. They spent a few days in the city as guests at the episcopal residence, and left by the Mokoia for Sydney. As passengers by the same vessel, en route for England, were Miss Hayward, Mr. Harry Hayward, and Mr. C. Wotherspoon and family.

There was a very largely attended meeting on Sunday afternoon in the parochial library to consider the advisability of initiating other methods of aiding the Cathedral building fund besides the public subscriptions, weekly sixpenny contributions, and other means adopted throughout the diocese. His Lordship the Bishop presided, and among the clergy present were the Rev. Fathers Cooney (Lyttelton), Gallais (St. Mary's), McDonnell, and O'Connell. The meeting was thoroughly representative of the entire city. His Lordship the Bishop, after reviewing various matters in connection with the Cathedral, suggested that a bazaar on a large scale, together with an art union, be held. This, he continued, was a recognised means, in the colonies especially, of bringing in the greatest approximate return in the least time. Acting on the Bishop's suggestion, it was unanimously resolved to arrange a carnival and art union to be held during the present year, if possible, on a date to be fixed without delay by an executive committee. The executive committee formed consist of Messrs R. O. Duncan, G. Hayward, J. Mudden, W. Corrigan, W. Fox, R. Hayward, M. O'Brien, P. Burke, W. Cassin, P. J. Young, and J. J. Wilson, with lady representatives to be appointed. Mr. E. O'Connor was elected secretary.

The Star Hotel, Temuka, has been taken possession of by Mr. D. Enright, formerly of the Shamrock Hotel, Invercargill, and the St. Clair Hotel, Dunedin, who has spared no expense in effecting modern improvements, which make it equal to any of its kind in the Colony. Families and the travelling public will find this a very comfortable hotel, and up-to-date in every respect.

Mr. J. McCormack, for seven years foreman to Mr. J. H. Smith, intimates to our readers in Timaru and district that he has started business in premises next the Melville Hotel, where he hopes by strict attention to merit a fair share of public patronage.