

have not a proper building yet; we have now to erect one. We have about £4000 in hand from the insurance on the old building and that will be a nucleus to begin with. The new building cannot be up-to-date, cannot be equal to requirements without an expenditure of about £8000, and the margin between four and eight or nine thousand pounds we have to get by the beneficence of well-wishers, both Catholic and non-Catholic, throughout the Colony. I might mention this: Mr. Tinline,

A Non-Catholic Resident of Nelson, has already handed in a cheque for £40, and that is only the beginning of what he intends to do. He has been ever a great benefactor to the institution and spent over £200 before the building was destroyed by fire for the plantation of the property and other purposes. It is hoped that these poor neglected children will one day be respectable members of society, and we want them to have a fair start in life; we want them to have a sound education, to be able to hold their own in temporal affairs; we want them to be trained in religion that they may have the requisite force of character, that they may have consolation in their sufferings, that they may have the means of struggling against temptations and become useful and happy members of the community. We wish to give them a good plain education and good Catholic instruction, so that they may be turned out good creditable citizens in the Colony. That is the position that stands before us. Now it is for this purpose that you are here in such large numbers; and allow me to tender to you my sincere thanks. I am delighted to see so many members of all Churches who sympathise with us and desire to assist us in this great work. Now I wish your assistance in this undertaking because it is a work of compassion, a work of great charity and most meritorious for heaven. And I wish all of you to give your subscriptions with the highest motives. Now the most perfect motive is to look upon these children as the representatives of Jesus Christ. This is the source of all the marvellous beneficence shown by the Catholic Church. This is the great secret of these wondrous charities which we find through out the Catholic world, this is the secret of that respect, that admirable patience, those delicate attentions which are found in those Catholic missionaries and Sisters of Charity who view the poor, the lowly, and the afflicted, not as mere human creatures, but as

Representatives of Jesus Christ.

It is thus you ought to view them; therefore when you give your money give it as if you were giving it to God Himself. If He were to come and ask you, and say: 'Give Me something for My children, for My dear neglected ones, give it to Me for them who represent Me,' is there one that would refuse Him? Oh, no, you would be too happy, too honored. But I may tell you with perfect truth that if you give to-night for that purpose you will be as much rewarded by Him one day as if you gave to Himself and your gift will be raised to a high level; it will be supernaturalised, it will be made worthy of the supreme reward of Jesus Christ. I need not say any more; but when the collectors go round, you will remember these poor fatherless, neglected children, you will give for them in order that they may be properly educated and treated for life in the same way as yourselves. View them also as children of Jesus Christ, so that one day when you go before your God and Sovereign Judge, He will say: 'Come ye blessed of My Father, possess the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave Me to eat, I was thirsty and you gave Me to drink, I was naked and you clothed Me, I was a stranger and you took Me in, I was a prisoner and you visited Me. You did that in the person of those children whom you were invited to assist. Come now and enjoy your reward, the possession of Myself and My kingdom for all eternity.' Amen

As a result of this appeal and private contributions in the parish a sum of £140 has been added to the fund.

Mark Hambourg

The visit to New Zealand of the above-named star, who has earned such a reputation in all parts of the globe, and who is aptly styled the replica of Anton Rubinstein, is at present the topic of conversation in musical circles. Since his previous visit to the Australian States some eight years ago the Russian pianist has made marvellous strides, and, admitting at that time when he made his appearance, and even when he secured the crowning successes of his visit two years later, he was a player showing all the promise of a great artist, the interval has been spent in gaining that experience which was absolutely essential before he could be classed in the front ranks of modern pianists. That he has gained the latter position there can be no question. Mark Hambourg has a great temperament on the lyric side, as on his programme in Melbourne were such poetic creations as the A flat Chopin 'Ballade,' Beethoven's 'Appassionata,' and the beautiful Chopin 'Berceuse.' He will be assisted by Mr. Boris Hambourg (a younger brother of the pianist, and a cellist of extraordinary talent), Miss Mabel Batchelor (an Australian soprano), and Mr. John Lemmone (flautist, who last visited Dunedin ten years ago). We understand that Mr. Hambourg will arrive at the Bluff on the 16th inst., the popular John Lemmone being in charge of the business arrangements.

In consequence of pressure on our space we have been obliged to hold over several communications.

DIOCESE OF DUNEDIN

Dr. Hall, who returned recently to New Zealand, has now taken up his duties as senior house surgeon at the Dunedin Hospital.

Mrs. D. L. Poppelwell, who has acted for a number of years as organist of the Church of the Blessed Sacrament, Gore, having relinquished that position, was presented by the parishioners with a handsome hall stand in appreciation of her services.

The Right Rev. Mgr. Mackay, who left Auckland by the Moura, for Suva to join the Moana for Vancouver, writing from the latter port under date May 24, says that the voyage so far has been very pleasant, the weather being exceptionally fine.

In order to collect the balance of the amount expended on strengthening the foundations of St. Joseph's Cathedral, it has been decided to inaugurate a weekly collection, and to make it more effective to divide the parish into twelve districts, with a staff of collectors to each district. A meeting of parishioners will be held in St. Joseph's Hall on Sunday evening, when the proposal will be submitted for their approval.

The new Catholic Church of St. Thomas, Garston, was blessed and opened on Sunday. The Rev. Father O'Donnell, pastor of the district, was present, and the occasional sermon was preached by the Rev. Father Murphy, Adm., St. Joseph's Cathedral, Dunedin, who spoke of the sanctity of the Church, and gave an interesting and detailed explanation of the ceremony of dedication. There was a large congregation present. A fuller report will appear in our next issue.

On Saturday the employees of Messrs. Herbert, Haynes, and Co., met to say farewell to Mr. Charles Columb, junr., who, after 16 years' connection with the firm, was leaving to take up the management of the 'N.Z. Tablet' Printing and Publishing Company. Mr. Columb was the recipient of a dressing-case as a token of the esteem in which he was held, and many good wishes were expressed for his future success. Mr. Columb replied in a brief and appropriate speech.

St. Joseph's Men's Club held their first debate on Friday evening, the subject being 'Should bachelors be taxed?' The attendance was very satisfactory. Mr. P. Carolin led in the affirmative, and Mr. H. Miles took the negative side. These gentlemen showed that they had devoted a great amount of time and care to the study of their arguments. Mr. Carolin was supported chiefly by Mr. T. Hussey, and Mr. Miles by Messrs. J. B. Callan, junr., and C. Foley. A number of the members having expressed their opinions the chairman put the question to the meeting, when the negative side won by a small majority.

OBITUARY

MR. M. RYAN, WAITAHUNA.

The many friends of Mr. Michael Ryan, of Waitahuna, will hear with regret of his death, which occurred on Wednesday evening of last week. The deceased had been in poor health for some time and had only recently returned from a trip to Australia, which he had undertaken on medical advice. The late Mr. Ryan, who was 71 years of age, was a native of Thurles, County Tipperary, came out to Victoria in the fifties, and had been in New Zealand for about 40 years. He was highly esteemed by all who knew him, and his demise was deeply regretted by his many friends. His sorrowing family have our sincere sympathy in their bereavement.—R.I.P.

Southland News Notes

(From our own correspondent.)

June 8.

Father Lynch, of Palmerston, occupied the pulpit at St. Mary's on Sunday. The rev. gentleman remains here on a visit for a short time, the duties of his parish at Palmerston being, in the meantime, undertaken by his brother, Father Lynch, of Invercargill.

The Irish Dramatic Club visit Winton this week and perform in Moor's Hall. I have not heard the name of their proposed drama, but, whatever it may be, full justice can easily be done it by the able performers who compose the club.

A very large meeting was held on Saturday and the Southland branch of the Hibernian Society was formed. The election of officers takes place next Sunday in the Marist Brothers' school at 3 p.m.

The Senators' Lodge tendered a banquet to Mr. Allister Macdonald on Friday evening, the occasion being his return from Campbell Islands. Mr. T. P. Giffedder was voted to the chair and a long list of toasts was duly honored. In proposing the health of 'Our Guest' the chairman welcomed Mr. Macdonald back to Invercargill, and eulogistic speeches were made by Messrs. G. A. Cormack, M. O'Brien, G. W. Woods, W. J. Healy, James Eagar, J. J. Giffedder, Thomas O'Byrne, Andrew Kinross, D. Corcoran, R. McRae, and others. In acknowledging the honor paid him, Mr. Macdonald hoped the strong bonds of friendship would ever remain intact, and assured the company that the pleasant recollections of the happy evening would always remain green in his memory. This toast was drunk with musical honors, and followed by three cheers for Mr. Macdonald.

The P.D. Corsets are up-to-date in every respect and highly popular....