

Very Rev. Mgr. O'Leary, Rev. Father Delany being deacon, Rev. Father Kavanagh subdeacon, and Very Rev. Father Coffey, Adm., master of ceremonies. The other clergy present in the sanctuary were—Very Rev. Father Hunt, Rev. Fathers John Lynch, J. O'Reilly, P. J. O'Neill, Buckley, D. O'Neill, Corcoran, Foley, Kaveney, and Falconer. His Lordship the Bishop gave the Absolution at the catafalque.

The Very Rev. Father Coffey, Adm. of St. Joseph's Cathedral, who is this month celebrating the silver jubilee of his ordination to the priesthood, was presented on Tuesday evening at the Bishop's Palace with a substantial cheque by his fellow priests of the diocese of Dunedin in recognition of his valuable services to the Church in New Zealand.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS

STRATHMORE, Taranaki.—According to competent authority, the number of persons of Irish birth or Irish origin in the United States is not less than thirty millions.

W.A.Q.—A report as to the seizure of the Catholic Bishop of Lemberg has appeared in certain American papers, and also in one or two English journals, but we have seen no confirmation of the statement. We have seen no such statement in regard to the Bishop of Przemyśl; and none of the reports suggested that either of these prelates had been sent to Siberia. If any such seizure as is reported took place, it may be taken as certain that the explanation is on the lines of that which you have suggested.

BAZAAR IN SOUTH DUNEDIN

The bazaar in aid of the building fund of St. Patrick's School, South Dunedin, was opened in the Town Hall, South Dunedin, on Wednesday evening of last week by Mr. T. K. Sidey, M.P., who was introduced by Mr. J. J. Marlow.

Mr. Sidey, in the course of a brief address, said that so many claims were at present being made in connection with the tremendous struggle that was taking place abroad that they were sometimes apt to lose sight of local institutions that had strong claims upon them; but there were no claims greater than those that were promoted for the well-being and training of the young. He was glad to say that no denomination in the community recognised that duty better than the Catholic body. He pointed out that character was of the first importance in making good and useful citizens. He referred to the teachings of history, which showed that while Greece had cultivated intellect Palestine had given them character, and said that moral and spiritual force was always stronger than the physical.

The Forbury School Band played outside the hall as an attraction to the sale, and inside the Lyric Band, conducted by Mr. Morris, played selections during the evening. Entertainment was also provided by the Higgins and Murphy quartet party of Irish dancers, the Misses Riddle, Lockhart, Frame, and King gave Highland dances, and the Black-and-White Follies Company contributed performances that were very highly appreciated.

On Thursday night there was a splendid attendance. The entertainment programme, which was greatly enjoyed, consisted of an action song by the pupils of St. Patrick's School, Irish dances by Miss Eager, club swinging by the Christian Brothers' gymnastic class, and items by the Christian Brothers' Choir. The programme on Friday night was highly appreciated. The fairy dance by pupils of St. Philomena's College found special favor, the dressing and grouping being very effective. The 'black-and-white follies' gave the second of their meritorious performances. Miss May Black's pupils gave a very effective military ballet, and also the Irish specialty 'The top o' the morning.' Graceful Irish dances were contributed by the Misses Salmon and McUleary.

The attendance on Saturday was very satisfactory. The items of the Lyric Orchestra proved very acceptable. Some 50 pupils of St. Patrick's School gave a fan action song, for which they received a well-merited recall, and the Christian Brothers' gymnastic class gave a further proof of their proficiency as club swingers. The Christian Brothers' Choir of 60 voices, under the baton of Mr. Gillies, gave a new setting of 'God save the King,' and as an encore number gave a fine rendering of 'The dawn of day.'

On Monday and Tuesday very encouraging business was done, the attendance evidently growing larger each evening. A fine programme of songs, dances, etc., delighted patrons on both evenings. Owing to the large quantity of goods on hand and to the splendid patronage extended to the fair, it has been decided to keep it open for the remainder of the week. Those who have books of tickets are reminded to forward blocks and remittances so that they may participate in the drawing of the art union on Saturday night. Those residing in the country should send blocks so as to reach the secretary not later than Saturday morning.

Oamaru

(From our own correspondent.)

June 7.

At a meeting of those interested, on the 30th ult., it was decided to reconstitute St. Patrick's Club for the winter session. The opening social takes place on Wednesday evening next with a euchre tournament. A successful season is anticipated.

Napier

(From our own correspondent.)

Mr. James Mannix, who has been a very active member of the Hibernian Society was recently presented with a medal in recognition of his valued services. The medal took the form of a gold shamrock, with the emblems of the society standing out in relief, and his name inscribed on the reverse.

The Triduum in honor of the Blessed Sacrament commenced on Thursday last, and was continued until yesterday, there being Solemn High Mass at 9.30 o'clock. Rev. Father Eccleton, of St. Patrick's College, was celebrant, and Rev. Fathers Dignan and O'Sullivan, deacon and subdeacon respectively. Rev. Father Smyth preached an eloquent sermon. There was Exposition after Mass until the afternoon, when there was a procession of the Blessed Sacrament from the church by way of Munroe street and Station street, and then back to the church, when Benediction was given by Rev. Father Dignan.

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Previously acknowledged	£48 12 0
John Kreft, Miller's Flat	2 0 0
John Delaney, Greymouth	1 0 0
'A.P.O.'	1 0 0
D. Fitzgerald, Kaponga	1 0 0
'Brotherly Love'	1 0 0
Mrs. E. Foley, Glanworth, Ohutu	0 10 0
C. O'Brien, The Peaks, Medbury	0 5 0
Miss F. Norton-Taylor, Christchurch	0 5 0
'Loneland'	0 3 0

CRUSADE OF RESCUE

We have received 5s from 'Chummy,' Tapanui, for Father Baus' Crusade of Rescue, London.

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