

ST. JOSEPH'S GLEE CLUB, DUNEDIN

In the presence of a large audience, the members of St. Joseph's Glee Club gave their initial concert in St. Joseph's Hall on Tuesday evening, February 25. This young musical organisation, composed of members of St. Joseph's Men's Club and lady friends, well deserved the success that attended their individual and collective efforts. Hearty congratulations are, too, due to Mr. T. J. Anthony (hon. conductor), who has so generously exercised his time and talent in the interests of the club, and the high standard of efficiency attained by the members must have been very gratifying to him. The arrangements for the club's first concert were completed several months ago, but owing to the precautions deemed necessary to combat the influenza epidemic, had to be postponed to the date above-mentioned. An excellent programme was presented, and the entertainment was most enjoyable throughout. The part songs consisted of "Autumn" (Booth), the bracketed number "The Rosary" (Nevin) and "April" (Salamon), and "Good Night" (Steele), each being effectively rendered, the voices being nicely balanced. Songs were given by Misses Rene Bradshaw, Evelyn Tait, Kitty Leonard, Gwen Wilson, Jenny McDermott, and Kathleen Burk; Messrs. D. Fogarty, M. Coughlan, W. Kennedy, and R. A. Power. Several of these soloists made their first appearance on the concert platform, and acquitted themselves very creditably, while each received the compliment of a recall. Mr. R. A. Power contributed several violin solos admirably. A vocal duet was given by Messrs. D. Fogarty and Power, and a vocal trio by Messrs. D. and F. Fogarty and V. Sheehy. Miss Laura Hawke, A.T.C.L., played the whole of the accompaniments in her usual admirable style, and Mr. T. J. Anthony was musical director. Mr. M. Coughlan carried out the duties of secretary most efficiently. The concert was closed with the singing of "God Save Ireland" and the National Anthem.

Men are deceitful, but God is good. He is the Truth Itself: live for Him and with Him!—*Mother M. of the Sacred Heart.*

"Seek above all things the kingdom of God and His justice." The spirit of the world seeks to encroach on all sides, hence devolves on us an obligation much greater and stronger to attach ourselves to the spirit of God, to the supernatural spirit of faith, a true religious spirit.—*Mother M. of the Sacred Heart.*

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OBITUARY

MR. JONATHAN O'BRIEN, DUNEDIN.

Bandsmen throughout the Dominion will regret to learn of the death of Mr. Jonathan (Jack) O'Brien, which occurred rather suddenly at his residence, Roslyn, on Friday night, February 21. Mr. O'Brien's connection with local bands extends back for many years, the first band of which he was a member being St. Patrick's. Later he joined the Kaikorai, but severed his connection with them when he went to reside in Timaru. Returning to Dunedin he became a member of the Dunedin Navals Band, but subsequently rejoined the Kaikorai and remained with them till the time of his death. He was also a prominent member of the Dunedin Orchestral Society for a number of years. Mr. O'Brien was a very fine euphonium player, and had on more than one occasion won the New Zealand Championship on that instrument, as well as being a member of the champion quartet; in fact, he was a generally successful competitor at all contests. He was present at band practice on the previous night, but felt unwell next day, and died within a few minutes of the doctor being called in. A very large number of bandsmen and others attended Mr. O'Brien's funeral on Sunday afternoon. About 60 played in the march from St. Joseph's Cathedral to the Southern Cemetery. Deceased's own band, the Kaikorai, took the march from the house in Roslyn to the Cathedral, Mr. Helmer Davie conducting. Members of this band wore white armlets. A number of active members were not distinguished as such because they were in mufti, the uniforms being in process of renovation. Many who knew Mr. O'Brien stood on the line of march to pay their respects. Father Kaveney conducted the service at the graveside, assisted by Father McCagh and Father Spillane. Members of the Hibernian Society acted as the pall-bearers from the Cathedral. Many past and present members of the Orchestral Society were in the procession. At a meeting of the St. Patrick's Day Concert Committee held on Sunday evening, February 23, a resolution of condolence with Mrs. O'Brien in her bereavement was passed, and the secretary was instructed to convey the same to her by letter.—R.I.P.

MR. WILLIAM BOLTON, PETONE.

The death of Mr. William Bolton occurred at his residence, 1 King Street, Petone, on Saturday, February 22. The deceased had been failing in health for some months, and was awaiting his end with true Christian piety and resignation. His death was a holy and peaceful one, comforted by the rites of Holy Church, and in the presence of his wife and family. The late Mr. Bolton was a native of County Carlow, Ireland. After marriage Mr. and Mrs. Bolton left home for Rockhampton, Queensland. Here he made his home and reared a family of five children. About fifteen years ago the family decided to come to New Zealand. On arriving in Wellington, they came out

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