

Sunday last, by the Very Rev. Dean Van Dyk, in the interests of the Maori missions, was most generously responded to, the sum of £140 being the result of the Dean's appeal in St. Joseph's Cathedral parish. The Very Rev. Dean will make an appeal, in aid of the same worthy object, at Hyde and Middlemarch on Sunday next, at Ranfurly on the following Sunday, and then successively at St. Bathans and Ophir, Alexandra and Cromwell. Father Bowen, also of the Fathers of St. Joseph's Missionary Society, will arrive next week to assist Dean Van Dyk in his collecting efforts in the interests of the Maori missions. Father Bowen will be at Lawrence on next Sunday, and at Invercargill on the Sunday following.

The usual weekly meeting of St. Joseph's Men's Club was held on Monday evening, the president (Father Ardagh) presiding. The programme was a debate as to whether a Labor Government is desirable in New Zealand. The affirmative was supported by Messrs. C. L'Estrange, J. Twomey, and E. Sandys, and the negative by Messrs. W. Kennedy, J. P. Dunn, and F. Donnelly. A vote of the members present declared in favor of the affirmative. Messrs. J. P. Dunn and C. L'Estrange were appointed the club's representatives on St. Joseph's Cathedral Parish Committee of the Catholic Federation.

At a social gathering, held in the Sacred Heart Schoolroom, North-East Valley, on Wednesday evening, June 11, the Very Rev. J. Coffey, Diocesan Administrator, read the balance sheet in connection with the recent fete and sale of work in aid of the local Catholic school funds. This showed the successful financial result of £660 3s 10d. The takings at the various stalls were:—City Stall, £207 5s 9d; Children of Mary, £135 11s 1d; refreshments, £127 6s 3d; Opoho, £56 13s 3d; side-shows, £28 1s; door takings, £5 6s 6d. Father Coffey very sincerely thanked the stall-holders and their assistants, the members of the committee, and those who had so generously patronised the fete.

### THE ENTHRONEMENT OF THE SACRED HEART

Addressing the congregation at the Church of the Sacred Heart, North-East Valley, Dunedin, on last Sunday evening, the Very Rev. J. Coffey, Diocesan Administrator, intimated that the devotions of the Quarant' Ore would be commenced on Friday, June 27, Feast of the Sacred Heart (patronal feast of the church), and the closing solemnities would be observed on the following Sunday evening. Continuing, Father Coffey said that in compliance with the desire of his Holiness the Pope, expressed in an encyclical letter, which would be read, probably on next Sunday, in all the churches, the Enthronement of the Sacred Heart in the families would be promoted forthwith, and although the priests were ever at the service of the people, a convenient time should be arranged for them to inaugurate the devotion in the families, and especially on an occasion when every member of the family could be present.

#### Templeton

After Mass at Templeton on last Sunday, Father Leen (pastor of the district), who has not been enjoying good health lately, and is about to take a short holiday, was met by the Templeton portion of his parishioners, who wished him a pleasant holiday, and complete restoration to health (writes a correspondent). Mr. Fouhy, on behalf of those assembled, asked Father Leen's acceptance of a well-filled purse, accompanying the gift with an expression of the people's appreciation of his devoted ministry among them, and of their popular pastor's kindness towards all. Father Leen, who was taken completely by surprise, feelingly expressed his thanks for the generous gift.

### ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS

D.A. (Emerald Hill).—Thanks for your kind letter of appreciation. Our highest hopes for Ireland will be realised this time.

J.W.O'H.—Have been unable to trace the recitation known as "The Irish Guards." Perhaps some kind reader would help.

M. A. LYONS.—We would suggest that you write to the parish priest for the information you desire. Address: Rev. T. Cahill, Waipawa, H.B.

"LINGUIST" (Bluff).—Thanks. We hope to return to the subject in a Note later on.

K. McCANN.—Mr. O'Connor, Barbadoes Street, Christchurch, stocks Gill's publications, and would obtain Louis Walsh's book for you if not actually to hand.

WM. MARNANE.—The Encyclical is published by the English Catholic Truth Society. We are confident you can get it from Mr. O'Connor, Christchurch. It costs only a few pennies.

J.M.D. (Maryland).—Thanks for communications. We appreciate your letter, but prefer to let the subject drop at present.

J.P. (Waikanae).—Yes, the story that a woman had to sell her property and her cows to pay for a Mass is a lovely sample of the sort of stuff served up for P.P. Ass. audiences. What a tribute to their intelligence it is! J. Knox's letter is a clear expression of how intelligent Protestants look at the efforts of such people to arouse sectarian strife.

CORRESPONDENT (Wanganui).—An anonymous letter—especially one published in a paper like the *Chronicle*—is beneath serious notice. Proof is abundant.

"MATTY."—Your story is not bad, but we have no space for short stories at present. Later on, when we are able to increase the size of the *Tablet*, we will be glad to publish good short stories.

"WORKING MAN PARENT."—Thanks for your letter. However, as the subject might be controversial, we must abide by our rule not to publish unsigned letters on such topics.

J.F. (Studholme).—Address: *Irish World* Office, New York, U.S.A.

K.McM. (Palmerston North).—We have called the attention of our correspondent to your letter. She thought she was paying you a compliment.

S.M.M. (Palmerston North).—As you are "still troubled" we advise you to bathe the chilblains in boiling water for six hours every day. Paint them with liniment of iodine after each meal. Rub a lemon on them before retiring. Wear thick, warm, woollen gloves when walking. If the ground is damp try goloshes also. If we hear of any further remedies we will be sure to let you know next week. Chilblains are horrible, but keep cheerful.

"TIR-OWEN."—We will write to you personally as soon as we have waded through the essays on Irish History which the goods trains are bringing to us these days. The rule in question was not made by the Editor. He has to do what he is told—sometimes.

E. McC. (Kokatahi).—Paper is still scarce and costly. When we are able to add 20 or 30 pages to the *Tablet* we will publish your poem in weekly instalments. We quite believe it took you "a d— of a long time to write it." West Coast readers will ask for more when we quote the stanza—

But we mustn't tarry—the mails we carry,  
And at Hari-Hari sure dinner's due.  
And Bob, the mail-man, och he's a whale, man,  
He cracks his whip and the horses flew.  
After dinner—when every sinner would sink a brimmer,  
We breast the Bar—a beer or shandy, a wine or brandy  
Comes in so handy on coach or car.

[There are one hundred and eighty lines besides these.—Ed. *N.Z. Tablet*.]