

troops in Ulster, and the £1000 that purchased the honor was made up of the pay of thirty foot soldiers at eightpence a day for three years. There was a fair response to this offer. Of this number, eighteen, it is curious to notice that the lineal male descendant of no less than nine still enjoy the honor, though in four or five cases the title has been submerged by the subsequent grant of a peerage. Seventy-three other baronetcies were conferred on the same terms before the year was out.'

Mass Among the Stokers

The following is an excerpt from the letter of a priest who sailed in the Empress of Ireland to attend the Eucharistic Congress at Montreal:—

'The voyage went on with nothing of note happening till towards the end, when the stokers, with whom I had several chats, asked me if I could not manage to get them a Mass in their quarters. The result of a lot of negotiation was, that Father Bernard Vaughan would say a Mass down below at 7 o'clock and myself at 8.30. Thursday, I began confessions in one of their bunks at 9 p.m., and went on till 11, the poor fellows rushing up from their work in all sorts of undress and blackness. I was busy nearly all the night preparing altar, etc., in one of the rooms in which thirty men slept. I wish you could have seen that chapel! It was almost as mean as Bethlehem. Yet, one man told me when he woke and saw an altar there, he almost cried. At 7 o'clock Father Bernard began; the place was packed with men who might have been niggers. I said Rosary. B. gave a short morning talk, and all went off well. At 8.30 the room was again filled. B. was there when I began Mass; he said five decades, made them sing up "Hail, Queen of Heaven," "O Salutaris," "Tantum Ergo," "Faith of Our Fathers." You should have heard that singing from throats coated with coal dust after four hours' stoking. I gave Holy Communion to about forty.'

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

DEBATE.

Is the moving picture entertainment, as at present conducted, a bane or a blessing?

Should the Referendum, in the form suggested by Mr. Balfour, be adopted in England?

Is horse-racing, under the conditions now existing in New Zealand, a wholesome and desirable form of recreation?

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The collection at St. Joseph's Cathedral, the Sacred Heart Church, and St. Patrick's Basilica in aid of the funds of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, amounted to £56 7s 1d—St. Joseph's Cathedral and the Sacred Heart Church £44 13s 10d, and St. Patrick's Basilica £11 13s 3d.

On Sunday there was Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Joseph's Cathedral from the last Mass until Vespers, after which the usual procession took place. Large numbers approached the Holy Table at the early Masses, and later in the day visited the Cathedral to pray according to the intentions of the Holy Father in order to gain the Portiuncula Indulgence.

On last Friday evening the Children of Mary held their annual euchre party in St. Joseph's Hall, when a most enjoyable evening was spent. The competition for the prizes was keen. Mrs. Nunan won the lady's prize and Mr. Wilkie the gentleman's. After the euchre, a most successful and enjoyable musical programme was gone through, the following contributing:—Song, 'Last night,' Mr. H. Poppelwell (encored); recitation, 'The ballad of splendid silence,' Miss Nettie Anderson (encored); song, 'To Anthea,' Mr. E. Mee (encored); song, 'My Rosary,' Mrs. Fraher (encored). The accompaniments were excellently played by Miss M. Callan and Miss V. Fraser. At the close of the programme refreshments were handed round by lady members of the committee.

There was a large attendance at St. Patrick's School, South Dunedin, on Monday evening, when the representatives of St. Joseph's Men's Club engaged in a debate on the subject, 'Should women be allowed to sit in Parliament?' with those of St. Patrick's Club. The Rev. Father Delany presided, and Mr. A. R. Barclay officiated as judge. Messrs. C. A. Shiel, W. Carr, P. Fitzgerald, and W. McAllen, on behalf of South Dunedin, made a spirited demand for women's right to legislate, but were met by some very forcible objections to such a proposal from Messrs. H. Gallagher, H. Salmon, T. Laffey, and J. Atwill, who appeared for the Dunedin club. The debate was highly interesting, and the speeches were without exception fluently delivered and the arguments logically arranged. Mr. Barclay in giving his decision in favor of St. Joseph's representatives by a majority of 35 points spoke very favorably of the promise shown by the younger speakers, and expressed the pleasure it gave him to see young men devoting their energies to such valuable work. Regarding the speeches of the winners, he said their matter had been excellent, and their delivery was so fluent and forcible that it left no doubt in his mind as to their nationality.

OBITUARY

MOTHER MARY VINCENT WHITTY, DUNEDIN.

Mother Mary Vincent Whitty, whose death we record in this issue, was one of the band of ten Dominican Nuns, who came to Dunedin with the late revered Bishop Moran in 1871. The deceased lady was born in Rathmines, Co. Dublin, of parents in affluent circumstances. She received her education at Sion Hill Convent, Blackrock, Dublin, where she became a Nun, and made her profession, just fifty-nine years ago. The Sisters were beginning to discuss the preparations for the celebration of the diamond jubilee of the venerable Nun's profession, but death, with sudden stroke, just a little while after Mass and Holy Communion, put an end to her long and holy career. She leaves to her Sisters the lesson of a sweet life of fidelity to duty and sincere humility. She filled no high offices; she played no prominent part in the community during those forty years in New Zealand, yet her memory will long survive among the Sisters, as a model of unswerving constancy in obedience and observance of rule—the highest monastic virtues. She was faithful indeed over the 'few things,' and well-founded is the hope that the Master will now 'place her over many.'—R.I.P.

Mr. J. D. Hall and Mr. L. M. Isitt have been nominated for Christchurch North. The former is opposed to the Government but will not follow Mr. Massey, and the latter is described as an Independent Liberal.