

## Notes

### An Exclusive Church

An old darky wanted to join a fashionable city church, and the minister, knowing it was hardly the thing to do and not wanting to hurt his feelings, told him to go home and pray over it. In a few days the darky came back. 'Well, what do you think of it by this time?' asked the preacher. 'Well, sah,' replied the coloured man, 'Ah prayed an' prayed, an' de good Lawd he says to me, "Rastus, Ah wouldn't bodder mah haid about dat no mo'. Ah've been trying to get into dat chu'ch mase'f fo' de las' twenty yeahs and Ah done had no luck.'"—*National Monthly*.

### Bishop Julius Speaks

The following Press Association message, in which Bishop Julius defines the Church of England attitude in regard to the sacramental wine question, appeared in Monday's dailies:—The following letter has been received by the Press Association from the Acting Primate (Bishop Julius): "My attention has been called to a statement attributed to the Rev. R. B. S. Hammond to the effect that when national prohibition is carried the Churches will cease to use fermented wine in the sacrament of Holy Communion, 'as his own had already done.' As this ambiguous statement has been very widely circulated, I think it right to say that the use of unfermented wine in Holy Communion is absolutely unlawful in the Church of England, and no action of the State will be allowed to invalidate this blessed sacrament. It is fair to Mr. Hammond to say that he distinctly repudiates the statement attributed to him, and that he is fully aware that the use of fermented wine in the Holy Communion under national prohibition is expressly provided for."

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### DIOCESE OF DUNEDIN

The Very Rev. Dean Smyth, S.M., Rector of Mount St. Mary's Scholasticate, Greenmeadows, is at present on a visit to Dunedin, and is the guest of his Lordship the Bishop.

At a special meeting of St. Joseph's Ladies' Club in St. Joseph's Hall on Wednesday evening of last week, Rev. Father Coffey, Adm., acting on behalf of the members, made a presentation of a terra cotta art design flower pot to the president (Mrs. Jackson), in recognition of the very deep interest she had taken in the club during the past season. Miss Laffey (secretary) was also the recipient of a presentation—a ladies' handbag—as a token of the members' appreciation of her work.

On Friday at Holy Cross College, Mosgiel, his Lordship the Bishop raised to the priesthood the Rev. E. Lynch, and ordained as subdeacons Revs. D. O'Connell and W. Skinner. On Sunday the Revs. D. O'Connell and W. Skinner were raised to the diaconate, and the latter will be ordained priest at the 9 o'clock Mass at the Cathedral on Sunday. He will celebrate his first Mass at the Sacred Heart Church, North-East Valley, on Monday.

A dramatic and musical entertainment by the students of St. Philomena's College will take place in St. Patrick's School Hall, South Dunedin, this (Thursday)

evening. A very fine programme has been prepared for the occasion. The Sisters of Mercy invite the parents and friends of the students to visit this afternoon the principal study hall of St. Philomena's College, where the work executed in the art studio and needlework classes will be displayed.

On Saturday, December 9, Rev. E. Lynch, who had been ordained the previous day at Holy Cross College, Mosgiel, celebrated his first Mass in the chapel of the Convent of Our Lady of Mercy, South Dunedin. Father Lynch was assisted by his brother, Rev. James Lynch, of Wrey's Bush, and Rev. John Lynch, of Palmerston, was also present. The beautiful music appropriate to the occasion was rendered by a choir of the Sisters of Mercy, the Elevation piece, 'Quid Retribuam,' being particularly touching. After Mass the 'Te Deum' was sung, and the nuns and the boarders of St. Philomena's College, whose privilege it was to be present, received the young priest's blessing.

The Sisters of Mercy, South Dunedin, have been notified by the secretary of the Navy League that prizes have been allotted by the executive (Messrs. Goyen, Darling, Morrell, Moore, and Jeffery) to the following students of St. Philomena's College who competed successfully in the League's Essay Examination held in September:—Senior subject for high and secondary schools, 'How may England maintain her supremacy at sea?'—First prize, Miss Kitty Langford. Junior subject, 'Story of the Armada'—Misses Alix Austis, Winifred Kaveney, Josephine Nolan, Mary Monaghan, Sadie Langford, and Mary McCormack. This year the Otago essays were forwarded by the Education Board to Mr. Andrew Spence, of the *Dominion* newspaper, Wellington, for final adjudication. He speaks highly of the general average of the papers, and of some he speaks with admiration. So good were those that they were passed on to Admiral King-Hall and his officers for their perusal.

The concert in aid of the Sacred Heart School funds, which took place in the schoolroom, North-east Valley, on December 1, was a great success from every point of view. It began with a tasteful violin duet by Misses Zita Venning and Vera Hannan. This was followed by Miss Grace Paton's song, 'Farewell to summer,' with violin obligato by Miss Minnie Paton. Miss Paton has a very fine voice, and uses it to the best advantage. Miss Elvino Millow's item, a pianoforte solo, was well played for such a young performer. Miss Taylor was heard to much advantage in the song, 'I hid my love.' In response to an enthusiastic encore she contented herself with bowing her acknowledgments. Miss Howden sang very sweetly 'Hush, my little one.' The item, however, that proved the gem of the evening was an operetta, 'The Dolls' Hospital,' by a large number of children. Miss Tessie Hannagan as the fairy queen danced very daintily. The dancing, singing, and acting of the children, including a boy in sailor's costume, three ideal nigger boys, and a contingent of girls in Japanese costume, afforded the audience the utmost delight. The principal for the smaller children, Miss Josephine Toomey, acted and sang most successfully. The second part of the programme was opened by Masters Botting, who played a piano duet in capital style, and had to respond to an imperative encore. This was followed by a beautiful violin solo, 'Heyre Kati,' artistically played by Miss Z. Venning. A song, 'A perfect day,' by Miss K. Carter, with 'cello obligato by Miss Z. Venning, was enthusiastically encored. The concert concluded with a grand action song, 'Caller Herrin,' by the children. The entertainment on the whole was most enjoyable, and the singing, acting, and dancing of the pupils were deserving of great praise, and reflected much credit on their teachers, the Dominican Nuns.

### Oamaru

(From our own correspondent.)

December 11.

The following candidates have successfully passed the examinations in Rudiments of Music, held locally