

DIOCESE OF DUNEDIN

The annual meeting of St. Joseph's Men's Club, which was called for last Monday, has been postponed until next Monday evening.

There was a fair attendance at the euchre party held in St. Joseph's Hall on Friday evening in aid of the funds of St. Joseph's Harriers.

The Defence authorities notify that additional instructors have been appointed to the permanent staff as area non-commissioned officers. The following, among others, have been appointed for the Otago District:—T. P. Laffey, W. A. Gustafson, A. McCormack.

Mr. T. P. Laffey, who has been for many years connected with the staff of the Christian Brothers' School, and who has been appointed to a position in the Military Department, was presented on Tuesday by the pupils of the school with a handsome souvenir and a substantial purse of sovereigns, as a mark of their appreciation of the interest he has at all times taken in them and the old school.

Rev. Brother Cusack, of the Christian Brothers, who has been in Dunedin for the past fourteen years, received notice last week of his transfer to Gympie, Queensland. Whilst here Brother Cusack showed himself to be a zealous and successful teacher, and was very popular with parents and pupils. He took a very keen interest in the musical training of the pupils, and the school choir attained a very high state of efficiency under his conductorship. Brother Cusack left for Sydney via Wellington by the Moeraki on Wednesday afternoon.

On Sunday, the feast of the Patronage of St. Joseph, there was Solemn High Mass at St. Joseph's Cathedral at 11 o'clock. Rev. Father Collins (Holy Cross College) was celebrant, Rev. Father Morkane (Holy Cross College) deacon, Rev. Father Corcoran subdeacon, and Rev. Father Coffey, Adm., master of ceremonies. The sermon on the day's festival was preached by Rev. Father Coffey. The music was Gounod's No. 3 Mass, which was exceptionally well sung by the choir, under Mr. Vallis, Miss Callan presiding at the organ. The motet sung as an Offertory was Santley's 'Joseph Fili David.' The Proper of the Mass of St. Joseph was chanted by male voices. At Vespers Rev. Father Morkane preached on the Holy Family.

Palmerston North

(From our own correspondent.)

Mr. Nash, who for the past three years was elected unopposed as Mayor, has been returned for the fifth time in succession, beating his opponent, Mr. F. J. Nathan by over 1300 votes.

On Sunday, the feast of the Patronage of St. Joseph, there was Solemn High Mass in St. Patrick's Church at 11 o'clock. The choir, under the conductorship of Mr. Tabor, sang the music in a very finished manner.

About thirty boys and girls made their First Communion at the 9 o'clock Mass on Sunday. They were afterwards entertained at breakfast in the schoolroom by the good Sisters. At the evening devotions the Rev. Father Costello preached the second of a series of sermons on some of the 'stumbling blocks' which prevent non-Catholics from coming into the Church.

On Sunday evening, April 21, St. Patrick's Church was crowded, when Rev. Father Costello delivered a most instructive discourse on the *Ne Temere* decree. In his introductory remarks he dealt with the question from a historical point of view, and gave various instances of how the Pope had stepped in and preserved inviolate the marriage bond from the wealthy tyrants, who, in defiance of all their promises, had sought to break the bond of marriage. It would thus be seen, said Father Costello, that the Catholic Church had always considered Matrimony as a sacred obligation—a sacrament—and she had always upheld the command of her Divine Master 'That those who are bound together by

God let no man put asunder.' A glaring instance was the action of King Henry VIII., who, because the Pope would not sanction the divorce of the Queen for Anne Boleyn, the Catholic Church was practically disestablished on the question, and much suffering caused, but still the Pope held firm. Continuing, the rev. preacher showed how the decrees were not new rules. In all ages and times the Catholic Church counselled the faithful not to intermarry with those outside their Church. That most ancient of races, the Jews, steadily observed this rule. This in no way interfered with those of any other religious persuasion. It was simply done in the interests of Catholics themselves, and indeed the decree had received the sanction of many eminent Protestant divines. The preacher paid a tribute to the honor of many non-Catholic men who lived in peace and in no way interfered with the religion of their wives and families, and concluded an impressive discourse by an eloquent appeal to his flock to stand fast to the teachings of the Church.

Taradale

(From our own correspondent.)

Last Sunday at both Masses in St. Mary's, Very Rev. Dean Grogan published the result of the Catholic bazaar held recently in Taradale. The bazaar was opened by Mr. J. V. Brown, M.P., Mayor of Napier. After a few introductory remarks by Dean Grogan on the faithful perseverance of the ladies in their efforts for this important event, and the kindness of his Worship the Mayor, who came from Wellington that day specially for this occasion, Dean Grogan introduced Mr. Brown to the large audience.

Having thanked Dean Grogan for his kindly welcome and for his friendly remarks, Mr. Brown congratulated the stallholders and friends on the handsome and artistic display he saw before him. He had no doubt but the financial result would redound to the credit of the whole community. Having declared the bazaar open, Mr. Brown paid a friendly visit to each stall, after which his pockets felt considerably lighter.

The stalls were five in number, in the following order:—The Taradale stall was presided over by Mesdames Jeffares and Reid, aided by a goodly number of assistants. This stall brought in the handsome sum of £115 12s. No. 2, Home Rule stall, was in charge of Misses O'Riley (2), Comisky, and Hawkins (2), aided by a number of willing young friends, who counted on the premier place at the end of the fair, for on this stall was one of the most exquisite folding and painted mirrors ever before exhibited in this province. The painting on this beautiful mirror, which was much admired, was the work of the Sisters of the Napier Convent. On this stall also were many exquisite works of art. The receipts of the Home Rule stall were £145 11s 11d. No. 3, art stall, was in charge of Misses B. Murnane and Frances Johnston, assisted by a bevy of young ladies. To say they did as good work in preparation as during the bazaar, is but doing them scant justice. This stall brought in £130. No. 4, Waiohie stall, under the management of Mesdames Moynihan and P. Neagle, with Mrs. Henrite. This was the most successful of all. It was literally loaded with works of art. This stall topped the list with the magnificent sum of £153 11s 11d. The last stall was called the Haeremai, or refreshment stall, ably managed by Misses A. Jeffares and T. Lawton. They were ably assisted by a number of lady friends, who made the work a pleasure. This stall realised the handsome sum of £127 5s, which was not bad for a refreshment stall. The total proceeds amounted to £671 19s 1d, less expenses (£39), which leaves a net balance of £648 5s.

A very pretty marriage took place here on last Wednesday, the contracting parties being Mr. Michael Gleeson, of Waikanae, Manawatu, and Miss Mary Catherine Kilkenny, of Whararangi, Puketapu. After the ceremony, which was performed by Very Rev. Dean Grogan, the wedding party drove to Mr. Kilkenny's residence, where the wedding breakfast was laid. Dean Grogan, in his usual happy style, proposed the toast of the 'Bride and bridegroom,' after which the other customary toasts were also duly honored. Mr. and Mrs.