

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered in St. Joseph's Cathedral on the second Sunday in September.

Now that the date for the opening of the bazaar in aid of the building fund of the Christian Brothers' School is drawing near, the stallholders and their assistants are displaying commendable zeal in preparing goods for their stalls, and the generous encouragement which they are receiving on all sides should certainly be an incentive to still greater efforts on their part. Everything points to the fact that the bazaar will be the most successful of its kind ever held in Dunedin. The training of the participants in the spectacular display, which promises to eclipse all previous efforts in this line, is going on steadily, and the attendance at the rehearsals is all that could be desired.

The newly-formed branch of the H.A.C.B. Society (St. Mary's) in Mosgiel held its second meeting on Tuesday night, August 13, in the schoolroom. Bro. J. P. Walls (president) presided over a good attendance of officers and members. Two new full benefit and five honorary members were initiated. Included in the latter were Rev. Fathers Morkane and Collins, and Rev. Dr. Kavanagh, of Holy Cross College, and two of the older male members of the congregation (Messrs. E. O'Neill and James Walls). Rev. Father Liston's clearance from the St. Joseph's (Dunedin) branch was received and accepted. The branch now numbers 26 full benefit and 8 honorary members. Everything promises to a most successful career for the branch. In the course of the business it was resolved that a meeting of ladies of the parish be held on Sunday afternoon with a view to a number of them becoming members. Bro. Doolan (Dunedin) was present, and gave much useful information to the officers and members. On the motion of the Rev. Father Liston his kindness was acknowledged.

Rev. Father Coffey, Adm., in announcing at St. Joseph's Cathedral on Sunday that Masses would be celebrated every Sunday in future at 8.30 o'clock in the Church of Mary Immaculate, Kaikorai, and at 10 o'clock in the Mornington Hall, incidentally mentioned that opportunities for the people to comply with their religious duties had been in some instances doubled within recent years. Some time ago there were only four Masses every Sunday in the parish—three at the Cathedral and one at the Sacred Heart Church (North-east Valley)—now there are eight—four in the Cathedral, two at the North-east Valley, one at Kaikorai, and one at Mornington. A few years ago there were only two churches, at present there are three, with the probability of another in the near future in Mornington. Evening devotions, which were commenced on Sunday week in the Sacred Heart Church, will be held regularly in future. The opening this year of a school in connection with the Church of Mary Immaculate has also increased the educational facilities of the parish.

Last evening, 'A Bit o' Blarney' was produced at His Majesty's Theatre by a strong company of amateurs, the proceeds being in aid of the furnishing of the St. Vincent de Paul Stall at the forthcoming bazaar, to be held in aid of the Christian Brothers' School building fund. Apart altogether from the excellence of the production, the object is one which is deserving of liberal support. As the piece had been carefully rehearsed for some time, and as the performers have a well-deserved reputation for conscientious work, it was no wonder that their initial performance was witnessed by an appreciative and representative audience. The following was the cast of characters:—Rody (the Rover), Mr. T. J. Anthony; Cudeen Cassidy, Mr. R. B. Reynolds; Squire Rossmore, Mr. G. G. Denniston; Edward Lawton, Mr. W. W. Crawford; Teddy Burke, Mr. J. W. Elliott; Captain Castleton, Mr. C. V. Hill; Corkerry, Mr. J. Budge; Darboy Darney, Mr. P. Carolin; Rosaloon O'Connor, Miss Ethel Young; Lady Patrice, Miss Lillian King; Shevaun Jack, Miss A. Hooley. The piece was produced

under the supervision of Mr. T. J. Anthony, Mr. J. Power being scenic artist, and Signor Squarise musical director. 'A Bit o' Blarney' will be repeated to-night (Thursday), when there should be a crowded house.

THE COADJUTOR ARCHBISHOP OF WELLINGTON

IMPRESSIVE CONSECRATION CEREMONY

(By telegraph, from our own correspondent.)

August 18.

The Most Rev. Dr. O'Shea, S.M., was consecrated Coadjutor-Archbishop of Wellington on yesterday morning in the Sacred Heart Basilica by his Grace Archbishop Redwood, who was assisted by his Lordship Bishop Verdon, Dunedin, and his Lordship Bishop Cleary, Auckland. The ceremony commenced at 9 o'clock, the church being packed, and hundreds were unable to obtain admission. There was a large number of visiting clergy present, including Very Rev. Father Ryan, S.J. (Melbourne), Right Rev. Mgr. Brodie and Very Rev. Dean Darby (Auckland), Very Rev. Dean Regnault, S.M. (Provincial of the Marist Order), Ven. Archdeacon Devoy, Very Rev. Father Roche, and Rev. Fathers Lynch and Tuohy, of the Redemptorist Order, Very Rev. Deans Holley (Wanganui), Power (Hawera), Smyth (Greenmeadows), Carew (Greymouth), Tubman (Timaru), Very Rev. Father O'Connell, Rev. Fathers Kerley, McCarthy (Marist Missioners), Very Rev. Father Keogh (Hastings), Rev. Fathers Le Preire (Wairoa), McDonnell and Kimbell (Greenmeadows), Ainsworth (Nelson), Fay (Blenheim), Delach (Otaki), and all the Wellington clergy. Ven. Archdeacon Devoy and Very Rev. Dean Holley were assistant priests at the Archbishop's throne, whilst Very Rev. Deans Smyth and Regnault were assistants to the Most Rev. Dr. O'Shea. Rev. Fathers Hurley and Schaefer were masters of ceremonies. The religious Orders were represented by the Marist Brothers, the Sisters of Mercy, Sisters of Compassion, and Sisters of the Mission. Mr. John O'Shea and Sister Mary Aloysius, brother and sister of the Most Rev. Dr. O'Shea, were present, and also Mr. G. W. Russell, M.P. An additional temporary altar was erected in the main sanctuary, the permanent altar being for his Grace Archbishop Redwood, and the temporary altar for the new Archbishop. The procession of hierarchy, clergy, and acolytes to the church commenced the ceremony. The Archbishop-elect presented himself duly robed in white, as a priest, to the consecrating prelate. The apostolic mandate was read by Rev. Father Hickson, after which the episcopal oath was taken, and the examination was proceeded with. After the examination, the Mass began, the Consecrating Prelate at the high altar, and the Archbishop-elect at the special altar. During Mass the ceremony was continued. After the Epistle, the clergy present chanted the Litany of the Saints, whilst the Archbishop-elect prostrated himself. At the conclusion of the Litany, the Archbishop-elect knelt before the Consecrating Prelate, who, with the assistant Bishops, placed the Book of the Gospels over the neck and shoulders of the Archbishop-elect to remind him that he accepted the tiara of the Gospels, and that, although he was head of his Church, yet he was under its laws. This was followed by prayer, and the consecration preface commenced. The hymn, 'Veni Creator,' was sung, after which the head and hands of the Archbishop-elect were anointed, the crozier, rings, and Book of the Gospels were blessed, and handed to the new Archbishop. Then came an interesting part of the ceremony—the offering by the new Archbishop to his consecrator of two loaves and two small barrels of wine. After this the Communion followed, and the mitre was then placed on the head of the new Archbishop, and he, accompanied by the assistant Bishops, proceeded down the main aisle and blessed the congregation.

Very Rev. Father Ryan, S.J., of Melbourne, preached an eloquent sermon, in which he described the



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