

Notes

To Study the Social Question

In addition to the intimation conveyed in our leading columns last week relative to the opportunity to be afforded our Catholic laity of taking up the C.S.G. course of study in social economics were also circularising the various Catholic clubs. As the names and addresses of the secretaries are in most cases not known to us we have uniformly addressed the circular to the parish priest in the hope that he would kindly oblige by seeing that it reached the proper quarter. Already our leader has brought us a number of letters from readers desirous of entering for the examinations; and the indications are that our proposal will meet with an extremely satisfactory response. One or two requests and queries have been submitted to us to which we may briefly refer. A Christchurch young lady writes saying that she would be grateful if we would let her have further information on the matter, but she omits to indicate on what particular point or points she desires enlightenment. If she will make good this omission we will be pleased to furnish the information wanted. Probably her request had reference to the text-books, as has that of another correspondent who asks us to let him know the cost and he will remit the amount. In regard to all such matters as these—the text-books, their cost, how they are to be obtained, etc.—candidates can rely on our giving them all necessary information in due time. An Otago Central candidate raises a very natural and pertinent query. She asks 'whether a faulty standard of English composition would militate against a student securing high marks'? We will forward the inquiry to the C.S.G. secretary; but in the meantime we think we can safely offer an assurance that defective composition will not operate prejudicially against a candidate. The object of the examination is to test, not English composition, but the candidate's knowledge of the subject matter of the text-books prescribed.

DIOCESE OF DUNEDIN

A very enjoyable euchre tournament in aid of the furnishing of the South Dunedin stall at the forthcoming bazaar was held in the Pavilion, St. Clair, on Monday evening. The prizes were won by Miss Annie Rodden and Mr. N. Le Fevre.

A euchre tournament was held in the Sacred Heart Schoolroom, North-East Valley on last Friday evening in aid of the school funds. There was a very large attendance. The lady's prize was won by Miss Clarke, and the gentleman's by Mr. Turnbull.

On Sunday afternoon his Lordship Bishop Verdon administered the Sacrament of Confirmation in St. Patrick's Basilica, South Dunedin, to 184 candidates, including several adults. His Lordship was assisted by Rev. Fathers Delany, O'Neill, and Kavanagh.

On Tuesday, September 23, Rev. Father Creagh, C.S.S.R., opened a three days' retreat for the pupils of St. Patrick's Dominican Convent, Teschemakers. At the close of the exercises, a number of children were admitted to their First Holy Communion. There was also a reception of Children of Mary.

The devotion of the Forty Hours' Adoration will begin on Friday morning at St. Joseph's Cathedral with Solemn High Mass at nine o'clock. In the evening there will be devotions, sermon, and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. On Saturday morning at nine o'clock a *Missa Pro Pace* will be celebrated, and in the

evening Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will be given. There will be Solemn High Mass at 11 o'clock on Sunday, and the ceremonies will be brought to a close on Sunday evening with procession and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. On Sunday afternoon the usual procession in connection with Rosary Sunday will be held. The procession will leave St. Joseph's School for the Cathedral at three o'clock.

The arrangements for the Christian Brothers' School bazaar, which will be opened in His Majesty's Theatre on Monday evening, October 13, by his Worship the Mayor of Dunedin, are now almost completed, and everything points to a most successful carnival. The stallholders have everything in readiness, and Miss Hamann, who is to conduct the spectacular display, is confident that her part of the programme will eclipse anything seen in Dunedin for many years. A rehearsal with orchestral music was held in St. Joseph's Hall on Tuesday evening, when there was a full attendance, and the graceful dances and intricate evolutions were performed in a manner which reflected credit on teachers and pupils. The number of entries for the tug-of-war contest proves that much interest is shown in this feature of the carnival, and by the date up to which entries will be received, October 10, it is expected the present number will be largely increased. A very valuable collection of pictures has been secured for the art union, and those having books of tickets for this are reminded that blocks of sold tickets, accompanied by remittances, should be returned without delay.

The September quarterly meeting of the Dunedin branch of the H.A.C.B. Society was well attended, branch President Bro. T. J. Hussey presiding. After the transaction of the routine business, the question of a sick member down to 5s per week was considered, but, owing to the preparation for the forthcoming bazaar, the holding of an entertainment for his benefit was deemed inadvisable. Therefore it was resolved to vote him 15s per week for twenty weeks out of the benevolent fund in addition to the sick pay. A strong committee was formed to assist the supervising committee (who, by the way, are all members of the branch) to make the bazaar a success. The president presented Bro. J. Dougherty with a handsome framed P.P. certificate in recognition of his services for the past twelve months in the chair. In doing so, Bro. Hussey, in an eloquent speech, dwelt on the many good qualities and qualifications of Bro. Dougherty, and expressed the hope that other members would follow his example, and qualify themselves for the same position. Bro. Dougherty suitably replied. Four candidates were elected and initiated members of the society. The meeting was brought to a conclusion by the Rev. Father Coffey (chaplain) reading the closing prayer. The receipts were close on £200.

The members of the Christian Brothers' Old Boys' Association have been working quietly for some time, but none the less effectively, with the object of making a good display in their stall at the forthcoming bazaar. On Monday evening they gave a most successful entertainment in aid of the funds of the stall in St. Joseph's Hall, when there was a crowded audience. All were highly pleased with the programme submitted, and the majority of the performers were honored with recalls. The following was the programme:—Chorus—(a) 'The dear little shamrock' (b) 'Hail, smiling morn,' Christian Brothers' Choir; piano solo, 'The river song,' Miss Nancy Carolin; song, 'Thora,' Mr. D. Fogarty; humorous recitation, 'So was I,' Master Leonard Griffiths; song, 'Solveig's song,' Miss Daisy Hall; song, 'The song of Hybrias the Cretan,' Mr. Fred. Woods; dramatic recital, 'The glove and the lions,' Miss Sarah Singleton; piano solo, Master A.

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