

DIOCESE OF DUNEDIN

Mr. and Mrs. Van Paine, well-known and respected citizens of Dunedin, returned by the Ionic to Wellington last week from a holiday visit to the Homeland. Mr. and Mrs. Paine reached Dunedin on Saturday and were warmly greeted by relatives and friends on their arrival by the express train.

The Christian Brothers desire to thank those who assisted them so generously on the occasion of their school's annual entertainment, and in an especial manner express appreciation of the services rendered by the ladies in preparing the boys for their appearance on the stage; also the numerous party who helped in the financial success of the function by selling sweets among the audience. The Brothers regret that owing to the importance of the examinations about to be held they are unable to accede to the request of many who were unable to obtain admission, to repeat the entertainment.

The members of St. Joseph's Ladies' Club terminated a very successful season the other Wednesday night, when a short lecture on Lourdes was delivered by Rev. Dr. O'Neill. During the evening songs were rendered by Misses B. Gallien, S. McCready, and Rev. Dr. O'Neill; recitations by Miss A. Heley and Rev. Father McLaughlin; piano solo, Miss K. Whelan. Miss N. Varney officiated as accompanist. On behalf of the club members, Rev. Dr. O'Neill presented Miss D. Thomas with a small gift on the occasion of her approaching marriage. In doing so he referred to the many excellent qualities of Miss Thomas, who had proved herself a most valued member of the club, and by her kindly and obliging nature had endeared herself to all with whom she had been associated. Miss Thomas has the sincerest good wishes of all connected with the club for happiness and prosperity in her wedded life.

A social evening was tendered by the Mosgiel Catholic congregation on Thursday in the Coronation Hall to the Rev. Father John McGettigan, member of a local family, who had been ordained the previous Sunday, and to a former resident of Mosgiel (Mr. Robert Gilligan) now a member of the Marist Brothers in Christchurch, and known as Rev. Brother Joseph Plunket. There was a large attendance and Rev. Father Collins presided. He was supported by the rector of Holy Cross College (the Very Rev. Father Morikane) and Rev. Dr. O'Neill. A musical and elocutionary programme was supplied by members of the congregation, while several speakers, on behalf of all present, offered their congratulations to Rev. John McGettigan on his ordination, and welcomed Brother Plunket to their midst after an absence of seven years. Both young men returned thanks for the thoughtfulness of the congregation in arranging the social in order that they might meet their many friends, and stated their pleasure at spending such a happy evening amongst them. The ladies provided supper and the social closed with "Auld Lang Syne," and cheers for the guests. The Rev. Father McGettigan (who is a son of Mr. and Mrs. John McGettigan, of Queen Street) left next day on a short holiday. He will return about the middle of December and will minister to the spiritual wants of the congregation for a few weeks.

At the recent practical examinations in connection with Trinity College of Music, London, the following pupils of Miss M. P. Noonan, L.T.C.L., were successful:—

Higher Local Division—Ethel Hadfield 74.

Intermediate—Myrtle Denton 71, Ngarita Kennedy 70.

Junior—Mary Donnelly 67.

ST. PHILOMENA'S COLLEGE, SOUTH DUNEDIN.

In the Elocution Examinations recently conducted by Mr. Ronald Chamberlain, B.A., Mus. Bac. (Cantab.) for Trinity College of Music, London, the following pupils of the Sisters of Mercy were successful:—

Intermediate Division—Mary C. Radden 77, Eileen M. Houston 71, Maureen Carroll 69.

Junior Division—Moira T. Duggan 82, Patricia Burke 77, Elizabeth F. Kerr 76, Gertrude M. Kane 75, Elizabeth Lynch 74, Joyce Williams 60.

Preparatory Division—Sheila M. C. Kirby 89, Moira D. Whelan 86, Ellen M. Vintiner 80.

Christian Brothers' School, Dunedin ANNUAL ENTERTAINMENT.

His Majesty's Theatre was crowded in every part on Monday evening, the 16th inst., on the occasion of the annual entertainment staged by the pupils of the Christian Brothers' School. His Lordship Bishop Whyte and a number of the clergy were present, and the vast audience gave unmistakable evidence of its appreciation and thorough enjoyment of the varied and splendidly arranged programme, which was presented in a manner that reflected the highest credit upon all concerned. The first numbers of each part consisted of selections artistically rendered by a very efficient orchestra organised by Mr. D. Whelan. These included "Reminiscences of Ireland" and the overture to the "Royal Jester." Orchestral accompaniments were also supplied to several features of the programme. The curtain rose to tier above tier of the pupils neatly attired in the school uniform who, under the conductorship of Rev. Brother Hynes, sang very sweetly and correctly the choruses—"Drummaun Dhun" and "Pond Lilies." A recitation, given in good style by Master Marcus Coughlan, was followed by a fine display on the horizontal bar by the gymnastic class. A particularly pleasing number was the song "Danny Boy" (with violin obbligato by Miss A. Sligo) rendered by selected voices. A youthful performer (Master Owen Cantwell) next gave a violin solo that marked him out as one who is destined in the near future to be a very brilliant performer. An amusing scene—a "By-Election Meeting"—afforded scope to a large number of lads quaintly attired for fun-making, their clever comedy work—topical allusions, interjectory remarks, etc.—keeping the audience in a simmer of merriment. An Irish jig was well danced by Master Moray Nichol. "Eastern Flower Drill and March" by the juniors was a delightful spectacle, the intricate evolutions, colored lighting effects, and appropriate costuming being most pleasing. Quite a gem was the vocal solo, "Who is Sylvia?" by Master Claude Lee, whose sweet voice and

correct interpretation were much admired. An exhibition of living pyramids (the grouping being very effective) and exercises on the vaulting horse by the gymnastic class provided a thrilling and pleasing conclusion to the first portion of the programme. This item, given under the supervision of Rev. Brother Doonan, the school's instructor in physical culture, was a praiseworthy performance, the agility and stamina displayed by such a large body of hefty young athletes being much admired. The second half of the programme consisted of an operetta in three acts, entitled "The Royal Jester." This was elaborately staged, and in view of the fact that no fewer than 260 boys participated in its production, the smoothness of the movements, the singing and acting, the setting and costuming, reflected credit on the producer. The principals, too, were perfect in their parts, two of them (Masters Teomey and Hall) excelling in their characterisation and interpretation. The former as "The Jester" sang and acted in a most natural manner, while the latter in his portrayal of "The King" filled a difficult part cleverly and effectively. Much credit is due to the members of the orchestra, largely composed of students of St. Dominic's College, for their finished performance of the music incidental to the operetta; also to Messrs. P. Hanley and T. McKenzie for their efficient services as accompanists.

Hastings

(From our own correspondent.)

November 20.

Following a beautiful custom of older lands where hundreds flock to the cemetery on All Souls' Day to pray for the dead, the Catholics of Hastings stood on All Souls' Eve by the graves of the loved dead. The voices of the Sisters and children rang sad and sweet through that *Campo Santo* in that beautiful hymn of the "Waiting Souls." The Rosary was recited, followed by prayers for the dead. Rev. Father McDonald, standing by the large cross that marks the last resting place of the venerable priests of the past, gave a touching and instructive sermon to a mixed congregation, dwelling on the deep and consoling significance of the Catholic belief in Purgatory.

We had a visit from the Rev. Father Higgins, of Mt. St. Mary's, who celebrated the 9 o'clock Mass on Sunday, the 8th inst., and preached an earnest and impressive sermon in the evening. A few days before, Father Goggan had the misfortune to slip and sprain his wrist.

Sunday, November 15, was a general Communion Sunday, and saw the beginning of the devotion of the Forty Hours' Adoration. Rev. Father Schaeffer, of Mt. St. Mary's, sang the 10.30 Mass, and gave a stirring discourse on the Blessed Sacrament in the evening. On Monday morning at 6.30 Father McDonald sang the Mass *Pro Pace*, and in the evening Rev. Dr. Casey preached a very fine sermon on the Holy Eucharist. The three mornings of the Quarant' Ore presented a most edifying sight when the whole congregation approached the Holy Table.

A distinguished visitor is in our midst in the person of the Very Rev. Father O'Reilly, S.M., Provincial.

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