

whose outing was spoiled by the weather and for those who were unable to be present, the outdoor concert will be given by the boys on Saturday, 19th (weather permitting), when friends who come out will receive a hearty welcome.

On Friday afternoon the children of St. Vincent's Orphanage entertained the ladies of the Orphans' Sewing Guilds, whose valuable help throughout the year is highly appreciated by the Sisters who work at the orphanage. His Lordship the Bishop, Right Rev. Dr. Whyte, presided and there were present active and honorary members of the South Dunedin, Mosgiel, Kaikorai, and North-east Valley Guilds. After little Monica Toobey in a brief speech had voiced the gratitude of children, a variety entertainment was given; it consisted of choruses, action songs, dialogues, and an Irish jig. Afternoon tea was handed round, and his Lordship the Bishop, on behalf of the Sisters of Mercy, thanked the good ladies who have spent an afternoon each week sewing for the orphans.

While their Excellencies the Governor-General (Sir Charles Fergusson) and the Lady Alice Fergusson were in Mosgiel on Saturday, November 28, they visited Holy Cross College. They were accompanied by Captain Wentworth, aide-de-camp to his Excellency, and several prominent citizens. An extended report of the visit will be given in our next issue.

Oamaru

(From our own Correspondent.)

November 27.

Father F. Finlay, son of Mr. D. Finlay, Windsor, who a couple of years ago went to France to complete his studies for the priesthood, returned to New Zealand by the *Ionie* on November 18. Father Finlay celebrated Mass at the Basilica the Sunday following his arrival in the Dominion. The friends of the young priest and his family were pleased to see North Otago's accession to the priesthood back among his people.

The Catholic Men's Club had two very interesting gatherings of late. At one a paper on "The Future of New Zealand" opened up an interesting discussion. At a subsequent meeting Mr. F. Cooney spoke on "The Press," and Mr. A. G. Ny dealt with "The Value of Geography." Father Fenelon gave his impressions gained during a visit to the Exhibition. The club has decided to continue its fortnightly meetings throughout the summer. The billiard tournament resulted in Father Fenelon being the winner and Mr. F. Carrington runner-up.

The devotion of the Forty Hours' Adoration held at the Basilica created much interest. The attendances at the Masses were large; the altar decorations reflected the care and labor bestowed by the members of the Altar Society, and the procession of the Blessed Sacrament was most impressive.

After a residence of nearly 20 years in the district, two of our parishioners (Mr. and Mrs. H. McAuley, of Ardgowan) left for Temuka recently. They were given a hearty send-off by the residents of the settlement, a wallet of notes being the tangible expression of the goodwill of the neighbors towards Mr. and Mrs. McAuley.

Gore

(From our own Correspondent.)

November 24.

There was a very pleasant gathering in the Federal Cabaret on the evening of the 17th inst., when many friends of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Gray assembled for the purpose of bidding farewell to them upon their departure for Waihoia Downs. Rev. Father Lennon in a very able manner asked the guests, on behalf of the refreshments stall staff of the late bazaar and friends, to accept a token of their esteem and gratitude in the form of a silver teapot. In the course of his remarks Father Lennon dwelt upon the valuable assistance lent by the guests of the evening during the bazaar. Several others present also spoke and Mr. Gray replied in a very pleasing manner. Supper was then partaken of and quite a homely evening was brought to a close with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."

Despite rather a disappointing attendance quite a pleasant evening was spent by the members of the Catholic Club at their meeting on Monday evening last. Rev. Father Lennon presided. The programme consisted of an item by each member, and afterwards the chairman held the interest of all present by reading aloud some extracts from the works of Mark Twain. Much appreciated items were contributed by the following:—Father Lennon and Mr. A. H. Smith (recitations); Messrs. M. Cronin, P. O'Neill, D. O'Neill, J. Fleming, and J. Mallon (songs); Messrs. P. Columb, J. Casey, D. Cronin, and J. McGrath (stories).

ORDINATION AT CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

Sunday last was a red letter day in the history of the Cathedral parish owing to the ordination of two natives of the diocese, one belonging from youth to the Cathedral parish and the other to the country parish of Methven-Rakaia. These were Rev. Arthur Gregory, whose parents reside in Waltham, where he was born, the whole of his primary education being received at the Marist Brothers' School in this city. He entered Holy Cross College, Mosgiel, ten years ago, and his ordination marks the completion of a successful course which was interrupted by one year's service in the Ambulance Corps during the war. Hearty congratulations have been received by his excellent parents, who are held in high esteem by the Cathedral parishioners. Rev. James Maguire was born in the Ashburton County, of excellent Catholic parents, his father having the happiness of being present at his ordination, his mother having been taken from him by death in his early years. The Cathedral was filled to capacity, the congregation following with the deepest interest the grand ceremonial as it was unfolded before them. His Lordship the Bishop was assisted by the Very Rev. Father Morkane, M.A., rector of the Mosgiel Seminary, and Very Rev. Dr. Kennedy as archdeacon and master of ceremonies respectively. Rev. Father Timoney was assistant master of ceremonies, and there were present in the sanctuary Very Rev. Dean

O'Donnell (Ashburton), Very Rev. Father Price (Methven-Rakaia), Very Rev. J. O'Connell, S.M. (St. Mary's), Rev. Fathers J. Hanrahan, F. Seward, D. Buckley, S. Bonetto, Hally, McGettigan, Cullen, S.M., and O'Meehan.

The altar boys, under the direction of Rev. Brother Phelan and Mr. Frank Geoghagan carried out their duties with their customary efficiency; the choir rendered incidental music, including the "Veni Creator," under the direction of Miss M. O'Connor.

At the conclusion of the ceremony the newly ordained gave their first blessings to the whole congregation, who approached in turn to the Communion rails. The two young priests received the hearty congratulations with best wishes for fruitful ministries from their brethren of the clergy and friends. His Lordship the Bishop entertained to luncheon the newly ordained and the city and visiting clergy. He expressed in the name of all the happiness which was felt at the ordination of two natives of the diocese, and conveyed good wishes for many and happy years.

In the evening a large congregation assembled for the devotions. The Very Rev. Father Morkane was the occasional preacher, his subject being the "Royal Priesthood of Jesus Christ." Solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament was given by Father Gregory, Fathers Maguire and Hally being deacon and subdeacon.

On Monday morning Father Maguire, assisted by Very Rev. Dean O'Donnell, in the presence of several of the clergy and a large number of relatives and friends, celebrated his first Mass at the convent chapel of "Villa Maria," Riccarton. The party was entertained to breakfast by Rev. Mother and community. Father Gregory, assisted by Father Hally, celebrated in the presence of a large number of friends and Cathedral parishioners, his first Mass in the chapel at Nazareth House, and the Sisters entertained them with their customary hospitality.

The Cathedral parishioners wish the newly ordained *ad multos annos*.

CHRISTIAN BROTHERS' GOLDEN JUBILEE

Next year (1926) will mark the golden jubilee of the arrival of the Christian Brothers in Dunedin. The Brothers and their past and present pupils intend to mark this important event in the Catholic educational life of the Dominion in a befitting manner. The main celebrations are timed to take place about or during the Easter holidays, so that the old boys from far and wide may gather in Dunedin for the jubilee and incidentally visit the Great Exhibition. The Brothers, or any of the old boys resident in Dunedin, will be delighted to receive the names of those who will visit this city about the date mentioned, and trust that not one from among the many hundreds who have passed through the now historic school will fail to identify himself with the celebrations.

A meeting of past pupils of the school and those interested in the jubilee celebrations, will be held on next Sunday evening at 8 o'clock in St. Joseph's Hall. A very large attendance is hoped for, as an indication may then be gained as to the nature and scope of the celebrations.

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