

DIOCESE OF DUNEDIN

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The deepest gratitude of the Sisters of Mercy is extended to the ladies of the Catholic Sewing Guild, Gore, for the parcel of useful clothing forwarded by them to St. Vincent's Orphanage, South Dunedin, some weeks since.

St. Joseph's Cathedral parish committee of the Catholic Federation met at St. Joseph's Hall after devotions, (modest Sunday evening). The president (Very Rev. Father Coffey, Adm.), presided, and there was a fair representative attendance of members. Satisfactory progress enrolment reports were received, and it was decided to briefly extend the period of canvassing for membership. Miss M. O'Neill was appointed secretary to replace Mr. Pledger, who for personal reasons was obliged to resign. It was unanimously decided to record the committee's appreciation of the good work accomplished by Mr. Pledger in the interests of the Catholic Federation. The effective shrub decoration of the High Altar of St. Joseph's Cathedral for the recent devotion of the Forty Hours Adoration was greatly admired by the crowded congregation, and reflected infinite credit on Miss D. White (house and altar) and her faithful touch was responsible for the already fine decoration presented.

A meeting of parishioners was announced at St. Joseph's Cathedral on Sunday, to take place on Wednesday evening of this week. The business being to arrange a fitting reception to the Most Rev. Archbishop Cattaneo, Apostolic Delegate to Australasia, on his arrival in Dunedin during the first week in November. As we went to press before the hour appointed for the meeting, full particulars regarding it will appear in next week's issue of the Tablet.

By the lamented death last month of Mrs. Cornish, widow of Henry, the children of St. Vincent de Paul's Orphanage, South Dunedin, lost a staunch and valued friend, whose deeds of charity towards the institution from its foundation onwards are beyond reckoning. In gratitude the recipients of the deceased lady's benefactions had a Mass offered at the convent chapel for the repose of her soul. The orphans received Holy Communion and united in prayer for the eternal happiness of a friend whose name they will ever hold in grateful memory.—R.I.P.

(2) Final Mass for the late Mrs. Cornish, widow of Henry, at the convent chapel, South Dunedin, on Wednesday, October 13, 1921, at 10 o'clock.

ST. JOSEPH'S LADIES' CLUB, DUNEDIN.

The members of St. Joseph's Ladies' Club assembled on Wednesday evening last for their concluding social function of the season. An enjoyable programme was carried out, a feature being a "Five hundred" card tournament, the prize winners being Miss McCready and Miss McKenzie. Rev. Father Kaveney (chaplain) availed himself of the opportunity to express the appreciation of his Lordship the Bishop and resident clergy to the president (Mrs. R. Knott), office-bearers, and members of the club for their splendid efforts in conducting so useful an organisation, and for the numerous functions promoted and successfully carried out for the social enjoyment of the community. The Ladies' Club (said Father Kaveney) was a real live institution and one which served a very practical purpose among the girls and young women of the city.

The club has maintained an uninterrupted course of meetings and gatherings during the past six months, and hopes to establish a similar record of well-doing each succeeding year.

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To Correspondents

As the Rev. Dr. Kelly will be absent during October and November, any correspondence personally addressed will remain unopened until his return. Correspondence intended for insertion in the Tablet should be addressed to "Editor," and will receive the earliest attention.

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The Executed Maori Dies in Catholic Faith

In a statement Right Rev. Dr. Liston, Coadjutor-Bishop of Auckland, says: "Now that Te Kahi has paid the penalty for his crime against society, it seems time to say he owed little, if anything, to society. He was brought up and lived wholly outside the refinements of society and the restraining and ennobling influences of religion. Indeed, until a fortnight ago, he barely knew there was a God to whom he was responsible. What prompted the condemned man to ask to see a priest, just two weeks ago, I do not know. So Te Kahi received instructions in his own tongue about his Maker. He heard for the first time the story of God's tender love and boundless forgiveness. He was baptised in Catholic, asked and found pardon, and was followed to the end by the consoling ministrations of the Catholic Church."

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Timaru

(From our own correspondent.)

October 10.

A meeting of parishioners was held last Sunday to make preliminary arrangements for the forthcoming annual picnic, to be held on December 16. Victoria Park, Temuka, was selected as the locality, and it was also decided to take up a collection at the church doors to defray the cost of train fares, prizes, etc., for the school children. A committee of management was elected, with Rev. Father Hurley as chairman, and Mr. J. G. Venning, secretary. The members of St. Anne's Guild held a most successful sale of work last Saturday, when a large and varied assortment of wearing apparel was disposed of at reasonable prices.

Last Thursday night Rev. Father Hurley delivered a very interesting illustrated address on "Proportional Representation" under the auspices of the Workers' Educational Association. Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, there was a large attendance of citizens. The lecturer dealt with the subject in an able manner and was frequently applauded, afterwards receiving a very hearty vote of thanks. Father O'Farrell skillfully worked the lantern. Mr. Donnell the president of the W.E.A. expressed a hope that Father Hurley would favor them with another lecture in the near future.

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