

CONGRATULATIONS

It is with unfeigned pride and satisfaction we offer our congratulations to the *Otago Daily Times*, on attaining its sixtieth birthday. Sixty years is a long period in newspaper life, and no journal reaches that venerable age unless it has made itself a literary necessity to the community. The discerning public of this province would not have supported the *Times* so loyally and so long had they not found in its columns the light and guidance that well-edited papers undertake to furnish. Newspaper men take a professional pride in the advances made in journalism, and the literary achievements of one journal shed a reflected glory upon all. It was, therefore, with keen satisfaction we read on November 15 the encomiums pronounced by our public men upon the valuable work done for New Zealand by the *Times* during its sixty years, and we wish to echo the words of praise bestowed upon the past and present heads of its several departments.

At such a time in its long history, no discordant note should be heard in the chorus of congratulations. Hence, we wish to remember only the happy occasions when we saw big issues eye-to-eye with it and when the powerful daily magnanimously supported the few against the many.

No student of Otago's past can ignore the materials for history in the columns of our jubilarian. The *Times* has watched this province almost since Otago was in swaddling-clothes and has recorded faithfully every development that gave Otago its pride of place in New Zealand.

The Diamond Jubilee issue of last Tuesday is a literary triumph of which any newspaper might well be proud and, of itself, forms a document that is no small contribution to the history of Otago. To all who have taken part in making the *Otago Daily Times* the great organ that it now is, we tender our sincere congratulations.

EDITORIAL NOTE

In connection with the present visit of his Excellency the Apostolic Delegate to the Dominion, a special illustrated supplement to the *Tablet* will be presented next week. This issue will have particular reference to Christchurch, and will contain a full report of Archbishop Cattaneo's visit to that city. In due course similar supplements will be issued having reference to his Excellency's visit to Wellington and Auckland. The whole series, when complete, will form an admirable souvenir of one of the most important events in the history of the Church in this Dominion.

DIOCESE OF DUNEDIN

The members of St. Joseph's Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society gratefully acknowledge the receipt of £1 from a friend at Lawrence.

St. Joseph's Cathedral parish committee of the Catholic Federation met at St. Joseph's Hall on last Sunday evening after devotions, the president (Very Rev. Father Coffey) presiding. It was arranged to make a final effort on next Sunday and the Sunday following to complete the membership enrolment for the year.

The heads of the various stalls in connection with the projected carnival in aid of the building fund for the extension of the St. Vincent de Paul Orphanage, South Dunedin, are busily engaged planning money-getting schemes to assist the candidature of their respective selections for the "Queen of the Carnival" competition. The functions so far arranged will provide a variety of entertainment, and cover a wide range of carefully-thought-out events.

A meeting of Christian Brothers' old boys was held in the assembly hall of the Christian Brothers' School on Tuesday last to organise the old boys' activities in connection with the forthcoming monster fair in aid of St. Vincent de Paul's Orphanage. Rev. Brother Bowler (principal of the school), who presided, expressed his pleasure at the representative attendance, and said that he felt proud to think that the old boys were willing to take a share in the raising of funds for such a worthy object. After a free discussion as to the best means to forward the movement, a strong committee, with Messrs. D. Keys and A. Tarleton as secretaries, was appointed to carry on the work. The stall will be in charge of Mesdames G. F. Baker, E. J. O'Neill, A. J. Hall, and M. J. Hade. Among the early

activities of the old boys is the promotion of a moonlight marine excursion fixed for December 14, and a garden party to be held in the beautiful grounds of Mr. S. Solomon, Belleknoves.

By kind permission of Sir Benjamin and Mr. John Fuller, a monster charity matinee will be given in the Princess Theatre on Wednesday afternoon, December 7, in aid of the St. Vincent de Paul's Orphanage, South Dunedin. This benefit is being given in connection with the refreshment stall at the forthcoming carnival. An elaborate programme will be contributed to by the principal Fuller's artists and leading local performers. Tickets are now on sale, and it is fully anticipated that a very large number of sympathisers with the worthy object in view will avail themselves of the opportunity of being present at this unique entertainment.

The gift afternoon held at St. Vincent's Orphanage, South Dunedin, on Saturday last was a wonderful success, despite the fact that the weather was not all that could be desired. The splendid spirit of Christian charity displayed by the good people of Dunedin and suburbs and other parts of the diocese was beyond all praise. In these trying days of financial depression their generosity is doubly appreciated by the Sisters of Mercy. Many and varied were the gifts brought and sent by the never-failing friends of the orphans. To one and all the Sisters of Mercy desire to tender their sincere thanks.

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people conversing here and there, while the orchestra played their part. An excellent afternoon tea was served in a marquee, and a pleasant function ended about 5 o'clock.

Evening Ceremony

The Church of the Sacred Heart was crowded in the evening when Pontifical Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament was given by Archbishop Cattaneo. Afterwards he addressed the congregation, and imparted the Papal blessing. In a short address Bishop Brodie said that he had been to Timaru on a good many occasions, but that had been the greatest one of all. The Bishop expressed his sincere recognition of what the priests and the people had done to give Archbishop Cattaneo a fitting welcome, and also referred in high terms to what had been done by the Sisters and Brothers. In conclusion Bishop Brodie said that his Excellency keenly felt the extreme warmth of his reception in Timaru. Archbishop Cattaneo then thanked the people whole-heartedly for the great reception they had given him as the Apostolic Delegate. He would be back in Rome again in about six months, and he would not forget to mention to the Holy Father the fealty of the people of the Church in Timaru.

The ceremony was a most impressive one throughout, and music appropriate to the occasion was given by the choir. Mrs. T. W. Lynch sang Mangos's "Ave Maria" very effectively.

Visit to the Schools

On Saturday morning Archbishop Cattaneo, accompanied by Bishop Brodie and the local clergy, visited the Convent of the Sacred Heart, and the children of the parochial schools.

At the convent the reception hall was effectively decorated with oaten sheaves to represent the Parable of the Sower. The grain which fell by the wayside on thorny ground, stony ground and on good ground was represented in each case by two children. The scene was a particularly telling one in its setting, and a choir of the pupils occupied the background. A fine programme was presented, which included a quartette, welcome chorus, and dialogue. An address was presented to the Archbishop, and a hymn terminated an interesting ceremony.

The boys and girls of the two parish schools assembled in the main room of the girls' school, which had been nicely decorated for the occasion, and on the arrival of Archbishop Cattaneo and the clerical party, the children sang a song of welcome. A short musical programme followed, the boys singing "List to the Convent Bells," while as a combined chorus "Ring Out Wild Bells" was given. Another notable item was the recital of "St. Peter's Chair" by five girls. Lawrie Daly made a little speech of welcome on behalf of the scholars.

His Excellency thanked the children for their hearty receptions, and expressed his pleasure at the arrangements which had been made in his honor.

Archbishop Cattaneo left for Temuka at noon.