#### **DIOCESE OF DUNEDIN**

A social will be held on next Monday evening in the Sacred Heart Schoolroom, North-east Valley, in aid of the piano fund.

His Lordship Bishop Whyte will officiate at an ordination ceremony at St. Joseph's Cathedral on Sunday, December 4, when the Order of Priesthood will be conferred on three students of Holy Cross College, Mosgiel.

Tuesday last, being the third anniversary of the death of Dr. Verdon, second Bishop of the diocese of Dunedin, Pontifical Requiem Mass for the repose of his soul was celebrated at 7 a.m. at St. Joseph's Cathedral. His Lordship Bishop Whyte was celebrant; Very Rev. Father Coffey, Adm., assistant priest; Rev. Father Delany, deacon; Rev. Father Kaveney, subdeacon; and Rev. Father Marlow, master of ceremonies. The music of the Mass was sung by the Dominican Nuns' Choir.

A garden fete with the object of augmenting the funds of the Christian Brothers' Old Boys' Stall in connection with the St. Vincent de Paul Orphanage fair, will be held on Saturday afternoon next in the beautiful grounds of Mr. S. Solomon, K.C., at Bellknowes, generously placed at the disposal of the committee for the occasion. Apart from the lovely gardens, which will well repay a visit, numerous attractions will be provided, and housewives enabled to replenish the family larder from an abundance of produce and provisions generally, which will be on sale at moderate prices. Extra cable cars will run from Rattray Street to Michie Street. All competitions will be drawn at 5.30 in the evening on the grounds:

About 40 ladies of the congregation of St. Francis Xavier's Church, Mornington, assembled in the local Catholic school last week, and, under the direction of Mrs. M. A. Jackson, president of St. Joseph's Cathedral Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, formed themselves into a conference of the society for their own distriet. Mrs. J. O'Neill was appointed president; Mrs. Sheridan, vice-president; Miss Harbour, treasurer; Miss M. O'Farrell, secretary; Mrs. Condon, wardrobe-keeper; and Mrs. Leonard, assistant wardrobe-keeper. All present then formed themselves into a committee to assist in conducting a stall, combining with the ladies of the Sacred Heart Church congregation, North-east Valley, in connection with the St. Vincent de Paul Orphanage, South Dunedin. Mrs. W. Easton, Mrs. P. Walson, and Miss Harbour were elected heads of the stall for the Mornington section.

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#### HIS LORDSHIP BISHOP WHYTE AT MOSGIEL

His Lordship Dr. Whyte, Bishop of Dunedin, made his first episcopal visitation of the parish of Mosgiel on Sunday last. At the local Church of the Immaculate Conception, in the afternoon, his Lordship administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to 59 candidates. There was a large congregation, and the Bishop addressed both children and adults. He afterwards officiated at Pontifical Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. On Monday afternoon his Lordship visited St. Mary's School, where he was entertained by the pupils with a musical and elocutionary programme and presented with an address. In the evening the parishioners entertained his Lordship at a conversazione held in the Oddfellows' Hall, Rev. Father Collins (pastor of the district) presiding. Very Rev. Father Coffey, Adm., the Rector (Rev. Father Morkane), and professors of Holy Cross College were among those present. musical programme was contributed to by Mrs. W. Hawke, Mrs. A. F. Quelch, Miss F. Gardiner, and Miss Agnes Fitzpatrick, Rev. Father Collins, and Messrs. F. A. Cheyne and J. P. Walls. The accompaniments were played by Mrs. Quelch and the Misses Walls and Downes. Quelch recounted the history of the parish of Mosgiel and outlying districts over the long period of half a century. He expressed the congregation's wishes in that Bishop Whyte would have a long, happy, and prosperous career in the diocese of Dunedin. Mr. Walls read and presented an address on behalf of the parishioners.

Dr. Whyte acknowledged the welcome, and in the course of his speech complimented the parishioners on the

progress made, especially that of recent years. He referred to the entertainment given that afternoon by the school children, and congratulated all concerned on the success achieved. The parish was fortunate in having the Sisters of Mercy in their midst, who could bring the pupils to such a perfect state of efficiency as had been exhibited.

The ladies provided supper, and before taking leave Dr. Whyte was introduced to all present. He was cheered as he left the hall.

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### ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

November 18.

The children of the Island Bay Primary School were given a picnic at Happy Valley by the Ven. Archdeacon Devoy last Wednesday.

The Boxing Day picnic committee met last Thursday. Mr. J. J. L. Burke presided, and the utmost enthusiasm was displayed by those present. The picnic will be held at the Seatoun Park, and the proceeds will be devoted to the Catholic Education Fund. The following office-bearers were appointed:—Chairman and treasurer, Mr. J. J. L. Burke; joint hon, secretaries, Messrs, P. D. Hoskins and A. B. Boake; refreshment booth, Mesdames Burke and Keogh; children's refreshments, Misses Craig and McCarthy; committee (refreshments), Mesdames Taylor and Holmes. The clergy were represented by Very Rev. Dean McKenna, Rev. Fathers Smyth, Cullen, and Mahoney.

The Catholic Education Board met last Wednesday, Mr. J. J. L. Burke presiding. Those present were the Very Rev. Dean McKenna, Rev. Fathers Smyth, Mahony, and Cullen, Messrs. Doherty, Hoskins, Boake, Tiller, McPhee, and Reeves. Accounts to the value of £268 were passed for payment. Rev. Father Smyth reported that he had reduced the mortgage on the boys' school by £200, thus reducing the liability of the Board for interest to the extent of £10 per annum.

Mr. A. Kelly (a well-known member of the local branch of the Hibernian Society) and Mrs. Kelly gave a very pleasant "evening" at St. Anne's Hall on the occasion of the coming of age of their only daughter (Miss Mary Kelly). There was a large attendance of friends, and the debutante was the recipient of many gifts in honor of the event.

Two very successful euchre parties in aid of St. Anne's parish school prize fund have been held and proved most enjoyable.

An interesting and very creditable dance recital was given at the Concert Chamber by the pupils of Miss Kathleen O'Brich, one of our Catholic young lady teachers. The attendance was very large, and much appreciation was shown. A large number of dances, solos, and combined numbers, were given, and Miss O'Brien showed much ambition in some of the numbers selected. The pupils acquitted themselves most creditably and reflected the greatest credit on their teacher.

At the usual fortnightly meeting of the executive of the Marist Brothers' Old Boys' Association further correspondence was received from the Old Boys' Association of Invercargill re the proposed formation of an annual Rugby tournament between all the old boys' associations of the Dominion. The Invercargill association suggested that to add more zest to the tournament a challenge cup should be procured. The secretary (Mr. F. J. O'Driscoll) reported that he had circularised the various Marist Brothers' old boys' associations, but had as yet received no replies. It was decided that the secretary should once again write to the clubs concerned to obtain their cooperation in this matter.

# HELD OVER

Owing to the extreme pressure on our space this week, we are obliged to hold over a considerable amount of diocesan news and other matter.