

DIOCESE OF DUNEDIN

His Lordship Dr. Whyte, Bishop of Dunedin, was a passenger by the north express yesterday (Wednesday) morning on the first stage of his journey to Melbourne to attend a conference of the Hierarchy. His Lordship, who joins the Ulmaroa at Wellington for Sydney, expects to return to his diocese within a few weeks.

Rev. Brother Maguire, of the Christian Brothers, arrived in Dunedin from Melbourne on Tuesday, to replace Rev. Brother Doherty (who recently left for Australia) on the teaching staff of the local boys' school.

Extensive preparations have been made for the celebration of the Jubilee of St. Joseph's Cathedral Choir, which is to be observed by a re-union of past and present members in St. Joseph's Hall this (Thursday) evening. On Sunday next, commencing at 7 p.m., the choir will give a Jubilee Sacred Recital in St. Joseph's Cathedral.

Mrs. J. A. McGrath, who is shortly leaving Dunedin owing to the retirement of her husband, Superintendent McGrath, was entertained at St. Philomena's Convent, South Dunedin, on last Thursday. Afternoon tea was provided by the Sisters of Mercy, and a very pleasing musical programme was contributed by the orphan children of St. Vincent's and St. Joseph's (Waverley). Among the guests were the ladies of the Sewing Guild, with whom Mrs. McGrath has been a fellow-worker since coming to this city. As a memento of her connection with the guild and orphanage, Mrs. McGrath was presented by Mr. A. Clark, on behalf of the members, with a handsomely-bound volume and other gifts, including one for her daughter, Miss Madeline McGrath. As a prelude to the musical programme, one of the little orphan children, on behalf of the whole, voiced sentiments of gratitude to their good friend, and their great sorrow at her severance from them. Best wishes for many years of health and happiness were expressed on all sides to the departing guest.

ST. VINCENT'S ORPHANAGE FUND NOTES.

A jumble sale will be held on next Saturday week (October 21) in St. Peter's Hall, Caversham, in aid of the above fund. The sale will open at 2 p.m., and will be followed in the evening by a Dutch auction, musicale, and social. Afternoon tea will be supplied, as well as supper during the evening. An enjoyable programme has been arranged. Children from the orphanage assisted by other performers will give attractive items at a matinee during the afternoon. Every effort is being made to provide for the entertainment of patrons, and the promoters hope for a full measure of support in an effort to make the function an outstanding success.

A euchre party in aid of the Children of Mary's stall, will be held in St. Patrick's Schoolroom, South Dunedin, on next Tuesday evening, the 17th inst.

A "gift afternoon," of which Mrs. Thompson will be hostess, will be held at her residence, No. 11 North Road, North-East Valley, on Monday next, the 16th inst., in aid of the local stall funds. Every preparation is being made for the entertainment of a large number of visitors.

An enjoyable and successful social, given by Mr. and Mrs. Kinney, was held recently at the "Mansions," St. Clair, in aid of the Children of Mary's Stall. Excellent music was provided by Mr. and Mrs. Coughlan and friends. The attendance was most satisfactory, and as a result the funds will benefit considerably.

A "gift afternoon" will be held in the Mornington Convent School grounds on Saturday next, the 14th inst., beginning at 2.30. Besides other attractions, a first-class children's programme has been arranged. The committee hope to see a large attendance.

Ordination at St. Patrick's Basilica South Dunedin

At the nine o'clock Mass on last Sunday at St. Patrick's Basilica, His Lordship Dr. Whyte, Bishop of the diocese, officiated at the impressive ceremony of ordination, when Rev. Stanislaus Marlow (son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Marlow, Musselburgh) was raised to the dignity of the priesthood, and Revs. Charles Tylee and James Lennon (Dunedin) and Timothy Lenihan (Wellington) had the sub-diaconate conferred upon them. All the above-named are students of Holy Cross College, Mossiel. His Lordship the Bishop was assisted in the ceremony by Rev. Father Morkane (Rector of the college) and Rev. Dr. Buxton; Rev. Fathers F. Marlow and Eccleston, S.M., assisting in the sanctuary. There was a large congregation, the parents, brothers, and two sisters of the newly-ordained priest who are Sisters of the Order of Our Lady of Mercy, being among those present. At the conclusion of the ceremony these were the first to receive the blessing of the newly-ordained priest, a like privilege being subsequently extended to the whole congregation.

Father Marlow, assisted by his brother (Rev. Francis Marlow), celebrated his first Mass on Monday at the chapel of the Sisters of Mercy, St. Philomena's Convent, upwards of 50 guests being afterwards entertained to breakfast by the Sisters.

The London *Tablet*, the oldest Catholic paper in England, was established in 1840 by Frederick Lucas, a Quaker convert of the Church and a cousin of the celebrated John Bright of England.

DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

October 9.

Rev. Father O'Connell, S.M., of St. Mary's, has opened his picture screenings in the Memorial Hall, and these have proved successful in every way. The two entertainments already given have been well attended, and Thursday evening of each week is to be set apart for future programmes.

On Sunday afternoon, Mr. Frank Maling, with his "juvenile merry-makers," visited St. Joseph's Home, Middleton, and gave a most enjoyable performance to the inmates. The party was at its full strength, and a variety of items were given. Mr. Maling's kindly action is much appreciated by the Sisters in charge of the Home.

Gisborne

(From our own correspondent.)

October 3.

The devotion of the Forty Hours' Adoration was concluded on Sunday with a "Missa Cantata," celebrated at 10 o'clock by Rev. Father Lane. The music was Concone's Mass in E flat, very capably rendered by St. Mary's Choir. Mr. Charles Wood conducted, and his orchestra gave valuable assistance. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament was given at the conclusion of Mass.

The quarterly meeting of the local branch of the Hibernian Society was held last Tuesday, when the resignation of Bro. C. Moore as treasurer was received with regret. Bro. Moore has ably filled the position for a number of years, and was accorded a hearty vote of thanks for his much valued services. The members are to approach the Holy Table for their quarterly Communion on next Sunday.

The Children of Mary gave an enjoyable social on last Thursday evening. Members of the Hibernian Society assisted at the function, and the gathering of patrons and friends of the sodality spent a very pleasant time.

H.A.C.B. Society, Napier

A special summoned meeting of St. John's branch of the Hibernian Society, Napier, held on the 3rd inst., in St. Patrick's Hall, was very largely attended, among those present being many of the older members who had not put in an appearance at the meetings for years (writes a correspondent). After disposing of the routine business, consisting of the passing for payment of sick pay (£5 10s) and the appointment of P.P. Bro. P. Cunningham and Bro. T. G. Liddle as delegates to confer with the other lodges in the district in regard to medical fees, Bro. Cunningham spoke of the various ways and means whereby the benefits of the society may be better brought to the knowledge of the young men of the parish and the good work it was doing fully explained to them. With this object in view it was decided to hold a banquet and also a Communion breakfast at an early date. A committee was appointed, comprising the executive, with Bros. F. Burns, J. Callaghan, and J. Mahony, to arrange details in connection with these functions.

The Sistine Choir Soloists

(Contributed.)

The Sistine Choir Soloists have come and gone. Auckland music lovers have never before enjoyed such a rare treat. The person who fails to hear this combination of artists—every one of them an artist—will never know what he or she has missed. Bases, baritenes, and tenors are beautifully balanced and harmonised. To listen to the company sing the "Soldiers' Chorus" from "Faust" and the "Song of the Toreador" (with chorus) from "Carmen," one is lost in amazement and enthusiasm. The volume of sound would compare with any fifty or sixty of a chorus in this Dominion. The solo numbers are all incomparably rendered, and it was a common thing to recall the performer four and even five times, amidst unbounded and frenzied enthusiasm. And the singers readily respond. Indeed, one often sympathises with the obliging artists. A word for the conductor. He obtains from those under his baton every ounce of energy, while in the tender pianissimo passages he leads and impels his men in a manner not to be denied. He excels at the piano, and much of the success of the concerted numbers is due to his magnificent work. The closing scenes of the final concert here will ever be memorable to all those who were privileged to take part in them. For our southern friends an exceptional treat is in store at the hands of these gifted sons of sunny Italy.

Rev. Father Westropp's Indian Missions

Rev. Father Westropp (per Bert. Gallien, North-east Valley) begs to acknowledge parcels of stamps, etc., from Sisters of St. Joseph, Convent, Hastings; Mrs. B. O'Connor, Timaru; M. A. Slattery, Reefton; Mrs. O. H., Blenheim; Master E. Vaughan, Naseby; S.M. Barbara, Priory; Miss N. Fleming, Riversdale; Miss M. Brien, New Plymouth; Mrs. J. Holland, Gore; Miss M. Mallow, Dargaville; Miss M. Mannix, Taranaki; E. N. Taylor, Linwood; Miss T. Glass, Bay of Plenty; A. J. Corcoran, Island Bay, Wellington; Mrs. P. T. Lynch, Queenstown.