

taught by religion, and consoled, by the rites of the Church.—*Requiescat in pace.*

His Lordship the Bishop, assisted by the Rev. Father Purton, O.S.B. celebrated Mass at St. Patrick's Church South Dunedin on Tuesday last at 9 a.m. and afterwards administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to 46 children, 13 boys and 33 girls. The children, several of whom also made their first communion, entered the Church in procession and singing a pretty hymn with much sweetness, their neat attire, especially the white veils and dresses of the girls and their crimson ribbon of the Infant Jesus, adding to the attractiveness of the scene. The boys on this occasion wore green sashes as they belonged to St. Patrick's school which, moreover, green being the colour that symbolises hope, were very appropriate. The appearance and demeanour of the children, indeed, did infinite credit to the Dominican Nuns, who conduct the school at South Dunedin and under whose instructions the candidates for confirmation had been prepared. The music sung by the choir, also under the direction of the Nuns' was Bordeese's Mass with an "Ave Maria" of Mozart's at the offertory, and a hymn by Cherubini after the elevation. The children who had made their first communion also sang a hymn of thanks giving at the conclusion of the Mass, and the *Veni Creator* was sung as the ceremony of confirmation commenced. The choir is very efficient and rendered its part with great success.—Preparatory to the administration of the Sacrament the Bishop, addressed the children, not to instruct them, he said, for he was aware that they had already been well taught but by way of exhortation, and that they might recollect the important nature of the ceremony they were to have a part in.—He also addressed them when the confirmation had taken place, reminding them of the privileges and graces conferred upon them and appealing to them to show by the care they bestowed upon their conduct that they were grateful for what they had received. The Church was well filled with a devout and attentive congregation.—When the ceremonies had terminated the children who had made their first communion and been confirmed were entertained at a breakfast provided for the occasion by the Rev. Father Purton O.S.B. pastor of the district.

ON Friday evening last a number of the men who had given their names as willing to join the Irish Volunteer Corps attended at the Odd Fellows' Hall, Rattray St. Dunedin, and 79 of them were sworn in by Messrs. Reeves, Paterson and Hazlett J.P.'s. Curious to say, however, no official intimation has as yet been received as to the formation of the Corps, and no instructions have been issued to the men as to the course they are to follow. All this has caused some perplexity and a little annoyance.

We perceive that the Hon. Mr. Stout has favoured the *Melbourne Review* with a *rechauffé* of statistics to prove that Catholic schools turn out more wicked children than do the godless schools. And surely Mr. Stout should be an able hand at dressing a *rechauffé* of the kind, for a more practised cook in the matter of statistics it would be hard to find. Mr. Stout now takes the years '81 '82 '83, and gives the returns of all the children committed during them to the industrial schools of the Colony as criminals and who had previously been attending Catholic schools. We have not the means this time of examining his figures or his assertions, but we cannot forget the hardship with which on a previous occasion he published and repeated statements and statistics concerning the Catholic children at the Caversham school, that were grossly and shamefully false and garbled. We have but little doubt that a careful examination would result in similar proofs concerning the facts and figures published by him in the *Melbourne Review*.

On Sunday last, the Feast of Pentecost, at St. Joseph's Church, Dunedin, Pontifical High Mass was celebrated at 11 a.m., by his lordship the Bishop with the Rev. Fathers Walsh and Lynch as deacon and subdeacon respectively. The choir was strengthened by the addition of Mr. and Mrs. Baber, and Mr. Himmer who accompanied M. Reményi in his tour of New Zealand, and with Herr Steinmetz as organist performed Haydn's No 1 Mass in a very finished manner. At the Offertory the great violinist himself played an improvised solo, with inexpressible tenderness and beauty—reflecting perfectly the spirit of the holy place.—His lordship the Bishop declined to preach the usual sermon owing to the length of the ceremonies, but addressed a few words respecting the cathedral to the congregation.—He announced that it was intended to open the nave and side aisles now in the course of construction next February, when the Archbishops of Sydney and Melbourne,—with other prelates had promised to attend.—The roof, he said, was now in the process of completion and in a day or two would be fully slated so that the building would be safe from the weather, and the inside work might be proceeded with.—Preparations were being made also for the erection of a temporary Sanctuary, and although a good deal of the interior ornamentation might remain to be done afterwards, enough would be finished to admit of opening the sacred building in a becoming manner. The congregation, said his Lordship, would be glad to learn that not one penny of debt had been incurred, the work had been paid for as it was done and a balance of £500 still remained in his hands, this however, was a small sum considering

the number of men engaged and would be soon exhausted, but he possessed an unlimited treasury in the faith and generosity of his people on which he might rely for aid to the end. The Bishop added that the meeting for the discussion of matters connected with the cathedral building, and which he had on a former occasion announced as to be held to-day would be postponed for a fortnight, or until Sunday June 7, as he, the Bishop, must be in Invercargill where he would administer the sacrament of confirmation on Sunday next the 31st inst.

THE Dunedin Choral Society gave a very successful concert at the Garrison Hall on Monday evening. The oratorio performed was "Elijah," and it was very finely given. The vocalists who took solo parts were:—Sopranos: Mrs. Israel, Mrs. Murphy, Miss Mollison; altos: Mrs. Williams, Miss Watts; tenors: Messrs. Marsden and Todd; basses: Messrs. Jago and Smith. The orchestra also proved themselves fully capable of sustaining all that was required of them, and Herr Scherek, the conductor, may be congratulated on the results of the whole.

At the urgent request of many persons, the members of the Dunedin Catholic Literary Society have determined to give another entertainment similar to that which lately proved so marked a success at the Garrison Hall, and for the same object, the Christian Brothers' Building Fund. On this occasion there will be some additional performers, and steps are otherwise being taken to ensure, if possible, still more satisfactory results than those that have already proved so pleasing.

Owing to the unfortunate miscarriage of manuscript we are again this week prevented from publishing the continuance of Dr. Bakkewell's work on Lourdes.—We hope to resume it in our next, but in the absence of the author from Christchurch we are unable to make any definite promise.

## W I N T O N .

ON Sunday, the 24th inst the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass was celebrated by the Rev. Father Kehoe in our little church of St. Thomas, when about 30 or 40 received the Most Holy Eucharist. After reading the epistle and gospel for Whit Sunday and dwelling some time on the usual explanations of both, the Rev. Father proceeded rather feelingly in the following manner:—

"My dear people,—On the last occasion I had the pleasure of addressing you I mentioned that this was to be the last Sunday I would be with you, and that quite probable I would be in a position to announce to you to-day the arrangement come to about my successor, and when the Most Holy Sacrifice of the Mass would again be celebrated here. These I am unable at present to inform you of, but should any sick calls occur in the meantime, you are to apply to Invercargill and the priest there will attend them. Before parting I have to offer you all my very great thanks for the very kind and liberal way in which you have responded to every call made by me on behalf of your church, which is a credit to all concerned, and though reckoned large enough at the time it was built, from the number present to-day, I see it will have to be enlarged before long. I have further to thank you and Almighty God for the very pious and attentive manner in which you attended the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and partook of the Sacraments. I might say that I have not found better anywhere. When speaking to you on this subject a twelve months ago I said that the number of Catholics in the Winton district who had not complied with their Easter duties could be represented by the fingers of one hand, and this time I may safely say it could be done with less. This, my dear people, is very consoling to a priest, for were it otherwise he might think it was through his own fault and consequently have a feeling that he was not performing his duties properly. What you have done in the past I have no doubt but you will continue to do in the future, and if so the Almighty God will not fail to bestow on you abundant blessings which I beseech him from my very heart to do to-day. In conclusion I have to ask you to remember me in your prayers and I promise not to forget you in mine. So with these few remarks I shall say goodbye to all."

The feelings of those present were visibly moved and a good few could scarcely suppress the "briny tears."

A short time after Mass a great many of the gentlemen of the congregation re-entered the church, when Mr. Horan, addressing those present, made the following remarks:—Gentlemen,—As soon as it became known in this part of Father Kehoe's mission that he was about to depart, we met and appointed a committee consisting, as you are aware, of Messrs. P. Deegan, D. McRae, R. Carroll, John Kinchey and your humble servant, for the purpose of devising the best means of expressing our thankfulness to our priest and regret at his departure. I might state for your information that this committee met immediately after and requested me to act as chairman and treasurer, and to communicate with the various other centres of his mission so that the testimonial and presentation might be something worthy of the gentleman to whom it was to be given, but Riverton people thinking proper to make one on their own behalf, we had no other course left than to follow suit. Each member of committee was supplied with a subscription list, and I am proud to say that our efforts were crowned with success. This, then, Rev. Father (addressing Father Kehoe, who was present), is our object in meeting you here this afternoon, and the following is the address which I am requested to hand you, trusting that it will be received with the same cordiality with which it is given:—

"To the Rev. Thomas Kehoe.

"Rev. and Dear Sir,—The announcement of your intended departure from this mission was received by one and all with feelings