

now being reorganised. This library contains about 2000 volumes, and Dr. Grimes, on his return from Europe, brought with him two cases of new books, which are to be placed on the shelves this week. Amongst this new collection is, I understand, Sir Gavan Duffy's *History of Ireland*. Messrs. J. Finlay and Young are the librarians, and begin work this week. The hall in the Bishop's grounds used for the library has been renovated and painted.

The new church at Halswell is to be consecrated on Sunday, 5th February, by the Bishop. The church at Hornby will also be dedicated on the same day. It is intended to present his Lordship with an address of welcome at Halswell.

A number of the Primitive Methodist representatives, in conference here the other day, passed a resolution stipulating that applicants for church membership should be total abstainers. There is nothing remarkable in this, to be sure, from a people who seem to imagine that one has merely to give up drinking to become at once qualified for a place in heaven, whatever else he may be; but this innocent-looking resolution has, nevertheless, had an unlooked-for result. It has brought about a serious difference between Mr. T. E. Taylor, M.H.R., and the Rev. F. W. Isitt. Mr. Isitt, at a meeting the other evening, dissented from the resolution of the Primitive Methodists, whereupon Mr. Taylor, with that characteristic courtesy of his, rose to his feet and informed the meeting that Mr Isitt was standing on the same platform with Mr. Louison—the last-named, the Mayor of Christchurch, being, he it remarked, a gentleman prominently connected with the brewery interests in this city. He further observed casually that Mr. Isitt was 'floundering about in a quagmire.' The Prohibition cause must be gloomy when the leaders begin to abuse each other.

The jubilee of the Rev. Mother of St. Joseph's Convent of the Sisters of Mercy at Lyttelton was observed on Thursday, 19th inst. His Lordship the Bishop celebrated Mass on the occasion.

By the s.s. Rotomahana on Thursday, the Right Rev. Dr. Grimes, accompanied by the Very Rev. Father Le Menant des Chesnais, S.M., V.G., as theologian, also the Very Rev. Dean Martin, S.M., of Hokitika, and Very Rev. Dean O'Donnell, of Ashburton, delegates elected by the clergy of the diocese, left for Wellington to be present at the first Provincial Council of the Church in New Zealand.

The half-yearly meeting of St. John the Baptist (ladies) branch of the H.A.C.B.S. was held on Thursday evening last, President Sister Courtney in the chair. The election of officers for the ensuing term resulted as follows: President, Mrs. Burke; vice-president, Miss Cronin; secretary, Miss Courtney; treasurer, Miss E. McAdams; assistant secretary, Miss M. Burke; warden, Miss Nelligan; guardian, Miss McDonald; sick visitors, Misses Rennels and McDonald; auditor, Bro. G. J. Sellars; delegate to district meeting, Mrs. Green. The installation was performed by Bro. G. J. Sellars, P.D.P., assisted by Bros. Burke, P.P., C. Courtney, P.P., J. Doolan, V.P., and J. McCormack, treasurer of St. Patrick's (male) branch. Bro. Burke was heartily thanked for his splendid gift of a full set of officers' collars. Special votes of thanks were accorded Sisters Courtney, P.P., Rennels past secretary, and M. Bradley, treasurer, for valued services to the branch.

On Sunday last the choir of St. Mary's Church, Manchester street, rendered Gounod's 'Messe Solennelle' under the conductorship of Mr. George Gardiner, late of Melbourne. The solos were taken by Misses Ryan and M'Laughlin, Geady and Oakes, and Messrs. Read, Blake, and Peterson. An efficient orchestra assisted, Mrs. W. Cronan being organist.

Mr. Gawne, of Dunedin (says the *Southland Times* of April 13 1891), has just been on a visit to Invercargill to push business a little. Not that it wants much canvassing, for since he commenced the manufacture of his Worcestershire Sauce, the demand has kept pace with his capacity to supply it. He makes a really good thing; indistinguishable from the famous Lea and Perrins which he places upon one's table at a much lower price, and trusts to that to secure a steadily growing trade. Those who have not yet tried the colonial article should put their prejudice aside for a time and test the question with a bottle or two.—*

ST. PATRICK'S HALL, DUNEDIN.

THIS building, which is now nearly completed, stands in a commanding position at the bend of Rattray street, facing the Cathedral, and although its external appearance is very plain, no money having been spent on outside decoration or architectural detail, yet it has an imposing and striking effect on the eye.

The whole of the building is constructed of brickwork on concrete foundations and concrete retaining walls along the Rattray street boundaries. The window openings of the ground floor are segment headed, and those of the first floor are semi-circular, with cast-iron frames, cemented sills and quoins. The eaves have a bold projection carried on fretted wood brackets. The building is entered on the front looking towards the Cathedral, which front stands back from the street line, leaving a fairly large triangular space which can in the future be made into a garden.

The entrance hall is 16ft x 20ft, with a stairway 5ft wide, well finished with cast-iron balustrade, giving access to the first floor. Immediately opposite the main entrance is a large archway which gives access to the smoking-room, 41ft x 14ft, from which there are doors leading into the billiard-room, 27ft x 22ft, and the gymnasium 47ft x 27ft, the last of which has attached to it a lavatory and two dressing-rooms with shower-baths, etc. All these ground floor rooms have 14ft ceilings, and are finished solidly and plainly, but with consideration for comfort and the purposes they are intended to serve.

The first floor, which is commanded by a landing 9ft. x 20ft., has its whole space occupied by the hall and library, with a ladies' cloak room. The library is 41ft. x 14ft., well lighted by means of five windows having a south aspect. The ladies' cloak room, which is 9ft. x 14ft., contains every convenience such as lavatories, etc. The hall, which occupies the whole length of the building, is 70ft. x 27ft., with a platform at the south end 10ft. x 27ft. The hall is arranged with a waggon ceiling 25ft. high, carried on 16 cantilevers of wrought timber and ornamented cast iron, each finished with a turned wood drop and cornice. The lighting of this hall in the day time will be effectively carried out by means of the nine large round headed windows, each of which is 8ft. x 4ft. The hall will be lit during the night time by means of 16 gas brackets having incandescent burners. The walls of this room will be surrounded with a cement dado carried up to the window sill mouldings, and above in ordinary plaster worked in semicircular headed panels, finished with beads. The ventilation of the hall has received attention, and the extraction of the expanded air is provided for by means of extractor cowls in the roof, which have tubes brought down from them to the ceilings rings.

The contractor for this building is Mr. D. W. Woods, who is carrying out the works from the plans and under the supervision of Mr. F. W. Petre, engineer and architect, of this city.

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