

Cailin Ban Fete, Dunedin

The Cailin Ban Fete, which opens on Monday, 25th inst., at the Agricultural Hall, has for its object the liquidation of the debt on the North-East-Valley school. For some months back the Dominican Nuns and several ladies of the city have been busily engaged in making the necessary articles for sale at the fete, and it is to be hoped that success will crown their efforts. The following is a list of stalls and stallholders: Refreshment Stall (Royal Tara), Miss Stalnton; Produce Stall (Donnybrook Fair), Miss Purton; Flower Stall (Blarney Castle), Miss Liston; 'Ulster' Stall, Mrs. Meenan; 'Connaught' Stall, Mrs. Mackie; 'Leinster' Stall, Mrs. Shiel; 'Munster' Stall, Mesdames Milne and Major. These ladies' names are sufficient guarantee that the arrangements will be up-to-date, and that every effort will be made for the success of the gathering. The hall will be opened at 6.15 p.m. each night, and the various dances and evolutions will be gone through at intervals. Mr. T. J. Hussey, the executive chairman, has all arrangements well in hand, and it only remains for the Catholic community to do, as they invariably have done, their part to complete the success of this praiseworthy undertaking.

St. Joseph's Men's Club, Dunedin

The annual meeting of the St. Joseph's Men's Club was held in St. Joseph's Hall on Thursday evening. The Rev. Father Murphy, Adm., presided, and there was a large attendance of members. The rev. chairman expressed his pleasure at seeing such a large meeting which augured well for the success of the club during the coming year.

The committee in their annual report congratulated the members on the success which had attended the work of the club during the past season, and on the satisfactory balance sheet, which showed a credit of £5 odd compared with a debit of nearly a like sum at the beginning of the season. Although the financial members were only 41 as against 49 for the previous year, still they took a greater interest in the working of the club as was evidenced by the fact that the syllabus for the weekly meetings was adhered to throughout the season with only one exception. The literary and debating class was well attended. The gymnastic class gave promise in the beginning of the year of being very successful under the direction of Messrs. Deehan and Drumm, but unfortunately both of the instructors were later on laid up with illness. The committee were pleased to report that they were hopeful of securing the services of a paid instructor this year. The billiard table is a source of considerable recreation and brings in a fair revenue. Since its purchase two years ago a sum of £15 has been paid off the original cost. During the year the club lost the services of Mr. C. Foley, an energetic member of the committee, Mr. E. Spain, Mr. J. S. Columb, treasurer, all of whom have left Dunedin, also Mr. J. Hussey. The annual meeting of the Federated Catholic Societies will be held in Dunedin this year and it will be necessary for the club to take the necessary steps to make the conference a success. The magazine of the federated societies should be subscribed to by all the members. The balance sheet showed that the total receipts for the year ended March 31 were £66 0s 7d, which included £35 1s 6d from the billiard table and £10 5s from subscriptions.

Several suggestions for the guidance of the incoming committee were made by the members, all of whom expressed themselves in hopeful terms with regard to the future prospects of the club. The report and balance sheet were then adopted.

The election of officers resulted as follows—President, Rev. Father Murphy, vice-presidents, Rev. Father O'Malley and Mr. T. Deehan (re-elected), hon. secretary, Mr. D. S. Columb (re-elected), hon. treasurer, Mr. H. Miles, hon. auditor, Mr. J. Holly, committee, Messrs. W. H. Haydon, Jun., T. J. Hussey, F. Heley, C. Sullivan, G. Coughlan, J. Flahavin, and Adams.

Nineteen new members were elected during the evening, and it was expected that several more would join within the next few days.

In bringing the meeting to a close the Rev. Father Murphy thanked the members for their presence, and trusted all would endeavor to make the club a great success during the next twelve months. As far as he was personally concerned he would assist it in every possible way. He impressed upon members the necessity of getting their friends to join, as the club would not only be highly beneficial to members from an

intellectual point of view, but would also be the means of promoting social intercourse amongst the congregation. In conclusion Father Murphy announced that the session would be opened on next Friday evening, when he would deliver a short lecture.

WEDDING BELLS

JOLLY—DUNNE.

There was quite a stir in Balclutha on Wednesday (says the 'Clutha Leader') the occasion being the wedding of Miss Gabriëlle Hexlam, youngest daughter of Mr. John Dunne, Mayor of Balclutha, to Ernest, second son of Mr. D. A. Jolly, merchant, of Cromwell. The ceremony took place in St. Virgilus' Church, the Rev. Father O'Donnell, Gore, officiating. The church, which was crowded, had been tastefully decorated. The bride, who was given away by her father, was charmingly attired in a costume of white duchesse satin, trimmed with chiffon, and cream silk lace. She was attended by four bridesmaids—Misses Frances Dunne, Mabel and Alma Jolly, and Annie Swan. The bridegroom was attended by Mr. L. Pavletich as best man. At the conclusion of the ceremony Mendelssohn's 'Wedding March' was played by the organist, Mr. J. P. Walls. There was a large gathering at the wedding breakfast at the residence of Mr. Dunne, and in the afternoon the happy couple left for Hanmer. An enjoyable dance in honor of the event was given in the Odd-fellows' Hall in the evening.

LANCASTER—RENNELL.

On April 14 (writes an occasional correspondent), an interesting wedding took place at the Pro-Cathedral, Christchurch. The Rev. Father John O'Connell, S.M., performed the ceremony and celebrated the Nuptial Mass. The bride was Miss Julia Martha Rennell, of Addington, and the bridegroom, Mr. Herbert Edward Lancaster, of Sydenham. The bride, who was given away by her brother, Mr. James Rennell, carried a handsome shower bouquet and wore a grey tweed costume, trimmed with cream cloth. Mr. Bernard Rennell, brother of the bride, acted as best man, and Miss Nellie Rennell, a sister of the bride, as bridesmaid. After the ceremony the wedding party drove to the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. J. P. Rennell, where a breakfast was laid. The Rev. Father O'Connell presided and proposed the health of the bride and bridegroom. In the evening the newly-married couple left on their honeymoon trip. The wedding presents were numerous, valuable, and useful.

OBITUARY

MRS HOULAHAN, WESTPORT.

The many friends of Mr. James Houlahan, of Roche's Hotel, Westport, will regret to hear of the death of his wife, Mrs. Mary Theresa Houlahan, which occurred on March 7. The deceased was a native of Mallow, County Cork, and was 56 years of age. She arrived in Westport in 1867, and was married in the same year to Mr. Edmund Roche. Of the issue of this union three sons and a daughter are living, the latter (Mrs. Rigg), being a resident of Wellington. Mr. Roche died in 1889, and a few years later she was married to Mr. James Houlahan, who survives her. The deceased had been for upwards of two-thirds of her life a resident of Westport, and during that long period she had by her kindness and amiability made a large circle of friends. The funeral, which took place on March 10, was very large, all parts of the district being represented. The first part of the funeral service was read in the church by the Ven. Arch-priest Walsh and the Rev. Father Malloy officiated at the graveside.—R I P

MR C E M HAUGHTON, DUNEDIN.

The demise of Mr. C. E. M. Haughton, Dunedin, which occurred on Saturday night, did not come as a surprise to his immediate friends, as his condition for several days prior to the sad event precluded any hope of his recovery. By his death it may be truly said that one of the public landmarks not alone of Otago but of the Colony has been removed. As a member of the Otago Provincial Council and later on as a representative in the General Assembly he made his mark as a shrewd and far-seeing legislator who spoke his mind freely and whose acts and motives were above suspicion, whilst as a journalist for nearly a third of a

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