

this point in the proceedings the very rev. gentleman turned round and observed in stentorian tones "Dominus vobiscum!" It was an Edinburgh paper which gravely stated that "The Bishop of Argyll and the Isles sang Hadyn's Sixteenth Mass"; and it supplemented this remarkable item with the statement that "the thurifer was swung gently to and fro in front of the Altar."

DIOCESE OF DUNEDIN

The Catholics of Cromwell are now actively engaged in preparing for a bazaar, in connection with parochial affairs, to be held about Christmas time.

As reported in our last issue the minstrel entertainment given in His Majesty's Theatre in aid of the Christian Brothers' School improvement fund was a great success in every way, the lady performers acquitting themselves in a manner which elicited general appreciation. A very enjoyable vocal solo was contributed towards the close of the entertainment by Mrs. Costelloe, and a little lady of five or six summers gave a very pleasing dance, both items being encored. The graceful tableaux in the second part of the programme were not the least enjoyable items of the entertainment. The accompaniments were played by Mrs. Woods and Mr. Vallis, both of whom deserve great praise for the interest taken by them in bringing the entertainment to such a successful termination.

DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

(From our own correspondent.)

August 25.

Rev. Mother Ignatius, of the Sisters of Mercy, left for Sydney last Monday evening. She expects to be away for two months.

The Rev. Father Piquet, S.M., who has been for some time at the Cook Group, left by the 'Mararoa' for Sydney. During his short stay in Auckland he was the guest of his Lordship the Bishop.

A Courtesy League is the most recent innovation here in the public schools, and this week a reverend gentleman lectured in one of the schools to the boys of the league on good manners, and hoped they would model their conduct from the little boys in the land of the Rising Sun. What next?

At the schools of the Sisters of Mercy, Hobson street, out of 56 pupils examined by the Government Inspector, only two failed to pass. This is eminently satisfactory, and redounds to the credit of the painstaking Sisters and their pupils. At the same time it gives an answer to those Catholic parents who say their children cannot be well taught in our schools.

St. Patrick's annual social, arranged by the ladies of the parish, was held in the Federal Hall last Tuesday evening, and was a pronounced success. The committee consisted of Mesdames Foley, Kearns, Tobin, and Misses Corley, Gough (2), Kavanagh, Bailey, and M'Dermott. Mrs. Leonard was most indefatigable as hon. secretary. During the evening the Rev. Father Patterson, Adm., and Rev. Father Holbrook put in an appearance and were very heartily welcomed. The proceeds are to be devoted to the liquidation of the presbytery debt.

In St. Patrick's Hall yesterday afternoon a successful matinee was held in aid of that very excellent organisation, the St. Vincent de Paul Society. His Lordship the Bishop and a large number of the clergy and laity were present. The following took part in the good programme arranged:—Very Rev. Dr. Egan, O.S.B., Rev. Father Patterson, Madame Lelievre, Mesdames Boylan, Winstanley, Hiscocks, and Misses Donovan, Dempsey, Lee, Quinn (2), Wallnutt, Davis, and Mr. Arthur Dobbs. The afternoon was most enjoyably spent, and the funds of this good Society will be augmented. The annual report was presented by Mrs. McCabe, president of the Society, and showed that the receipts had amounted to £147 8s 6d, which included a balance of £20 14s 10d, and cash in hand 15s 9d. The expenditure was £139 0s 8d. The orders given out by the hon. secretary, Mrs. Parish, and hon. treasurer, Miss Lynch, were: Groceries, 600; fuel, 30; meat, 190; milk, 17; breakfasts, etc., 31; other relief, 139. The clothing distributed consisted of the following: New articles, 260; new material, 32yds; ready-made clothing, 213 pieces; parcels, etc., 60. During the year 300 visits had been made. His Lordship warmly complimented the ladies upon the successful issue of their labors in the cause of charity—charity not

restricted to any one particular denomination. He exhorted the members of the Society to continue in the good work they had undertaken, which was, no doubt, as congenial to themselves as it was acceptable to the poor of the city. He bore testimony to the business-like way in which the work of the Society had been carried on during the year.

At the end of last week I paid a visit to the Church of the Assumption, Onehunga, and it is safe to say that in no city or town in this Colony is there a better equipped edifice raised to the honor and glory of God. When one viewed the church, schools, and presbytery, and noted their up-to-date appearance, they spoke eloquently of the zeal and earnestness of the Ven. Mgr. Paul, V.G., the Rev. Father Tormey, and the parishioners generally. A few days ago I also visited the Thames, and the Right Rev. Mgr. O'Reilly very kindly showed me over the church and grounds there, and everything bore testimony to the constant care and attention devoted to the property by the popular Monsignor. A very beautiful statue, the present of Mrs. E. McDonnell, in commemoration of her departed husband, has been placed in the sanctuary.

GREYMOUTH

(From an occasional correspondent.)

General regret was expressed at the news of the death of Mr. T. Burnes, late of Barrytown. The body of deceased was brought into Greymouth for burial, and the funeral was very largely attended. Deceased, who leaves a widow to mourn her loss, was, prior to his arrival in Victoria forty years ago, in the army, having served in the Crimea and in the Indian Mutiny. The local papers state he was one of the 'thin red line' at Alma, and that he was in India when General Havelock declared to his troops that 'their labors, their sufferings, and their privations would never be forgotten by a grateful country.' This promise, to the eternal disgrace of each successive Government, has been in too many cases shamefully disregarded.

The Rev. Father Leen, of Ahaura, is energetically canvassing for funds for building a church at Blackball. The Rev. Father has of late had a very severe time, and in his district (extending from the Blackball, Nelson Creek, Ahaura, on to Maori Creek and Marsden) he has gone through real hardship in terrible weather. But with the true spirit of the Irish missionary priest, whose sole thoughts are on how he can best serve his Divine Master, he makes light of troubles and has ever a cheerful smile and a pleasant word for all.

An ex-patient has been giving to the local press his experiences while an inmate of the hospital. The writer pays a high tribute to the surgical skill of Dr. Morice, the house surgeon, and has nothing but praise for the nursing staff, which includes nurses McKendry, O'Donnell, and Barry. The writer also specially mentioned the regular visits of Rev. Father Herbert, whose kindly interest in the patients is much appreciated.

As the time for accepting tenders for the church tower is near at hand, the Very Rev. Dean Carew is busy collecting the promised subscriptions from his parishioners. Many have expressed their willingness to double their subscriptions if it is needed, but, with the caution begotten of experience, it has been very wisely determined not to commence operations until the greater part of the required amount is in hand.

A working 'Bee' of the members of St. Columba's Club, assisted by the Marist Brothers, who are the life and soul of the work, and who practically founded the club, are busy every night lining and finishing off their club room. A spirit such as this augurs well for their future success. Certainly those young men deserve for their disinterested earnestness the thanks of the parents of the parish, who will indirectly reap many benefits from the formation of the club.

The opening of the State Coal Mine here is not an unmixed blessing, the Brunner mines, which were largely kept going with Government orders, being practically at a stand still. The condition of affairs there is becoming somewhat serious, the miners having received notice that after next week their services may not be required.

When an old codger shivers and shakes,

As he hears the wild winter winds roar,
That ancient mistake he continues to make,

And swallows "hot rum" in galore;

Till some friend, like an angel of light,

Introduces a solace more sure;

And soothes his old throttle by bringing a bottle
Of WOODS' GREAT PEPPERMINT CURE.