

On Thursday evening of last week the members of the choir of St. Patrick's Basilica, South Dunedin, made a presentation to their late pastor, Rev. Father Coffey, Administrator of St. Joseph's Cathedral. The presentation was made by Mr. E. Eagar, who referred in eulogistic terms to the work done by Father Coffey. Mr. J. P. Matheson also spoke a few words, and Father Coffey suitably replied.

The Port Chalmers Catholic schools were examined on Thursday by the Government Inspector, whose report thereon was very satisfactory, the answering of the pupils on several subjects being described as 'excellent,' whilst many were recorded as 'very good.' The educational work done in the school is highly appreciated not alone by Catholics but also by persons of every creed in the town, whilst the children have a well-deserved reputation for their excellent manners.

The Christian Brothers' Defence Cadets paraded on last Thursday evening for inspection by Captain Hughes, inspecting officer from Wellington. The uniforms and accoutrements were closely inspected, and Captain Hughes expressed himself pleased with the general appearance of the corps. The corps was then put through various movements by its captain, and the section commanders were also told off to handle their respective sections in the open. At the conclusion the inspecting officer complimented the members on the progress made, and hoped, later in the year, to see them at skirmishing practice on the neighboring hills. The parade state was: 1 captain, 1 lieutenant, 1 color-sergeant, 3 sergeants, 4 corporals, 43 cadets; total, 53.

On Sunday at the nine and eleven o'clock Masses at St. Joseph's Cathedral the Rev. Father Coffey, Adm., spoke of the work which was being done by the parish societies—especially the St. Joseph's Men's Club—and recommended them to the more generous support of the congregation than has been the case in the past. The Men's Club was doing excellent work, and was capable of incalculable good, if it were accorded the support that it deserved. He counselled parents to make the homes pleasant, and if possible to provide recreation for their children, such as music, for after all the home was the best training place for young people. If, however, young men were not content to stay in their own homes in the evenings the next best place was the club, which offered many attractions that would keep them off the streets, and for this reason should have not alone the support of all young men but also of the heads of families.

The Lawrence correspondent of the Dunedin 'Evening Star' of last Tuesday writes as follows: A case possessing features of more than local interest cropped up at the S.M. Court here yesterday. The Very Rev. Mgr. O'Leary was sued by the Borough of Lawrence for the recovery of £4 odd for rates due on the R.C. presbytery. Mr. Poppelwell (of Gore), who defended, contended (1) that under the Rating Act, 1894, the building was exempt, because it was used by the Very Rev. Mgr. O'Leary in his capacity as head of St. Patrick's School; (2) that he was not the owner of the property on which the rates were claimed; and (3) that it had not been proved that he was the occupier by virtue of a tenancy which was for not less than six months (vide clause 2, sub-section 1, of the Rating Act, 1894). A lengthy legal argument followed, after which the magistrate consulted the borough, with £1 1s costs, ruling that he was with defendant on the second and third points, and with plaintiff on the first point.

The Sacred Heart Schoolroom, North East Valley, was well filled on Tuesday evening on the occasion of a concert in aid of the school funds. A somewhat lengthy programme was gone through with commendable despatch, and the various items were given in a manner which evoked the hearty applause of the audience. Songs were contributed by Mrs. Lemon, Misses K. Carter, C. Finnerty, Wood, M. Bernech, and Messrs. Oliver, Flynn, and Olsen; a humorous duet was given by Miss K. Johnston and Mr. T. J. Anthony, a comic song by Mr. Duff, pianoforte solos by Miss M. Bernech and Miss McTigue, a cornet solo by Mr. W. Wood, a clarinet solo by Mr. J. Wood, recitations by Messrs. R. Burke and H. Hangerford, an Irish jig by Miss P. Higgins, and an Irish jig and hornpipe by two small performers who were designated on the programme as 'The fairies.' A small but efficient orchestra contributed three items. The accompaniments were played by Miss McTigue, Messrs. Lemon and Hilliker. Before the final item Rev. Father Coffey, Adm., on behalf of the organisers of the concert, thanked the performers for the very enjoyable entertainment provided, and the audience for their attendance. A good deal of credit for the success achieved was due to the work of the energetic secretary, Mr. J. M. Casey, who left nothing undone to bring about that result.

The following clerical changes in the diocese of Dunedin take effect this week: Rev. Father Howard from Port Chalmers to the Administratorship of South Dunedin; Rev. Father Hearn from Gore to the pastoral charge of Port Chalmers; Rev. Father O'Neill (Invercargill) replaces Rev. Father Hearn as assistant priest in Gore.

Impromptu speeches formed the programme at the meeting of St. Joseph's Men's Club on Friday evening. Prior to the opening of the meeting Mr. Deehan, vice-president of the club, extended a very hearty welcome to Rev. Father Coffey, Adm., and expressed the pleasure which the club members had felt when they learned that such a zealous supporter of young men's clubs had been appointed administrator. Mr. P. Hally also spoke eulogistically of Father Coffey's enthusiasm in club matters, and felt convinced that his abilities would do much to further the club on its present road to success. Father Coffey, in replying, thanked Mr. Deehan and the members for their very hearty welcome, and hoped that he might, in his connection with the club, merit the very high compliments that had been paid to him. His work as administrator must necessarily take up a large amount of his time, but, after that work, he considered the club his next care, and he would make it his duty to spare no pains in working for its advancement. With the assistance of the members he was convinced they would continue to advance as rapidly in the future as they had in the past. At the conclusion of the meeting Father Coffey expressed his pleasure at the facility with which the speakers treated their subjects at a moment's notice. He gave some useful hints on speaking. Mr. P. Hally also gave some good advice, and recounted some amusing stories of his early efforts as a speaker.

### DIocese OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

August 14.

The Sisters of Nazareth are at present in retreat, which is being conducted by the Very Rev. Father Le Menant des Chesnais, V.G.

The feast day of the Rev. Mother Mary St. Philomena, Mother Prioress of the Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions, was celebrated in the Sacred Heart Convent on last Friday.

During the hearing of offences against the by-laws in the local Court last week, a witness in reply to counsel's query, "You were riding on the footpath?" replied, "I never rode on the footpath in my life, nor do I intend to."

Playing in the public schools' senior football competition on Wednesday, the Marist Brothers' boys met and defeated the boys of the West Christchurch School in the South Park by 40 points to nil. For the winners, Mason and Dwyer potted a goal each, and tries were scored by Edmunds (4), Mason (1), Woodham (1), Moran (1), and Birmingham (1), two of which were converted by Edmunds, one by Poff, and one by Mason. The Marist Brothers' School has now secured the senior flag, its boys having won all their matches, and placing to their credit 167 points, there being none against.

Members of the Catholic Club, who recently appeared in a character social among themselves, repeated the performance last Tuesday on an extended scale. The hall was filled to overflowing by a delighted audience, with whom the comical 'get-up' and eccentricities of the performers found great favor. The programme consisted of twenty-two items, and concluded with a musical sketch, 'The Blind Beggars.' All taking part did their best to entertain, and were most successful. Mr. H. Rossiter was musical director, and also worked hard at the preliminary arrangements and rehearsals.

### Temuka

(From our own correspondent.)

August 14.

As there is only one priest in the Temuka parish at the present time, there will be but one Mass at Pleasant Point on next Sunday. It will be celebrated at eight o'clock.

A commencement has at last been made with the re-building of the long-promised station in this town. It will occupy a site a little north of the present one, and bids fair to become quite an ornament to Temuka.

Word was received here on Saturday to the effect that Very Rev. Dean Binsfeld would not be able to come to Temuka, as at first intended; and further that Ven. Archdeacon Devoy would arrive on Saturday week for the purpose of assisting, for some time, in the work of the parish.

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