

The entertainment given by the Dunedin Ladies' Minstrel Club (says the 'Alexandra Herald') was largely attended, the hall being packed to the doors. The first part of the programme consisted of a minstrel circle, comprising eleven ladies. Songs, jokes, and local hits were given and much appreciated by the audience. In the second part character songs and sketches were rendered, and the entertainment concluded with the company singing 'Good Night.'

On Tuesday last an anniversary Requiem was celebrated for the repose of the soul of the late Mother M. Gabriel, O.S.D. His Lordship the Bishop presided. The celebrant of the Mass was Rev. H. W. Cleary; deacon, Rev. J. O'Reilly; subdeacon, Rev. W. Concoran; master of ceremonies, Rev. J. Coffey, Adm. Fathers Howard and Geary were also present. The children of the convent schools also attended, and the music of the Mass was rendered by the Dominican nuns. The absolutions were given by his Lordship the Bishop.

Feeling reference was made in St. Joseph's Cathedral on Sunday to the dreadful catastrophe which has befallen San Francisco. His Lordship the Bishop, speaking at the nine o'clock Mass, said that the most profound sympathy of all went out to the afflicted, and they should pray that God's goodness would be speedily manifested on behalf of the sufferers, firstly by softening the hearts of the rich in favor of those needing assistance, and in the second place that He might give them patience to bear their sufferings with resignation. They should also pray for the souls of those who were summoned so suddenly before the judgment seat of God.

The following are the results of the musical examinations held at St. Dominic's Priory by Mr. T. F. Dunhill, examiner for the Associated Board of the Royal Academy of Music and the Royal College of Music:—Teacher's Certificate Examination (L.A.B. Degree), Mary M. Prendergast, 169. Local Centre—Advanced grade, Alda Ralph (pianoforte), honors, 135; Violet Frazer (singing), honors, 130. Intermediate grade, Margaret Gawne, honors, 130; Rita Morison, 117. School Examination—Lower division, Jean Mathieson (violin), honors, 130; Sarah Millar, 127; Olive White, 127; Jean Peat, 124; Lalla Hemus, 110; L. Moloney, 108. Elementary division, Nellie Millar, 127; E. Paton, 125; Imelda Gaffney, 125; I. Sweetie, 125; Rose White, 124; K. O'Donnell, 122; Mary Mackie, 116; M. Hopkins, 117; K. Goyen, 103 (singing).

The annual meeting of St. Joseph's Men's Club was held in St. Joseph's Hall on Friday evening. The Rev. Father Coffey, Adm., presided, and there was a very good attendance. The committee, in their annual report, congratulated the members on the very successful season just passed. The total membership was 65, with one life member. The literary branch was the most successful of its kind held during the Club's existence, the average attendance at the meetings being 29, whilst on two occasions over 50 were present. The special thanks of the members were due to the Rev. Father Murphy, Rev. Bro. Brady, and Mr. A. R. Barclay for addresses. Rev. Bro. Brady had charge of the elocution class, which entailed on him a good deal of hard work. The gymnastic class was the least successful of any in connection with the club. The billiard table proved a good source of revenue. During the year a harriers' club was formed and proved very successful, the weekly runs being very much enjoyed. The thanks of the club were due to the ladies who kindly invited the harriers to start from their residences, and provided them with refreshments on their return. As the financial year of St. Joseph's Club closed on September 22, owing to an executive committee (elected at an extraordinary general meeting) taking over the financial management of the hall, the balance sheet at that time showed a credit of £16 14s 4d, which was paid over to the executive Committee. During the year the club sustained a loss by the death of Mr. John Hickey, whose early demise was sincerely regretted. Rev. Father Coffey, in moving the adoption of the report, said that he intended to devote a great deal of his time during the coming year to the welfare of the club, and trusted that with the assistance of the members to make it still more successful. Father Coffey then explained the financial position, and what the executive committee, consisting of three representatives of the men's club, and two from the ladies', with the Administrator of the Cathedral as chairman, had done since taking office. In conclusion he expressed the hope that in future the revenues from the hall would meet all expenses, and that the proceeds from the St. Patrick's night entertainment would be devoted to reducing the liabilities on the building. The motion, which was seconded by Mr. Deehan, was then agreed to. The rules, drawn up by the executive committee, were then considered, and after some slight alterations pas-

sed. Messrs T. Deehan, T. J. Hussey and D. Columb were appointed the club's representatives on the executive committee. The election of officers then took place with the following result:—Patron, his Lordship Bishop Verdon; president, Rev. Father Coffey, Adm.; vice-presidents, the clergy of the Cathedral, Messrs Hussey and Deehan; secretary, Mr. W. Rodgers; treasurer, Mr. Gorcegan; committee, Messrs J. A. Scott, J. B. Callan, jun., G. Turner, J. Halley, and D. Columb. Mr. J. B. Callan, jun., was appointed sub-editor of the Catholic Magazine. Six new members were elected.

DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

(By telegraph from our own correspondent.)

April 23.

Very Rev. Father Clune is conducting a mission at Opotiki.

His Lordship the Bishop will administer Confirmation next Sunday in Waihi, and hold a visitation.

The foundation stone of the new convent at St. Benedict's, Auckland, will be laid, on Sunday week.

A general Communion of the members of the Marist Brothers Old Boys' Association takes place next Sunday at the Cathedral.

Rev. Father William Murphy, a native of Wexford, recently ordained at All Hallows College, Dublin, arrives in Auckland next Sunday.

Lieutenant Hodgson, before the departure of H.M.S. 'Prometheus' (the crew of which is en route for England), wrote to the clergy of the Cathedral, thanking them and Father Clune for attention and kindness to himself and men whilst here.

There was a large congregation at the Church of the Assumption, Onehunga, on Sunday morning. The Rev. Father Mahoney celebrated Mass, after which his Lordship Bishop Lenihan administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to 50 girls, 30 boys, and six adults. At three o'clock in the afternoon his Lordship laid the foundation stone of the new presbytery about to be erected for Rev. Father Mahoney in Albert street. There was a large attendance, including Fathers Edge, Holbrook, and Mahoney. The collection taken up at the conclusion of the ceremony realised a sum of £40. The contract for the presbytery has been let to Messrs. Peacock and Co. at the price of £1125, and Mr. Mahoney, of Auckland, is the architect. The building will be of brick, two storeys high, and will contain thirteen rooms.

The Very Rev. Dr. Egan, O.S.B., leaves for the south to-day, en route for the Old Country for a holiday. At the Sacred Heart schoolroom, Ponsonby, yesterday morning, before a large gathering of his congregation and other friends, he was presented with a cheque as an appreciation of his sterling work in Auckland during the past 21 years. Mr. P. Bryant made the presentation, and eulogistic speeches were also made by Messrs D. Flynn, Kane, Darby, S. Adams, and J. Fuller. The altar boys presented Dr. Egan with a handsome dressing case, and during the last week he was the recipient of several handsome presents from the children of the Sacred Heart School, Sisters of Mercy, Children of Mary, and Sacred Heart College.

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(From our own correspondent.)

April 23.

Miss Fitzgerald recently received word from the examiner of the Royal College of Music that she has passed the final section of the L.A.B. degree. She is an ex-pupil of, and one time teacher at, the Convent school.

A photograph appeared in this month's 'Triad' of Miss Maggie Dennehy, who passed the junior pianoforte examination of Trinity College at six years of age, and the intermediate of the same institution last year at eight years of age. She is a pupil of her sister, Miss Eileen Dennehy.

Two most successful socials were held in the Assembly Rooms last week, in aid of different stalls in the bazaar which will be held towards the end of the year to assist the new church fund. The entertainment on Tuesday evening was arranged by the Misses Mahoney (2), Mara (2), and Risnel; and that on Thursday by Mrs. Dennehy and Miss Rose Byrne. The ladies are to be congratulated on the success which attended their zealous labors, the result being about £33.

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