

## Silver Jubilee of the Dominican Nuns, Oamaru

(From an occasional correspondent.)

October 7.

Last Sunday being the silver jubilee of the advent of the Dominican nuns to Oamaru, the event was deemed opportune by the Catholic community to mark the occasion by giving tangible expression to the esteem in which the good Sisters are held by their co-religionists, and by the people of North Otago generally. An energetic committee had therefore been called into existence, and had been working to good purpose for some time past. Their labors culminated on Sunday at the Convent, Reed street, by a presentation to the Rev. Mother of a cheque for £300. All members of the committee were present. By the thoughtfulness of the Sisters a lunch was laid in the refectory of the boarding department. The Right Rev. Mgr. Mackay presided, and the Rev. Father O'Neill was also present.

The lunch over, the chairman of the committee, Mr. O'Grady, made the presentation. In his remarks he dwelt on the great esteem in which the good Sisters are held by all classes in North Otago. This was fully testified by the readiness and generosity with which they had contributed to the presentation. He expressed the gratitude of himself and of the parishioners to the Rev. Mother and the good Sisters for the great blessings they had brought to the families of the parish by the sound religious teaching they were imparting to the children. He then called upon Mr. Cooney, the treasurer of the fund, to present the parishioners' offering.

Mr. Cooney expressed the great gratification he felt in being made the medium by which this offering had been made to the good Sisters. Although they were offering a creditable sum, it would doubtless be considerably greater had the past season been more favorable. He, however, assured the good Sisters that the most ready response had been shown by all from whom contributions had been solicited.

Mr. Duggan said that it gave him the utmost satisfaction to find that the labors of the good nuns had been so appreciated by the people of Oamaru, for to his mind the great work of the devoted Sisters was not always recognised and supported in the manner it deserved. He had the fullest opportunity of knowing what had been done and what is being done by the Sisters in the Oamaru schools. The Dominican Nuns in their midst were upholding the traditions of their great Order, and when he said so much nothing further need be said. He assured those present that no monetary offering could adequately recompense the good Sisters for the true, full education—the training of the mind and heart—which the girls of Oamaru were receiving. For his own part he would be for ever grateful to the Dominican nuns for what they had done for his family.

Right Rev. Mgr. Mackay responded on behalf of the Rev. Mother. He said that he knew that the Rev. Mother and the Sisters were grateful for the expressions of good will and the tangible offering which accompanied them. When the scarcity of money, consequent on the drought of last season, was considered, the offering was a most generous one. The work of twenty-five years, as shown by their magnificent buildings and beautiful grounds, justified them, no doubt, in looking with pride upon the fruits of those labors; but the greatest and most enduring work was the sound Christian education which the children were receiving. This was the work to which the lives of the good nuns were consecrated, and those parents upon whose children these blessings were bestowed had cause to be grateful indeed. He hoped that advantage would be taken of the great opportunities their schools offered, and that the near future would see all their boarding accommodation taxed to its full capacity. Monsignor Mackay then, on behalf of those present, offered their warmest felicitations to the Rev. Mother and the Sisters, and expressed fervent wishes for their good health, and long lives of continued usefulness.

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## Oamaru

(From our own correspondent.)

Oct. 14.

What would, under favourable conditions, prove a most enjoyable evening at the Catholic Club, on the evening of Oct. 4 was interfered with, by the inclemency of the weather. A fancy-dress euchre party—ladies versus gentlemen—had been arranged, and much enthusiasm was evinced in the event. On the night in question, however, the weather was wet and boisterous, and the attendance naturally suffered in consequence. Between thirty and forty ladies and gentlemen assembled and some of the costumes were distinctly original and attractive. The ladies proved victorious at euchre. An acceptable supper was handed round, after which a musical programme was gone through, all the items being well received.

A dramatic entertainment in aid of the Catholic Club was given in St. Joseph's Hall on Wednesday evening, Oct. 2. Mr. J. T. Mulvihill and his assistants provided the greater part of the amusement, staging two bright little comedies. The hall was comfortably filled, and the audience showed its appreciation of the entertainment, by frequent applause. The characters were all well sustained, and were filled by Club members, assisted by Misses S. Cooney and C. Donovan. A programme of vocal and instrumental items was given between the two pieces, and this proved highly acceptable. Great credit is due to Mr. Mulvihill for the excellent entertainment provided by him and his supporters, and to him the Club's thanks are due.

Next Sunday, Oct. 20, the members of the Catholic Club will approach the Holy Table in a body.

A two weeks' mission was commenced at St. Patrick's Basilica yesterday morning by the Very Rev. Father Clune. Large congregations were present in the morning, and the large church was crowded again in the evening.

A debate on the labor laws of New Zealand, took place at the Catholic Club rooms on Friday evening, Oct. 11. The question for discussion was as follows:—'Are the labour laws of New Zealand beneficial to employer and employee?' Mr. J. Molloy led the affirmative side, and Mr. F. Cooney was leader for the negative. An interesting discussion ensued, many good speeches being made. Those who took the affirmative side were declared the winners.

## Temuka

(From our own correspondent.)

Oct. 8.

Rev. Father McDermott commenced a mission at Pleasant Point on Sunday.

Very Rev. Father Clune left here on Monday, for Kurow, where he opened a mission on Tuesday.

The mission conducted by the Redemptorist Fathers was brought to a close in St. Joseph's Church on Sunday evening when the Very Rev. Father Clune preached. He spoke in glowing terms of the manner in which the Temuka people had taken advantage of the mission. It was a beautiful sight at the 8 o'clock Mass to see such a large number of men approach the Holy Table, many of whom were members of the Catholic Club. The members of the Confraternity of the Children of Mary, a society which has received a considerable accession of members through the exertions of Father Clune, also received Holy Communion. In his farewell address, Father Clune exhorted the congregation to keep faithful to the resolutions they had made during the mission. He took occasion to thank Father Kerley for inviting them to Temuka, the Sisters of St. Joseph for decorating the altars, the choir, the altar boys. Rev. Father Kerley thanked Father Clune, and Father McDermott on behalf of Father Goggan, the congregation, and himself, and congratulated them on the good work, they had done for the people of Temuka.

Oct. 13.

Rev. Father Goggan returned to Temuka on Friday, from Hanmer Springs, where he has been for the last fortnight.

A very successful mission preached by the Rev. Father McDermott, C.S.S.R., at Pleasant Point, was brought to a close on Sunday last.

The weekly meeting of the Temuka Catholic Club was held on Tuesday evening last, Mr. J. Barry presiding. The programme was a lecture by Dr. Crawshaw, who gave a very interesting and instructive address on the heart. At the conclusion, he was accorded a hearty vote of thanks on the motion of Mr. T. Knight, seconded by Mr. Z. Beri.