

## DIOCESE OF DUNEDIN

On Friday a Triduum in honor of the Blessed Sacrament, and in accordance with the directions of the Holy Father, will be commenced in St. Joseph's Cathedral.

On Sunday there was Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Joseph's Cathedral from the last Mass until Vespers. In the evening there was the usual procession. The sermon at Vespers was preached by the Rev. Father Lowham, C.S.S.R.

His Lordship the Bishop administered the Sacrament of Confirmation at Ranfurly on Sunday, and will confirm a number of candidates at Ophir on next Sunday. On Sunday, December 15, the Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered in St. Joseph's Cathedral.

The mission at the Sacred Heart Church, North-East Valley, by the Redemptorist Fathers was brought to a close on Sunday evening. The various exercises of the mission during the week were very well attended, especially in the evenings, when the accommodation was taxed to its utmost. Rev. Father McDermott, C.S.S.R., and Rev. Father Lowham, C.S.S.R., left for Wellington on Monday.

The mission opened at Orepuki in the Riverton parish on November 25 by the Rev. Father Hunt, C.S.S.R., was brought to a close on Sunday evening. The mission was the most successful yet given in the district, the attendance throughout being very good. A week's mission was begun at Riverton on Monday evening by the Rev. Father Hunt, who will also open a mission to last a week at Otautau on next Sunday.

At the recent examinations held in connection with the Associated Board of the Royal Academy and the Royal College of Music, the following pupils presented by the Sisters of Mercy, South Dunedin and Mosgiel, were successful:—Primary division—Isabel McDowall, 110; Vera Marlow, 114; Nora Mee, 115; Rose Fitzpatrick, 120; Dora Heward, 114 (Mosgiel); Netta Gillies, 121 (Mosgiel). Elementary grade—Irene Carmody (singing), 134 (distinction). Lower division—Gertrude Carmody, 101; Olive Norwood, 108; Catherine Walsh, 101 (Mosgiel).

The following is a list of the successful candidates in the practical musical examination of the Associated Board of the Royal Academy of Music and the Royal College of Music, held at St. Dominic's College on November 25, by Mr. Richard Cummings, the Board's examiner:—Licentiate Associated Board (teacher's certificate)—Charlotte Barker. Advanced grade (local centre)—Rita Moritzon, 135 (honors). Pass—Ethel Goldsmith, 121; Esma Levestam, 115; Doris G. Dall, 106; Christina Bonner, 105. Intermediate grade (local centre)—Pass—Jean Peat, 109. Higher school grade—Pass—Winifred Hawcrige, 122; Kathleen Quill, 121; Alice Wallis, 119; Margaret Burke, 116 (violin); Lalla Hemus, 101. Lower school grade—Pass—Beryl Callaghan, 121; Elsie Paton, 116; Leslie Wyinks, 115; Madge Hopkins, 113. Elementary grade—Pass—Mildred Carey, 127 (singing). Primary grade—Jessie Sontag, 131 (distinction), Rosalie Chiaroni, 128; Grattan Shiel, 127; Mona Wallis, 124; Ethel Sandilands, 122 (singing), Willie Gleeson, 113; Annie Dunbar, 102 (singing).

### Oamaru

(From our own correspondent.)

December 2.

The session of the Oamaru Catholic Club was brought to a close on Friday evening, when a fancy dress social was held at the club rooms. There was a good attendance, including a large number of ladies, and all present enjoyed themselves. The costumes of many of the ladies were very picturesque. A musical programme was gone through, and a much appreciated supply of light refreshments was handed round during the evening. The following contributed items: Misses Falconer, Rodgers, Cagney, and Corcoran, and Messrs. Ford, Curran, Hannon, and Barry. The singing of 'Auld lang syne' brought to a close a very pleasant little function.

The Catholic Club has lost another popular member in the person of Mr. J. McCombie, who has received an appointment in Dunedin. His fellow-members wish him every success in his future career. A general meeting of the Catholic Club was held yesterday. There was a fair attendance of members, and Mr. J. Wallace was voted to the chair. Mr. J. Breen was elected auditor in place of Mr. McCombie. It was decided to close the club for the three summer months, owing to most of the members being engaged in outdoor sports in the

evenings. The next general meeting was fixed for February 23, and the opening night of next session for March 6. It is hoped to have double the present membership next year.

### Napier

(From our own correspondent.)

December 21.

The collection taken up at the Church last Sunday for the Stoke Orphanage realised £17 odd.

Arrangements are now being pushed forward for the children's picnic, which is to be held about Christmas time.

It has been decided to paint St. Patrick's Church before the Napier Carnival, which takes place next March, and to raise funds for this purpose a collection is to be taken up in the Churches on the first Sunday in February.

In the primary schools' cricket competition the Marist Brothers' boys are doing fairly well. They had an easy win over the Port School. In the first innings the Port boys were disposed of for eleven runs; and in the second innings for twenty runs. The Brothers' boys in the first innings made 116, the principal scorers being T. Cosgrove (24), J. Cosgrove (21), W. Ryan (36), and W. McGrath (14). T. Cosgrove took five wickets for 14 runs, W. McGrath 10 wickets for 13 runs, and W. Ryan five for one run.

His Grace the Archbishop held an ordination in St. Mary's Church, Meanee, on Sunday. Two were ordained priests, and six had minor orders conferred on them. His Grace was assisted by the Very Rev. Dr. Kennedy, of Meanee, and Very Rev. Father Keogh, of Wellington. In the evening the Very Rev. Father Keogh preached a very fine sermon. On Sunday evening at St. Patrick's Church, Napier, his Grace the Archbishop administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to about 70 children.

### Darfield

(From an occasional correspondent.)

The annual entertainment in connection with the Darfield Convent School was held on Friday night, November 29, in the presence of a very large audience. The entertainment was the most successful ever held in the Darfield school. The following was the programme:—Chorus, pupils; selection, 'Old Folks at home'—piano, Misses Rubina Long and Annie Clinton; violin, Master Hubert Narbey; dramatic piece, 'A Bad Quarter-of-an-Hour,' Misses A. Gill, K. Reardon, S. Gill, and L. McGoverin; piano solo, Master James Howard; violin solo, Master Peter Clinton; recitation, Miss Marjorie Redfern; duet (pianoforte), Misses Gogan and Annie Gill; song, Master James Howard; pianoforte duet, Misses Philomena Narbey and Elsie Narbey; recitation, Miss Annie Gill; comic song, Master Hubert Narbey; piano duet, Misses Ena Brown and Elsie Narbey; song, Miss Rubina Long; piano trio, Misses Annie Gill, Sara Gill, and Lizzie Gill; garland drill, school girls; piano duet, Misses F. McLeod, M. McLeod; violin solo, Master Clinton; dialogue, Misses Sara Gill and Kate Moran; violin duet, Miss Winnie Narbey and Master Hubert Narbey; piano solo, Miss Philomena Narbey; piano duet, Misses F. and D. Hammond; action song, school girls; violin solo, Miss Winnie Narbey; action song, boys; comic song, Master Hubert Narbey. Mr. P. Clinton gave a few very choice selections on the gramophone during the evening. The musical part of the entertainment was very much appreciated.

### Palmerston North

(From our own correspondent.)

The devotion of the Forty Hours' Adoration begins in St. Patrick's parish on Sunday, December 8.

The Rev. Father O'Beirne has been appointed to Palmerston North to assist the Rev. Father Costello and the Rev. Father Bowe.

A retreat for the Children of Mary begins on Wednesday night next, and ends with a general Communion on Sunday morning.

The Palmerston North Friendly Societies held a social gathering in the Oddfellows' Hall on Wednesday night last. Bro. Aitchison presiding. The chief function of the evening was the presentation to the members of the local Hibernian Society of the shield won by them during the recent games tournament. These