

however, that the first "News" fabrication will be repeated in other States, and in other parts of the world in order to confuse Catholics. The contradiction may be ignored.'

## DIOCESE OF DUNEDIN

In all the Catholic churches in Dunedin and suburbs on Sunday reference was made to the serious illness of his Holiness the Pope, for whom the prayers of the congregation were asked.

The Rev. Father Regnault, Waimate, arrived in Dunedin on Monday, and on Tuesday morning commenced a retreat for the students of Holy Cross College, which will terminate on Saturday morning.

In consequence of the inclement weather the ceremony of blessing and opening the new Catholic Church at Clyde, which was to have taken place next Sunday, has been postponed.

On Friday evening a very successful entertainment was given by the pupils of the Convent of Mercy, Mosgiel, in the Volunteer Hall, which was crowded, notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather. As a report of the concert has only reached us just as we are going to press we are obliged to hold over a detailed report of the proceedings until next issue.

On Sunday last his Lordship the Bishop administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to 47 persons in St. Mary's, Star of the Sea, Port Chalmers. He was assisted by the pastor, Rev. Father McGrath. We learn that the number of children on the rolls in the parish school, Port Chalmers, now stands at the respectable total of 72.

On Wednesday evening of last week the members of the Ladies Club entertained their friends at a very successful social gathering in St. Joseph's Hall. The winners of the eucharic prizes were Mrs. Carson, who received a pretty lady's companion, and Mr. McDermott, a greenstone pendant. Misses Anthony, J. Griffen, and Mr. Miles contributed to the musical portion of the evening's enjoyment.

At the meeting of the St. Joseph's Men's Club in St. Joseph's Hall on Friday evening it was found necessary to depart from the programme arranged, and the members present were called on for short speeches, which proved very interesting. It was decided to send a letter to the Christchurch Club expressing regret at the loss of their rooms by fire. Next Friday there will be a musical evening, to which all men of the congregation are invited.

On last Sunday a meeting of the Catholics of North-East Valley was held for the purpose of taking steps for the erection of a primary school on a site which has been generously donated by the Dominican Nuns. The Rev. Father Murphy, Adm., St. Joseph's Cathedral, presided, and there was a representative attendance. The following were appointed a committee to further the proposed work: Messrs. Conway, Gilmartin, Milne, Hanley, Hungerford, Lynch, and E. Casey. The movement to provide a suitable school in the district has been taken up with much enthusiasm, and before the meeting had concluded several substantial donations were promised.

Miss Mackay, who left here recently in company with her brother the Right Rev. Mgr. Mackay, of Oamaru, on a visit to Scotland, writing to a relative in Dunedin, reports that they had a very pleasant trip to Suva, where they arrived on Sunday, May 21. In the evening Monsignor Mackay preached in the new Cathedral, which is described as a very spacious edifice. Whilst there he was the guest of Bishop Vidal. On the following day they went by steam launch to Rewa, a place which has gained much notoriety of late, as it was there the alleged Bible-burning occurred. Whilst at Rewa Monsignor Mackay was the guest of the Rev. Father Rouzier, and Miss Mackay of the Sisters of the Mission station. During their stay Miss Mackay was shown the famous keroseene tin which, under the dexterous manipulation of the cable-rigger, developed into a lime-kiln, in which 238 Wesleyan Bibles were destroyed. From Suva to Honolulu the Moana experienced very rough weather, and Monsignor Mackay was unfortunately laid up for several days. Among the passengers was Dr. Cahill, of Wellington.

The half-yearly meeting of the Dunedin branch of the Hibernian Society was held on the 7th inst., there being a large attendance of members. The balance sheet for the quarter was read and adopted. The receipts for the quarter amounted to £156 5s 8d, and the expenditure to £114 12s 3d, including £51 17s 6d sick pay, leaving a balance of £41 13s 5d to be carried forward. The news of the District President's (Bro. W. Beehan) appointment as a member of the Legislative Council was greeted with applause and a resolution congratulating Bro. Beehan was carried by acclamation, and the secretary was instructed to forward him the same. The election of officers for the ensuing quarter resulted in the following being elected and re-elected—President Bro. J. J. Marlow, vice-president, Bro. N. Quirk, secretary, Bro. J. O'Connor (re-elected), treasurer, Bro. D. O'Mahoney (re-elected), warden, Bro. J. Mooney; guardian, Bro. T. McDermott; sick visitors, Pros. J. M. Casey (re-elected) and T. McDermott; auditors, Bros. W. Carr and J. Hally (both re-elected). Four candidates were proposed. General regret was expressed at the branch not being represented at the Milton social, train arrangements being unsuitable for the members to attend.

On Monday evening of last week (says the 'Alexandra Herald') the Alexandra Orchestral Society paid a visit to Mrs. J. J. O'Kane (the Society's late pianist), at her residence, Tarbert street., Alexandra. After a few selections were played by the Society and a couple of songs given by Mr. A. G. Murphy, Mr. J. D. Thomson, on behalf of the Society, presented Mrs. O'Kane with a silver gong and stand, with ladies' and gents' brushes attached. Mr. Thomson, in making the presentation, referred to Mrs. O'Kane as a capable and hard-working member of the Society, and he said that the Society's success was, to a great extent, due to her assistance. Mr. O'Kane, in responding on behalf of Mrs. O'Kane, said that he thought the present a very beautiful one, and that both Mrs. O'Kane and he would treasure it as long as they were spared, also that they would always keep a warm corner in their hearts for the Society, which they both admired, and would do all in their power to further its interests. Mr. J. R. Cairns and Mr. A. A. Briasco (conductor) also spoke of Mrs. O'Kane's sterling qualities, and of the good work performed by her when an active member of the A.O.S. The gong was inscribed as follows: 'To Mrs. J. J. O'Kane on the occasion of her marriage, from the Alexandra Orchestral Society. Alexandra, July 6th, 1903.'

## OBITUARY

### VERY REV. DEAN ROLLAND, REEFTON.

On Tuesday the sad, but not wholly unexpected news was received by us that the Very Rev. Dean Rolland, Reefton, had passed away. The venerable Dean had been seriously ill for some months, and for some weeks his medical adviser held out no hopes of his recovery. The deceased, who was a native of France, came to New Zealand about 38 years ago, being then in his 30th year. His first mission was in Hawke's Bay and Taranaki. In 1865 he was appointed chaplain to the forces operating under General Chute against the Maoris, and was present at a number of engagements, when his coolness, bravery, and devotion to duty gained for him the ungrudging praise of the military authorities. He played a prominent part during the retreat from Ngatutemau, where Von Tempsky fell. His career is reviewed in Gudgeon's 'Heroes of New Zealand.'—R.A.P.

### MRS E J O'REILLY, SYDNEY.

We (Sydney 'Freeman's Journal') have to chronicle the death of one of the oldest and most respected members of Newtown parish, Mrs. Elizabeth Josephine O'Reilly, wife of Mr. Peter O'Reilly, headmaster of St. Peter's public school (and cousin of the Right Rev. Mgr. O'Reilly, of Thames). The deceased lady was a native of Newcastle, Limerick, Ireland, and came to Australia about 41 years ago. She was married at Moruya in 1862 and from that time till about 11 years ago assisted her husband at the various schools of which he had charge. Being a resident of Newtown for over a quarter of a century she had endeared herself to many friends. The deceased lady who was in the 63rd year of her age, was the mother of five sons and five daughters. Four of her sons survive her, the eldest (John de Lary, barrister-at-law) having died in 1894, and at whose early demise general regret was felt and deep sympathy expressed at the time. Two daughters survive her, one of whom, Josephine, the gifted contralto, is widely known. Mrs. O'Reilly was very charitable in a quiet way, always ready to assist any benevolent movement, and the poor who appealed to her for help never went empty-handed away. A Solemn Requiem Mass was offered for the repose of her soul by Father Sheridan, the body having been brought to the church. Many of her former pupils and many sympathising friends assisted at the Solemn Office. As the body left the church the Rev. Father Dowling (who zealously attended the deceased in her illness) said the Office appointed for that occasion, and both Rev. Fathers attended the funeral, and said the solemn prayers at the grave.—R.I.P.

### MR W MAHONEY, AUCKLAND.

(From our Auckland correspondent)

Death has claimed another of St. Patrick's parishioners, whose place it will be difficult to fill, in the person of Mr. William Mahoney, of the Oxford Hotel. He possessed all the attributes which go to make a good husband, father, and citizen. To every good work he lent a willing hand and an open purse. He was born in Bantry County, Cork, 64 years ago. In the fifties he emigrated to Victoria, and in 1862 came across to the Otago goldfields. Gold seeking enticed him to the West Coast. Here he married Miss Barry. Shortly after he came north to the Thames goldfields, where he was interested in numerous mining ventures. Subsequently he took over the Lady Bowen Hotel, which he conducted successfully for many years. Here he had to mourn the loss of his good wife. Eighteen years ago he came to Auckland city where he has continuously conducted the Oxford Hotel. His second wife was Miss Sullivan, second daughter of Mr. James Sullivan. He leaves a widow, four daughters and five sons to mourn their loss. His eldest daughter is the wife of Mr. D. Flynn, well known in Hibernian Society circles. Last Friday afternoon the burial took place. The members of the H.A.C.B. Society, of which the deceased