

paid for; so it will be seen that the Sisters of Mercy have no light task in providing food and clothing for their little charges. Mr. J. Marlow has kindly consented to act as hon. secretary. We have no doubt that the efforts of the committee in so laudable a cause will meet with a successful financial result. The managing of the drama is in the capable hands of Mr. T. Anthony.

The St. Joseph's Ladies' Club intend producing the operetta 'A Dress Rehearsal' at Port Chalmers at the end of the present month. Given a fine evening there will no doubt be a large gathering at the Port, and as the train time will be suitable a number of visitors from Dunedin may be expected. The proceeds from the entertainment will be handed to the Sisters of St. Joseph.

St. Joseph's Men's Club brought its season to a close on Friday evening with a social entertainment. There was also a good programme, songs being given by Miss Fraser, and Messrs. P. Smith, Forder, and McKennah; recitations by Misses Heley and Quin, and a clarinet solo by Mr. Corrigan. Altogether a most enjoyable and pleasant evening was spent.

There was a large gathering at St. Joseph's Hall on Monday evening when a social and musical entertainment passed off very pleasantly. The ladies of the St. Vincent de Paul Society rendered material assistance on the occasion. The proceeds will be handed over to the Sisters of St. Joseph at Port Chalmers. At the conclusion of the progressive euchre tournament refreshments were handed round, and the following short programme was well received and successfully carried out:—Pianoforte solo, Miss Hall; song, Mr. T. Hussey; song, Mr. D. Columb; violin solo, Miss G. Meenan; song, Mr. Graham; song, Mr. Forder; song, Miss Fraser; recitation, Miss Heley. The Rev. Father Howard, pastor in charge of Port Chalmers, thanked the audience for their attendance and the ladies and gentlemen for their assistance.

## STOKE ORPHANAGE

### CIRCULAR BY THE BISHOP OF DUNEDIN

The following circular to the clergy of the diocese of Dunedin has been issued by his Lordship Bishop Verdon:—

St. Joseph's Cathedral,  
Dunedin, October 9, 1903.

Dear Reverend Father,—

The destruction of the Catholic Orphanage and Industrial School of Stoke by fire on the 27th April last was a calamity affecting not only the Archdiocese of Wellington, but this diocese, and the whole Catholic body of the Colony. For fatherless boys from every part of the Colony were received within the walls of the Stoke Orphanage, and many waifs and strays from this province have been trained there to a life of virtue and made useful citizens, instead of being a burden to the community. Thanks to the zeal and energy of his Grace the Archbishop of Wellington, and the managers of the Stoke Institute, provisional accommodation has been provided for the homeless boys, and a substantial brick building will soon be erected in place of the structure that was recently destroyed. But to carry out the work successfully, ample funds will be required. In addition to money derived from insurance on the late building, a sum of £4000 will be required. Now as Catholics of this province have derived benefit from the Stoke Orphanage and Industrial School during the past years, and as we hope to make use of it in the future, it is only fair that we should contribute towards the erection of the new building. I therefore ask you, Dear Rev. Father, to appeal to your flock for contributions and subscriptions towards this most useful work, and I desire that a collection shall be made in all the churches of the diocese on some convenient Sunday before the end of November.

I remain, Dear Rev. Father,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

✠ MICHAEL VERDON,  
Bishop of Dunedin.

Mr. T. Daily, who had been for many years a resident of the Ashburton district, and latterly proprietor of the Winslow Hotel, which lost its license through prohibition being carried in the electorate, has just taken over the Oxford Hotel, Christchurch, where he will be pleased to meet his many old friends from South Canterbury. The Oxford is close to the business part of the city, overlooks the Avon, and faces Market Square. The situation is all that could be desired, and Mr. Daily guarantees that nothing will be wanting in the accommodation provided for boarder and travellers...

## NEW ZEALAND: GENERAL

The October number of the 'Triad' is well up to the literary standard which is a prominent feature of that popular monthly.

Every industry nowadays has a journal devoted to its interests, but none of them is as well served as poultry farming, for which the 'Australian Hen' caters. Every issue contains a large amount of information that cannot fail to be useful to both amateur and professional poultry-keepers.

With regard to the interview with Mr. G. J. Sellars, in which the question of the amalgamation of Friendly Societies was dealt with, published in the 'Press' of August 25, Mr. Sellars wishes it made clear (says the Christchurch 'Press,' of September 15), that the views expressed therein are his own individual opinions, and had, in no way, any connection with the Society to which he belongs.

The current issue of the 'Catholic Magazine,' the organ of the Federated Catholic Societies of New Zealand, is really a very creditable number. The illustrations, which include photographs of the late and present Pope, of his Lordship, Bishop Verdon, and St. Joseph's Cathedral, are admirably reproduced, whilst the letterpress is excellent. The articles are well written, crisp, and highly interesting, whilst the news items and society happenings are tersely recorded. The magazine is a credit to all concerned, and deserves to be generously supported.

In connection with the Emmet centenary celebrations in Melbourne there was issued a little booklet dealing with the life and times of that patriotic Irishman. The writer, Mr. T. E. Healy, has a clear and forcible style, and although his space was limited, he managed to throw a good deal of light on the events of a period of Irish history when National life was at a very low ebb. Mr. Healy is a great admirer of Emmet and his ideals, and contends that 'there is not in all history any loftier example of pure self-sacrifice and fearless zeal for the liberation of his country than this young Irish chief displayed.' We are indebted for our copy of the work to the publisher, Mr. W. P. Linehan, Melbourne.

At the annual meeting of the Ashburton Catholic Literary Society, Mr. A. Muller occupied the chair, and there was a large attendance. The report and balance sheet, which were both of a satisfactory nature, were read and adopted. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—President, Mr. J. Turton; vice-president, Mr. J. Moriarty; treasurer, Mr. J. Moison; secretary, Mr. T. Adams; librarian, Mr. T. Stephens; auditors, Messrs. H. P. Madden and F. K. Cooper. The following council was appointed: Messrs. L. Hanrahan, D. McDonnell, F. Healy, T. O'Carroll, and P. Wilson. Votes of thanks were passed to the outgoing officers. A special vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. T. M. Brophy (the secretary) for past services.

The following pupils of the Convent school, Gisborne, passed the theoretical examination of Trinity College, London, held last June:—Senior honors—Mary Adela Roche, 83. Intermediate honors—Amy Solvander, 94; Katie Currie, 80. Intermediate pass—Dora Booth, 64; Lullie Power, 64. Junior honors—Mary Agnew, 97; Pearl Maynard, 92. Preparatory grade—Hilda Howarth, 76; Ethel Howarth, 76; Norma Wyllie, 67. Mr. Charles Edwards, examiner for Trinity College, conducted the practical examination in music at the convent on Wednesday, September 23, when the following pupils passed most successfully:—Senior division pianoforte, Florence Somervell, Victoria Bridges, and Katie Currie. Intermediate division, solo singing, Eileen Law. Intermediate division, violin, Dora Booth. Intermediate division, pianoforte, Amy Solvander and Linda Nicholson. Junior division, pianoforte, Kathleen Martin (honors).

Our Waihi correspondent writes:—It is with sincere regret I have to record the death of Mr. Nicholas Toomey, at the early age of 25 years, which took place at the Waihi Hospital on October 2. He passed away peacefully fortified by the rites of the Church. Deceased had been suffering from a lung and throat complaint for the past two years, and had been an inmate of the local hospital since it opened, and bore his illness with Christian fortitude. Deceased was a good practical Catholic, and always ready to assist in any charitable work. The funeral took place on Sunday, and though the day was very wet, large numbers paid their last tribute of respect. Four members of the local lodge of Druids, of which deceased was a member, acted as pall bearers. At the service in the church the Very Rev. Father Brodie made feeling reference to the many excellent qualities of deceased, and extolled him as an example for the other young men of the parish.—R.I.P.