

At the last meeting of the Dunedin branch of the H.A.C.B. Society it was decided to request the members to attend at the laying of the foundation stone of the Christian Brothers' new school on Sunday next, at 2.30 p.m., to act as a guard of honor to his Grace Archbishop O'Shea and his Lordship Bishop Verdon, and also to help in carrying out the arrangements for the ceremony. The Very Rev. Father Coffey wishes the members to attend on Saturday afternoon to prepare and arrange the ground for the ceremony. As many of the members as can attend are expected to do so.

HOLY CROSS COLLEGE, MOSGIEL.

The following students of Holy Cross College passed as exempted students the recent Term Examinations of the Otago University:—

Maurice Spillane (3rd year)—Constitutional History (2nd class), Senior French, Jurisprudence.

Walter Monaghan (3rd year)—Constitutional History (2nd class), Senior French, Jurisprudence.

Andrew Cummins (2nd year)—Senior Latin, Senior English, Senior French.

Francis Marlow (2nd year)—Senior Latin, Senior English, Mental Science (2nd class).

Edwin Andersen (2nd year)—Senior Latin (2nd class), Senior English, Senior French (1st class).

Leonard Buxton (2nd year)—Senior English (2nd class), Mental Science (2nd class), Senior Mathematics (2nd class).

Eugene Carmine (2nd year)—Mental Science, Senior Mathematics.

Martin Klimeck (1st year)—Junior Latin, Junior English (2nd class), Junior French.

Michael O'Meeghan (1st year)—Junior Latin, Junior English, Junior French.

Leo O'Sullivan (1st year)—Junior Latin (2nd class), Junior English (2nd class), Junior Mental Science (2nd class).

Antony Breen (1st year)—Junior Latin, Junior English, Junior French.

Rev. Father Collins, of Holy Cross College, sitting for the first section of the B.A., kept terms in Mental Science, Senior Mathematics, Senior English, and Political Economy—all second-class passes.

Palmerston North

(From our own correspondent.)

A collection taken up at St. Patrick's Church on Sunday last for the Belgian relief fund resulted in the handsome sum of approximately £36 being raised. Seeing that only a fortnight before the local Catholics subscribed over £40 for the Huntly relief fund, this latest manifestation of charity is very creditable to the parishioners.

During the past week a number of ladies, including members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, have been working energetically to prepare garments for the Belgians. The result of their work should very materially assist the distress of these unfortunate people.

The Rev. Father Paul Kehoc, recently from England, is at present a guest at the local presbytery.

The Palmerston North Operatic Society very successfully staged the opera 'Les Cloches de Corneville' for four nights last week. The profits are to be added to the Belgian distress fund.

Hamilton

(From our own correspondent.)

October 30.

On last Friday evening a very interesting lecture on 'Samoa and other Pacific Islands,' was delivered in St. Mary's Clubrooms by Mr. F. J. Pryor, one of the club members. During the course of his address the lecturer gave a very interesting and instructive account of the Tongan or Friendly Islands and their doings in history. At its close the lecturer received a hearty vote

of thanks, the audience showing its appreciation by prolonged applause.

A very great compliment was paid to the Very Rev. Dean Darby and his parishioners recently, when Rev. Father McManus, of Palmerston North, at the wish of his Grace Archbishop O'Shea, and of his own parish committee, paid us a visit for the purpose of inspecting the plans, specifications, etc., of St. Mary's Church and presbytery, with a view to building a replica of same in his own town. When shown the building Father McManus was at once struck with admiration at its beautiful situation, massive structure, and splendidly finished and inspiring interior.

CORRESPONDENCE

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for opinions expressed by our correspondents.]

TO HELP THE BELGIANS.

TO THE EDITOR.

Sir,—At a meeting of the Otago Expansion League held recently, it was decided to suggest to the Minister of Internal Affairs the desirability of assisting the unfortunate victims of the war, Belgian women and children, to immigrate to New Zealand, where suitable employment and homes may be found for them until they could return to their own country. New Zealanders want help on the farm, and for domestic duties; this class of work the majority of the Belgians are accustomed to. I think the idea of bringing the two people together is a laudable one, and would work to the advantage of both parties. I would suggest that some project of this kind be brought under the notice of the New Zealand Catholic Federation, possibly for co-operation with other public bodies, or in whatever way may be deemed advisable.—I am, etc.,

SYMPATHY.

New Plymouth.

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DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND.

Owing to telegraphic interruption in the north our Auckland correspondent's usual telegraphed communication failed to reach us until midday on Wednesday—just as the paper was on the point of going to press.

Recently the members of the Timaru Police Force met to say good-bye to Constable J. H. Fulton, and to present him with a tangible token of their esteem and regard on the eve of his departure for Geraldine on promotion. Detective-Sergeant Fahey made the presentation and referred to the many amiable qualities of the departing constable, and also to his efficient work and devotion to duty. He wished him every success and happiness in his new position, and further promotion in his profession. Constables Petersen and Hayward also spoke, referring to the friendly relations which had always existed between Constable Fulton and his fellow-officers. Constable Fulton suitably replied and thanked all for their kindness and good wishes.