

of the Jesuits to break up the British Empire, whilst the present war is owing to a campaign by the Jesuits, who have succeeded in embittering the German nation against the English." These are the oddest clods that Snowball ever ploughed up from his field of political research. What the Jesuits had to do in S' Africa with the Zulu rising in the '70's, the discovery of diamonds and gold, the subsequent Jameson raid and the greed of Jewhannesburg, is just as evident as their connection with the Prussian attack on Roman Catholic Belgium and France, and the subsequent war-conquest preparations of the Protestant of Potsdam. A Snowball at an L.O.L. bean feast is in the same happy position as a parson in a pulpit. Nobody expects him to draw a line of reasoning through the centre of his allegations. He just says things, and the congregation disperses with a sense of having been further confirmed in its belief.

DIocese OF DUNEDIN

The Catholic men attending the Territorial Camp at Waitati will be pleased to hear that Mass will be celebrated at 9.30 o'clock on Sunday at St. Brigid's Church.

Cable advice has been received at St. Dominic's Priory that Margaret Quilter has passed the examination for M.A. degree and has also taken Honors in Arts.

The following students of St. Dominic's College have passed the teachers' certificate examination in the classes indicated:—Class C—Annie Coffey, Mary Connolly. Class D—Ruth J. Wakelin, Agnes J. Crowley.

The collection for the Seminary Fund, which was made on last Sunday at St. Joseph's Cathedral and the suburban churches of the parish, will be continued next Sunday.

The members of the St. Joseph's Harriers were the guests of Mrs. M. A. Jackson on Tuesday evening of last week, when the opportunity was taken to present the prizes won during the past year. The early part of the evening took the form of a musical and elocutionary entertainment, combined with the customary parlor amusements. Afterwards all were invited to partake of a supper provided by the hostess. Mrs. Jackson was then asked to present the following prizes:—Novice race—C. Maloney 1, D. McErlain 2, W. Butcher 3. Sealed handicap—T. Roughan 1, C. Maloney 2, A. E. Ahern 3. Five-mile championship—J. Cameron 1, J. O'Farrell 2, C. Maloney 3. Attendance badges—C. Maloney, J. O'Farrell, and T. Roughan. On behalf of the harriers Mr. J. A. McKenzie thanked Mrs. Jackson for the very handsome manner in which she had entertained them, and referred in eulogistic terms to her connection with the club. Mr. Swanson replied on behalf of Mrs. Jackson, and a most pleasant evening was brought to a close by the singing of 'For she's a jolly good fellow' and the National Anthem.

A very well-attended meeting of ladies, representing the Cathedral and South Dunedin parishes, was held in St. Joseph's Hall on the afternoon of Wednesday, February 24, for the purpose of making arrangements to help the distressed Belgians. The object is one which appeals to the charity of all, and hence the proposal met with general sympathy and promises of assistance. Mrs. E. J. O'Neill was elected president, and Mrs. J. B. Callan, jun., secretary of the executive appointed to collect clothes and materials in the various districts. The president explained the purpose of the meeting, and dwelt briefly on the urgent need of proceeding to work at once. A conversational discussion then took place as to the best means of assisting in this laudable work, and it was decided to set up the following executive:—Dunedin Central—Mesdames Jackson, Hally, Meenan, and Donnelly; Dunedin North—Mrs. Hungerford, Misses Lynch, Murphy, and Dormer; St. Clair—Mesdames Bartholomew, Shiel, Turner, and Court; South Dunedin—Mesdames Marlow and Fenton, and Miss Cameron; Kaikorai—Mesdames Cornish, Gebbie, and Hill; Mornington—Mesdames Sullivan, Power, and Stone; Roslyn—Mesdames Mee, Hussey, and O'Keefe. It was arranged that the executive should meet every Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock in St. Joseph's Hall, where donations of clothes, etc., will be received.

The programme for the St. Patrick's Night concert is now practically filled up, and judging from the list of performers who have promised to assist, it should prove one of the most popular ever presented on a similar occasion in Dunedin. In the past Irish national concerts have been well supported, but on the present occasion there is a special reason why the patronage should be on a still more generous scale. The tickets are now being sent out, and the following extract from the circular which accompanies them explains itself:—'The proceeds will be devoted to the Christian Brothers' School Building Fund, which, we feel sure, needs no recommendation to your generosity from us. The expenses in connection with the erection of the new school are necessarily heavy, and every penny that can be raised is required to carry the work to a successful completion, and allow it to be opened with a reduction of the present prospective debt. The sale of the enclosed tickets will, while being of material assistance, not be asking too much on behalf of so worthy an object. Apart from the object of the concert, the sentiment of the day must be remembered, and accordingly an excellent programme, redolent of the soil, has been prepared for the occasion.'

HOLY CROSS COLLEGE, MOSGIEL

SUCCESSSES AT THE UNIVERSITY.

Cable reports of the University examinations held in November last are just to hand, and show gratifying successes on the part of the college.

Rev. Father Morkane secured the M.A. with Second Class Honors in Mental Science, and Rev. Father Collins passed the first section of the B.A.

Amongst the students Maurice John Spillane (Dunedin) passed the final section of the B.A. degree, and Francis Marlow (Dunedin), Andrew Cummins (Dunedin), Leonard Buxton (Auckland), and Edwin Andersen (Christchurch) the first section.

The number of students on the roll for the present year is fifty-five.

ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

February 27.

An art union in aid of St. Mary's church-school, Seatoun, was drawn at St. Anne's Hall last Monday evening under the direction of the Ven. Archdeacon Devoy.

The quarterly general meeting of the St. Vincent de Paul Society took place at St. Patrick's Hall on last Sunday. Bro. L. T. Reichel presided, and among those present was his Grace Archbishop O'Shea.

The St. Patrick's Day celebration committee met at St. Patrick's Hall last Friday under the presidency of Mr. J. P. McGowan. It was decided to make a feature of the procession by having national tableaux on decorated lorries, and to supply the children with bannerets. An exhibition of Irish hurling will be given by the local club, which was recently formed. An attractive sports programme has been arranged. The concert promises to be of the same high standard as of previous years. Messrs. W. Farquhar Young, A. G. Hay, J. Jago, and P. Barry, and Misses Mildred Wrighton, Teresa McEnroe, Agnes Segrief, and Master B. O'Brien have been engaged to contribute. In addition there will be attractive choruses by the Marist Brothers' Schools' pupils. The profits of the celebration will be devoted to the Catholic education fund.

The half-yearly meeting of the Dominion Council of the N.Z. Catholic Federation took place at the Federation rooms last Wednesday, Mr. D. L. Poppelwell (president) occupied the chair, and there were also present his Grace Archbishop O'Shea, the Very Rev. Deans Hyland (Rangiora), Power (Hawera), and Darby (Hamilton), the Rev. Fathers Cooney (Lyttelton), Daly (Upper Hutt), Edge (Auckland), and Hurley (Wellington), Messrs. W. Hayward (Christchurch), Lynch (Wellington), B. McLaughlin (Auckland), Hussey