

DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

March 8.

There was Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Cathedral on last Sunday from the 11 o'clock Mass, with the usual procession, followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, after Vespers.

The Sunday school in the Kindergarten Schoolroom, Rolleston street, Liuwood, under the direction of the Rev. Father Seward, was opened on last Sunday week with a good attendance of children. The number is expected to be largely increased in the near future.

The staff and occasional workers of the firm of Messrs. P. Burke and Co., Ltd., entertained Mr. J. C. Chase (manager of the business) and Mrs. Chase at a social gathering last week, prior to his departure on a visit to Australia. Mr. M. Donohue presided. During the evening the chairman presented Mr. Chase, on behalf of the employees, with an address and a toilet suitcase.

The following are the successes gained by the Sisters of Notre Dame des Missions and their pupils (Lower High street, Christchurch) in the recent examinations: B.A. and Senior University Scholarship, one candidate. Class C, one candidate. For Class D, three obtained full passes, and three others partial passes. In the Senior Free Place examinations, Jean Mills and Gertrude Clarkson were successful, and in the Junior Free Place, Verda Wilson, Lucy Martini, Eileen Horan, and Olga Wacked. Other pupils who had a fair chance of success in these examinations were prevented from sitting for them by an unfortunate outbreak of sickness just previous to the examinations.

The usual fortnightly meeting of St. Patrick's branch of the H.A.C.B. Society was held in the Hibernian Hall, Barbadoes street, on last Monday evening. Bro. J. Griffen (president) occupied the chair, and there was a large attendance of members. It was decided to have the annual St. Patrick's Day breakfast, after the general Communion of the members, on Sunday, March 11. The annual returns for the year ended December last, which showed the society to be in a very satisfactory position, were received, and adopted. Bro. M. Mannix was elected to fill the office of treasurer, and Bro. M. Grimes that of delegate to the United Friendly Societies' Dispensary Committee, in place of Bro. G. Dobbs, who resigned those offices in order to fill a position on the staff of Messrs. P. Burke and Co., Ltd., Riccarton. After the meeting, Bro. Dobbs was presented with a framed illuminated past president's certificate by the district deputy (Bro. R. O'Shaughnessy), who, with several other prominent members, referred to the sterling qualities of Bro. Dobbs, wishing him success in his new venture, and assuring him that in vacating office, he was taking with him the goodwill, as well as the good wishes, of every member of the branch.

Oamaru

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At St. Patrick's Basilica yesterday there was Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from the last Mass till the evening devotions. At the first Mass, which was celebrated by Rev. Father Edge, of Auckland, who is on a brief visit to Oamaru, there was an exceptionally large number of communicants, practically the whole congregation approaching the Holy Table, including a full muster of the Children of Mary, in the regalia of their sodality. Rev. Father Edge preached a brief sermon, and again in the evening he preached to a large congregation. The devotions closed with a procession and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

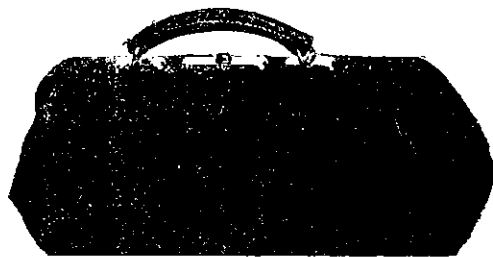
On Tuesday week, 16th inst., the Opera House should be filled to overflowing on the occasion of the customary celebration of the feast of Ireland's Patron Saint. For a considerable time past much hard work has been put into the preparations for the entertainment, which this year promises to excel all past efforts. A strong cast has been secured for a delightful farce in the second part of the programme, while the first part will consist of items by the best talent procurable.

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