

Priory chapel by the rev. jubilarian on the anniversary of his first Mass, twenty-five years ago, selections from the Mass for Corpus Christi were sung by the Dominican Nuns' Choir, the motet, 'Ti prego' being sung at the Offertory. After Mass, Father Coffey was entertained at breakfast by Mother Prioress and the community.

On Thursday morning the pupils of St. Joseph's School paid their tribute of affection and gratitude to the jubilarian. The short programme which they presented was highly appreciated, as was also their congratulatory address, and the gift that accompanied it—a handsome dressing-case. Father Coffey thanked the pupils for their entertainment, and congratulated them on the fact that their school ranked as one of the best in Otago. The twenty-five years of his life as a priest had, he said, been very happy years, and if the next twenty-five passed as peacefully and happily, he would not have any objection to offer to the fulfilment of the wish expressed by the pupils that he should live to celebrate his golden jubilee.

The pupils of the Sacred Heart School, North-East Valley, entertained Father Coffey and some of his fellow-priests at a concert held in honor of the occasion. The principal items were some instrumental music, a cantata, 'Flower fairies,' and a play, 'The Princess of Meath.' At the conclusion of the concert, a beautiful mohair saddlebag chair was presented, and the following address was read:—

Very Rev and dear Father,—It is our proud privilege to greet you on the occasion of the silver jubilee of your ordination to the priesthood, and to show, as best we may, our appreciation of your devoted labors in our behalf. Since the sacerdotal character was imprinted on your soul twenty-five years ago, you have worked amongst the people of this diocese, setting an example of strong faith, genuine piety, and true disinterestedness. You have not sought popular favor, and yet you have won the regard of all your fellow-citizens, and have shed around you that security which is always enjoyed by those whose lives are set high.

We pray that you may be long spared to continue, in our midst, the work of the Divine Master, and we beg you to accept our jubilee gift as a mark of our love and devotion.

#### THE PUPILS OF THE SACRED HEART SCHOOL.

Very Rev. Father Coffey thanked the pupils for the afternoon's entertainment, and for their useful gift, and spoke in terms of high praise of the efficiency of their school.

The children attending St. Mary's School, Kairorai, had prepared a number of most pleasing items in celebration of Father Coffey's jubilee. Their gift was a silver 'Bol à savonnette.' While expressing their gratitude to Father Coffey for his deep, untiring interest in the welfare of their school, they joined heartily in the wish expressed on all sides that his years might be 'With golden jubilee crowned.'

This (Thursday) evening Father Coffey will be entertained at a musical evening by the students of St. Dominic's College.

#### SISTERS OF MERCY, SOUTH DUNEDIN.

The Sisters of Mercy, South Dunedin, presented Very Rev. Father Coffey with a suit-case and dressing-case combined. The children of the St. Vincent de Paul Orphanage intended to give an entertainment in his honor, but owing to illness among the inmates this had to be postponed.

Britannia gave a cheer or two  
When Wellington won Waterloo.  
If Bonaparte had won the fight  
Britannia might have bid 'good night.'  
When winter coughs and colds are rife,  
And each is battling for his life,  
Wise Britons make the victory sure  
With bottles of Woods' Great Peppermint Cure.

The Boy Proof Watch at 5/- is a watch that no man need be ashamed of, especially when it will keep time to a tick. You should see them at Smith and Laing's, Invercargill.

## Diocesan News

### ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

June 19.

At St. Joseph's Church, Buckle street, Mass was offered every day this week for the repose of the souls of those who have lost their lives in the war.

The Right Rev. Mgr. McKenna, V.G., and the Very Rev. Father O'Connell, S.M., were passengers for Sydney by yesterday's steamer. Their visit is one for health purposes.

At the fortnightly meeting of the girls' branch of the Victoria League, Mrs. Salmond presided, and introduced the Very Rev. Dean Regnault, who gave an interesting and inspiring address on France as she was at the beginning of the war. Dean Regnault was in France when Germany declared war, and he pictured the self-restraint and confident spirit in which the news was received by the people. There was no shouting of 'A Berlin,' as in 1870, but everyone displayed a quiet confidence and grim determination to see the war through. The Dean described the wonderful self-sacrifice of the French women. All frivolity and selfishness were forgotten, and everyone set to work to render what assistance she could to the men called away to the war.

A concert in aid of the funds for equipping the hospital ship was given by the pupils of St. Mary's Convent in the Guilford terrace schoolroom last night. The room was crowded to the doors, among those present being his Grace Archbishop O'Shea, the Very Rev. Dean Regnault, S.M., the Very Rev. Dean Holley (Wanganui), the Rev. Father Segrief (chaplain on the hospital ship), and many other of the local clergy. The entertainment, which was arranged by the pupils themselves, was decidedly pleasing, and reflected great credit on the promoters and all who took part. In the first part of the programme, the pupils sang several choruses, mostly of a patriotic nature, and songs, recitations, dances, and instrumental items were contributed by Misses Mary Gamble, Peggy Reeves, Linda Riddell, Lynne Edwards, Z. Chapman, Jean Mudie, J. Mathieson, M. O'Neill, Thurza Rogers, Dorothy Bolton, G. Dwyer, and N. Bennett. The second part was contributed by a number of charming Geishas, Miss Linda Riddell being the soloist. It was a very pleasant conclusion to an exceedingly pleasant entertainment, and those who took part well deserved the thanks which, on behalf of the audience, his Grace the Archbishop accorded them. As a result of the concert the handsome sum of £60 has been handed over to the hospital ship fund.

Interesting references to the part played by the New Zealanders in the Dardanelles operations is contained in a letter from Sergeant C. Gamble, of the Paymaster's branch of the Expeditionary Force. Sergeant Gamble, who is a member of the Catholic Club, is a son of Mr. J. J. Gamble, of Hill street. Writing on board the ship Lutzow, Alexandria, on April 29, he says:—'When I left Alexandria on April 12, I thought I had done with Egypt for good. We, however, arrived back again to-night. From here we proceeded to Lemnos, an island south of Gallipoli Peninsula, in the vicinity of the Dardanelles. Put in a fortnight there, and left last Saturday for Gallipoli. Sunday, April 25, was the red-letter day. Awakened in the early morning by the thunder of the warship's guns bombarding the forts, and took up a position inside the semi-circle of men-o'-war. It was an inspiring sight to see the British Navy in action. We had a seat in the grandstand, as it were, and could plainly observe the effect of the big gun fire directed by aeroplanes. It was hard to realise that it was real warfare going on before our eyes. I couldn't get it out of my head that it was only a sham-fight until a few enemy shells landed too close to our boat to be comfortable. Our boys