

in the early days of September. The time of her arrival in New Zealand will be approximately between the 12th and 24th October. Further particulars as to these dates will, however, be published later. The Secretary of State for War has informed the Governor that as soon as the Maheno leaves the United Kingdom, a complete list will be sent of those invalids on board and their condition. Mails for the Maheno after this week should be addressed care of the Officer Commanding, New Zealand Hospital Ship Maheno, Colombo, Ceylon, and this direction applies to mails leaving New Zealand up to but not later than August 26. As soon as the Governor knows the exact date of the departure of the steamer from England, it will be possible to state definitely the ports of call where mails can catch the Maheno after she leaves Ceylon. The Secretary of State for War has further intimated to his Excellency that he would be glad if, after her arrival in New Zealand, the Maheno could return as soon as possible to Egypt, where she will receive a second consignment of invalids to be returned to New Zealand. To this arrangement the New Zealand Government has readily acquiesced.

HIS LORDSHIP BISHOP CLEARY

On Sunday we received by cable the following authoritative information from Sydney relative to the illness of his Lordship Bishop Cleary. In twelve days Bishop Cleary had eight violent attacks, last Wednesday's being the worst. It lasted over two hours, and a quarter. It caught the card, and the patient was prepared for death. His condition is much better now, but weak and helpless.

A cable received on Monday stated that his Lordship had a relapse at noon on Saturday, and is now moribund.

CIRCULAR LETTER BY THE DIOCESAN ADMINISTRATOR

The following information has been received from the clergy and laity of the diocese of Auckland by the Rev. Bro. M. J. Brodie, Diocesan Administrator:

Dunedin, August 11, 1915.

I have received a number of letters from you, the health of his Lordship Bishop Cleary, and the following effects:

I am sorry to hear that you have not yet received the Bishop's message. The illness, which was progressing splendidly, was a severe attack of the heart and still operative, but your message, which he seemed quite unimpaired to read. Monday he had a most severe attack of the heart which completely sapped all his strength during the attack he was unconscious. In consequence of this attack he is very weak and has a difficulty even in speaking.

On receipt of this letter I have asked Father Kehoe, a life-long friend of the Bishop's, to go to Sydney, so as to be at hand and act with Dr. Ormond in keeping us conversant with any developments in his Lordship's condition. On receipt of any important information I will communicate with the clergy and the religious of the diocese.

I might state that in spite of his great weakness and intense suffering, his Lordship directed Dr. Ormond to ask me to convey to all the clergy and religious communities of the diocese, and to the devoted laity, his affectionate wishes.

This most recent message concerning his Lordship will, I am sure, appeal to our hearts and urge us not to relax the earnestness of our prayers for our beloved Bishop, whose health has been endangered by his unsparring efforts for his people and in defence of Catholic claims.

With every best wish,

Yours most sincerely,

MATTHEW J. BRODIE,

Diocesan Administrator.

DIocese OF DUNEDIN

The Christian Brothers' new school, which is now practically completed, will be opened on Sunday, September 19, when his Grace Archbishop Redwood will preach the occasional sermon.

The manager of the St. Vincent de Paul Orphanage, South Dunedin, is desirous of placing boys committed to the institution in Catholic homes, the country preferred, within reasonable distance of a school and railway station.

As a result of the St. Vincent de Paul collection at St. Joseph's Cathedral and the suburban churches, a sum of £32 2s has been handed over to the Cathedral conference, and £6 to the Sacred Heart conference, North-east Valley.

There was Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Patrick's Basilica, South Dunedin, on Sunday from the last Mass until after the evening devotions, when the usual procession, followed by Benediction, took place.

A progressive euchre tournament was held in St. Mary's Hall, Mornington, on Wednesday evening of last week, the object being to raise funds towards paying off the debt on the local Catholic church ground. A very enjoyable evening was spent. The winner of the lady's prize was Mrs. Gray, and the gentleman's Mr. Keyes. A similar entertainment will be held in the same hall on Wednesday, September 15, when a larger attendance is expected.

Owing to the interprovincial football match, Otago vs. Southland, being fixed for Saturday, St. Joseph's Harriers did not hold their weekly run. After the football match, the members met at the residence of Mr. A. Nelson, where they were hospitably entertained at tea, provided by Mrs. Nelson and her lady friends. After correspondence dealing with club matters had been dealt with, an excellent musical programme was submitted, to which the following contributed: Songs, Misses M. Nelson and E. Chronican, Messrs. E. Nolan, A. Nelson, and A. Ahern; recitations, Misses T. Nelson and B. Marlow, Messrs. C. Maloney, J. O'Farrell, and T. Roughan. Before leaving Captain O'Farrell thanked Mr. and Mrs. Nelson for their hospitality, and called for three cheers, which were readily given. Mr. E. Nolan and Mr. A. Ahern also spoke, supporting the captain's remarks, making special mention of the assistance rendered by Mrs. Marlow and Miss S. Bellotti.

On Thursday last, Feast of Our Lady ad Nives, a ceremony of reception took place in the chapel of the Convent of Mercy, South Dunedin. His Lordship Bishop Verdon officiated, and was assisted by Rev. Father Delany. The young ladies who received the holy habit were Miss Mary Bellotti, Wairoa (in religion, Sister Mary Xavier), Miss Margaret Cooney, Brydone, Southland (Sister Mary Joseph), Miss I. M. Ward, Renwicktown, Marlborough, formerly of Matura, Southland (Sister M. Bonaventure), and Miss Margaret Kerr, of Daere, Southland (Sister Alexius). After the ceremony the relatives and friends of the novices were entertained by the Community.

CATHOLIC SEWING GUILD.

The Catholic Sewing Guild for Belgian relief met on Wednesday. The following donation was received: 'A Country Friend' (per Mrs. Flannery), 10s. Goods were received from Mrs. Grace, Misses Wilson and O'Neill. During the week each branch of the guild, viz., St. Joseph's, South Dunedin, and North-east Valley, sent cases of clothing to the Early Settlers' Hall. From there they are shipped free of cost to England through the Women's Patriotic Association.

ANSWER TO CORRESPONDENT

ACROS.—The acrostic verses are very good, and quite deserved publication. You should always, however, use 'Thou' and not 'You' in invocations of the Deity. Your lapse in this respect is the only blemish in the lines.