

guests of Mrs. Jackson and lady friends. The pack, under Captain E. W. Nolan, followed the Stuart street car line to the terminus, thence along the Kaikorai Valley, and, after traversing some excellent harrier country, led home *via* Belleknoves, and finished with a smart run down Rattray street to the hall. The harriers were afterwards entertained by the ladies, for which Mr. E. W. Nolan returned thanks. A general meeting of the club was then held, when the following officers were elected:—Captain, Mr. E. W. Nolan (vice Mr. J. O'Farrell, who is leaving with the 18th Reinforcements); deputy-captain, Mr. T. Roughan; joint secretaries and treasurers, Messrs. F. P. Mullin and L. Marlow (vice Mr. A. E. Ahern, resigned). Messrs. M. Kennelly and C. Whelan were elected members of the committee.

The Sacred Heart Schoolroom, North-East Valley, was comfortably filled on Saturday evening, when a very successful concert, in aid of the funds of the local convent, was given. Nearly every item of a very fine programme was encored, and, judging by the applause, those present were highly pleased with the entertainment. The students of St. Dominic's College opened the concert with an orchestral selection, 'Nanette' (Stobie), which was remarkably well played. Later on they gave another orchestral selection, 'The gentle dove' (Bendix), which was highly appreciated. Songs were given by Miss F. Gardiner ('Mother Marchree' and 'Coming home'), Miss A. Cunningham ('Avourneen'), Miss Kathleen Sullivan ('Praise of God'), Mr. T. Hughes ('The trumpeter'), Mr. J. McGrath, Mr. H. Poppelwell ('Molly Bawn' and 'Take a pair of sparkling eyes'), Mr. D. Fogarty ('My task'); vocal duet, 'Venetian regatta,' Misses E. Lynch and A. Cunningham; violin solo, Mr. F. Neil; musical monologue, 'A gentleman of France,' Miss Lillian Foster; action song, school children. Misses R. Rings and D. Millow contributed a pianoforte duet ('Tarantelle'), and the former and Miss A. Millow played the accompaniments during the evening. At the close of the concert Rev. Father Corcoran apologised for the unavoidable absence of the Very Rev. Father Coffey, and thanked the performers for their services, and the audience for their attendance, and also paid a tribute to the Children of Mary, who had organised the entertainment.

CATHOLIC SEWING GUILD.

The Catholic Sewing Guild for Belgian relief are still working hard to keep the good work going. These few workers, however, cannot be expected to keep up the supply of material, and would be very glad of donations of money or material from those in sympathy with the guild. Donations have been received from the Dominican Convent (Oamaru), Mrs. Cameron, sen. (Nokomai), Mrs. Carter, and Miss Duff.

Christchurch North

June 26.

Very Rev. Father Keogh, S.M., of St. Patrick's College, Wellington, was the guest of the Very Rev. Dean Regnault, S.M., at St. Mary's during the past week.

Mr. W. Ridley and Mr. Leo Gray leave on Wednesday evening next for Trentham to join the 19th Reinforcements. Both have been connected with the various associations of the parish, and they will be greatly missed.

At the meeting of St. Mary's Federation Committee, held on Sunday evening, the following were elected to fill the offices for the ensuing term:—Vice-presidents, Messrs. J. McNamara and C. E. Courtney; delegates to diocesan council, Messrs. E. Wall and A. P. De La Cour; treasurer, Mr. A. P. De La Cour; secretary, Mr. E. Wall.

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HIS LORDSHIP BISHOP CLEARY

The following letter from his Lordship Bishop Cleary, written on May 7 at Highland Falls, New York, has been received by the Right Rev. Mgr. Mahoney, V.G.:—

'My dear Monsignor,—I have been staying a part of the last fortnight or more with my valued old friend and college companion, Monsignor O'Keeffe, of Highland Falls, N.Y. For eight days I followed a course of treatment in a Catholic sanatorium near here, with excellent results, and have improved greatly in consequence, being now able to sleep for as many as seven hours consecutively each night—a very unusual thing indeed for me during the past five years—and feeling quite fit for my voyage across the Atlantic. I leave New York in two days (May 9) by the French liner Patria, which goes to Naples by the Azores and Lisbon. I shall stay only a very short time in Rome, and proceed thence by Genoa and Paris to London and Dublin. I will cable or write to you from Rome. I expect Father Kehoe with me—he is now seeing friends—to Rome, where we arranged to go now, as this will probably be his only chance of ever seeing the Holy Father and the Eternal City. Best wishes, etc.'

NEW CATHOLIC SCHOOL, SOUTH DUNEDIN

The foundation stone of the new Catholic school, South Dunedin, will be blessed and laid by his Lordship Bishop Verdon on Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. His Lordship Bishop Brodie will preach on the occasion. It is hoped there will be a large attendance at the ceremony. The erection of the new school will add yet another valuable addition to the list of substantial buildings that the Catholics of Dunedin have already erected.

A one-storey building has been decided upon, owing to the treacherous nature of the foundations. It will, nevertheless, be a handsome addition to the architecture of Dunedin, and, as the top of the roof will be thirty feet above the footpath, it can readily be understood that the building will present an imposing appearance. The concrete foundations are about five feet high, and all well reinforced, so that if any settlement takes place the superstructure should not be in any way damaged. The walls outside are to be finished in picked red brick, which will be relieved with white bands and some simple ornament. The gables are to be carried up in brick and relieved with lime-whitened copings. There are two entrances, both on the western side; these are kept separate for the boys and the girls with the teachers' room in between. There are four large class-rooms, each 30ft by 25ft. These are all arranged along the sunny side, and are designed so as to have the maximum amount of sunshine and light. The windows are all steel casements, and are made with hopper vents at the bottom to allow of abundant fresh air without any possibility of down draughts, while fanlights are fitted to the upper parts of all windows to provide outlets for the vitiated air. In addition to the splendid ventilation from the windows, shut-off vents are placed in the walls to allow for the inflow of fresh air, while large ceiling vents are connected by exhaust flues to ventilating cowls placed on the ridge. By these means it is hoped to keep the air as pure as it is reasonably possible. The walls will be all finished in granite plaster, with polished cement dadoes five feet high to all the rooms. The ceilings will be finished with asbestos sheets, so that there will be no danger of any cracks even though the building should settle slightly. Ample cloak-room accommodation is provided at both entrances. The building will be lighted throughout with electric light, and provision has been made for installing a hot water heating system. Altogether, this new school should prove most useful for the purpose for which it is being erected; it will be substantial, and as sanitary and as easy to keep in good condition as it is possible to make it; in fact, depreciation should be practically eliminated. Mr. H. Mandeno is the architect for the building, and Messrs. O'Connell and Nicolson are the contractors.