

DIOCESE OF DUNEDIN

Arrangements are being made by St. Joseph's parish choir to hold a picnic on Labor Day. The picnic will be held at Taieri Mouth. Given a fine day a very pleasant outing is anticipated.

The Catholic Sewing Guild for Belgian relief have done a great deal of useful sewing during the last few weeks, and have almost enough garments to fill another case. Donations of goods were gratefully received from St. Joseph's School (Oamarna), Mrs. Culling (Hillgrove), Mrs. Sheahy, Mrs. Logan, and Miss McKewan.

As we go to press word has come through that Cecil Delany, youngest son of Mr. James Delany, North-East Valley, and brother of the Rev. Father Delany, and Mrs. A. Quelch, of Mosgiel, has been killed in action. We offer our sincere sympathy to his parents, brothers, and sister.

The annual meeting of the St. Joseph's Harrier Club, at which the distribution of prizes won during the past season will be made, will be held in St. Joseph's Hall on next Friday night, the 20th inst., at 7.45. The committee are anxious to have as large an attendance as possible, and give a cordial invitation to all their friends to what they expect will be a successful ending to a successful season.

The members of St. Joseph's Ladies' Club held their usual monthly social last Wednesday evening, when there was a large attendance of visitors and members. Various games, etc., were indulged in and helped to pass a most enjoyable evening. Items were contributed by the following: Songs, Misses Bonn, Bradshaw, M. Carter, A. Brody, and Mr. P. White; recitations, Miss M. Puerhegoud, Miss R. Carter was the accompanist for the evening. The president (Mrs. Jackson) expressed the club's regret at the sad loss sustained by the death of Lieutenant Joseph Atchell, who was killed at the front. During the evening Rev. Father Corcoran, on behalf of the club, presented a greenstone tiki to Mr. D. Ahern, on the occasion of his leaving for Trentham.

Waikiwi

(From an occasional correspondent.)

A concert held recently in the Public Hall on behalf of the presbytery debt liquidation fund brought a goodly gathering together. Several of Invercargill's most popular vocalists and instrumentalists kindly gave their services, and a very enjoyable evening resulted. Practically the entire section on which the church is built is now under cultivation, and the planting of ornamental shrubs in front has somewhat changed the appearance of the church property. Improvements to the sanctuary are still going on, and when completed will give a very pleasing appearance to the interior of the church.

The forthcoming bazaar and art union are topics of frequent conversation amongst the people, and judging by the readiness with which old friends of our pastor have responded to his invitation to invest, there should be a satisfactory result. For the benefit of those who have not yet responded it is notified that the drawing takes place on November 25 in the presence of a committee of prominent citizens. One kind friend in the north, in forwarding his returns, asked where might Waikiwi be. Our modesty has evidently caused people to remain in ignorance of the situation of our thriving locality. We may mention for the benefit of those who wish to know, that Invercargill is our next neighbor—in fact, is our most prominent suburb. Other suburbs we have, such as Wallacetown, where various thriving industries flourish, and without undue elation, we can claim that the number of motor cars, motor cycles, and vehicles of all descriptions that pass day and night through Waikiwi would make Princes street, Dunedin, jealous.

St. Benedict's, Auckland

(From our own correspondent.)

The mission conducted by the Marist Fathers was brought to a close on Sunday evening, the 8th inst. An immense concourse of people assembled to assist at the closing scenes of one of the most successful missions ever preached in this parish. From the very start the good Fathers endeavored themselves to the hearts of all. Their earnest, solid, and eloquent discourses made lasting impressions. There was a thoroughness about their methods that adapted and brought home with irresistible force the great messages of Divine truth to people of every condition and degree. Sunday night's congregation bore eloquent testimony to the effects of their labors. Indeed, it was a thrilling, never-to-be-forgotten sight, when, at the close of the parting discourse, the huge congregation arose in a body to renew the vows of their Baptism. Holding high their lighted candles, symbolical of their faith and devotion, they pronounced anew the solemn engagements of their Baptism. Then, before the Blessed Sacrament, they joined themselves in honor to a few practical resolutions that would ensure the lasting fruits of their baptism. The bestowal of the Papal Blessing, followed by Consumption of the Most Blessed Sacrament and the singing of the hymn "Faith of our Fathers" brought the great season of grace to a close. Many regrets have been expressed that the mission could not be prolonged; but other fields of labor were awaiting the aid of the missionaries. These zealous priests and their untiring labors will be remembered for many a year by the people of St. Benedict's. They bring with them the deepest love and gratitude that spiritual children can offer for their Heavenly Father.

Lower Hutt

Another member of the Christian Brothers' School, Dunedin, has left for the front, in the person of Jack Hally, son of Mr. P. Hally, Trade Commissioner. During his school career Jack was looked upon as a bit of a marvel, and on one occasion won three scholarships in one week—viz., St. Patrick's College (Wellington), the Sacred Heart Scholarship (Auckland), and was the first Catholic boy to win a Government Junior Scholarship, but was disqualified from using it even if his parents desired, owing to his being educated at a Catholic school. During his course of studies at the Sacred Heart College, Auckland, he—besides winning the various and innumerable other prizes—matured on two occasions, and on leaving college took to the study of law, and while in the office of Sir John Findlay passed the first section of his examination. Jack was always an ardent footballer and boxer, and prior to his leaving by the troopship Willechra with the 18th Reinforcements, he was presented with a substantial cheque by Sir John Findlay, a valuable wristlet watch by the members of the Board of Trade, and a number of other suitable presents by his many admirers in football and other athletic circles. Needless to say, Jack goes to the front with the heartiest good wishes for his welfare, and safe return to New Zealand.

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