

**DIOCESE OF DUNEDIN**

The Very Rev. Father Boylan, S.J., Prefect of Studies in Kew College, Melbourne, is engaged this week in giving a retreat in Holy Cross College, Mosgiel, to the priests of the diocese.

A meeting of the committee of the Catholic Federation was held in St. Joseph's Hall on Sunday night to make final arrangements for the Catholic schools' picnic, which is to be held at Evansdale on Wednesday, February 7. All the details are well in hand, and given a fine day the picnic this year should prove a great success.

In the matriculation results just published the three candidates from the Christian Brothers' School succeeded as follows:—C. O. Woods, matriculation, solicitor's general knowledge, medical preliminary; S. A. Spain, matriculation, solicitor's general knowledge, medical preliminary; J. J. Noonan, partial pass. The school will re-open on Monday, January 29.

A Pontifical Requiem High Mass for the Month's Mind of the late Monsignor O'Leary was celebrated in Holy Cross College, Mosgiel, on Tuesday morning. His Lordship the Bishop was celebrant, Right Rev. Mgr. Mackay assistant priest, Rev. Father Delany deacon, Rev. Father Kaveney subdeacon, Very Rev. Father Coffey, Adm., master of ceremonies. The solemn music was sung by a choir of the priests of the diocese.

The parish schools will re-open on Monday, January 29. His Lordship the Bishop, in announcing the re-opening of the schools at the nine o'clock Mass at St. Joseph's Cathedral last Sunday, strongly urged on the parents the necessity of sending their children to the Catholic schools and seeing that they attended regularly throughout the year, as only by regularly attending could the children do justice to themselves, to the class, and to the devoted teachers.

News has been received by Mr. L. Clancey, 27 Neville street, Caversham, that his son, Lieutenant William Sarsfield Clancey, has been awarded the Military Medal and received his commission for conspicuous services on the Somme battlefield. Lieutenant Clancey left with the Main Body, was all through the Gallipoli campaign (during which he was wounded slightly), and has been in France since the New Zealand troops first went there. He is an ex-pupil of the Christian Brothers' School, Dunedin.

At the devotions in the Cathedral on Sunday night, Rev. Father Goudringer, S.M., St. Patrick's College, Wellington, preached a very earnest and practical sermon on the indefectibility of the Church, pointing out how she came victorious through all the battles waged against her for the past 2000 years. And no matter what prophecies or predictions will be falsified by this present world struggle, and many of them will be falsified, of one thing we may be absolutely certain, that the Church will come through it all better known, better loved, and better respected than ever before.

A most enjoyable day's outing was given to the children of the South Dunedin Orphanage on Tuesday, January 16. The St. Patrick's Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, assisted by Catholic and non-Catholic friends of the orphans, arranged for drags to convey the children to Wairongoa, where the grounds had been placed at their disposal by Messrs. Thomson Bros. The day was beautifully fine and the children passed the time in games and other amusements. A plentiful luncheon was provided, and an abundance of sweets and toys helped to make the day a very happy one for the little ones.

**Christchurch North**

January 21.

The schools of St. Mary's parish will re-open on Monday next, the 29th inst.

On Sunday there was Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after last Mass until evening devotions, when the usual procession of the Blessed Sacrament took place.

A mission, conducted by the Marist Missionary Fathers, will begin in St. Mary's, Manchester street, on

Sunday, February 25, and conclude on Sunday, March 11.

The Rev. Father Hoare, S.M., who has been stationed at St. Mary's for the past eleven years, has been appointed parish priest of Leeston. The Rev. Father Roche, S.M., of Greymouth, will take up duties in St. Mary's.

At the half-yearly meeting of St. Mary's branch H.A.C.B. Society the following officers were elected for the ensuing term:—President, Bro. P. Gunn; vice-president, Bro. L. J. Dobbs; secretary, Bro. J. H. Johnston; treasurer, Bro. J. J. O'Gorman; assistant secretary, Bro. W. J. S. Moir; warden, Bro. A. J. Ormandy; guardian, Bro. J. O'Connor; sick visitors, Bros. T. Gardiner and A. J. Ormandy; auditors, Bros. T. Y. Wagstaff and R. P. O'Shaughnessy; delegate to U.F.S. Dispensary, Bro. J. H. Johnston. The newly-elected officers were duly installed in their respective positions by Past-President Bro. Wagstaff.

A feature of the Christmas celebrations was the excellent music rendered by the choir. At the Solemn High Mass the choir, under the baton of Mr. Simon, sang the Mass of St. Mary Magdalen in a very artistic manner. The members were entertained at the presbytery after Mass by the Very Rev. Dean Regnault, S.M., who expressed his appreciation of the excellent work done by the choir and thanked them for the efforts they made to enhance by their singing the beauty of the Church ceremonies. Occasion was taken by the spiritual director on behalf of the choir to present the conductor (Mr. Simon) with a silver-mounted baton suitably inscribed. The Rev. Father Seymour, S.M., in making the presentation, thanked Mr. Simon for the very great assistance he had rendered to the choir at the cost of much personal sacrifice. The choir wished by their small gift to show their appreciation of Mr. Simon's work, and all hoped that he would long be able to remain with them and bring to still greater perfection the work he was so successfully doing.

**CHURCH PROGRESS IN SWITZERLAND**

The faith is advancing by leaps and bounds in Switzerland, even in the Vaudois. In the organ of the National Protestant Church, *The Semeur*, a Monsignor Fournedord has been writing a series of articles on the present situation. He feels anxious, for he sees all around him the revival of 'Romanism.' He thinks this is partly due to the faults of the Protestant system, which takes from the Church its universal importance with its character of Catholicism, so that it becomes confounded with the State. He finds Protestant churches in that stronghold of Lutheranism, Lausanne, imitating 'Romanism,' having 'mystic hours' during which the service is a mixture of aestheticism and imitations of Catholic devotion, and the pastor by his attitude and vesture seeks to copy the Catholic priest. Then, too, there has been such a flood of immigration from Catholic countries that the parishes have multiplied enormously. As an example, the parish of St. Valentine, which numbered 4000 Catholics, is now divided into four parishes comprising 20,000 Catholics, and many priests have to be provided to meet this great increase. The writer also finds a wave of conversions sweeping over Lausanne, and talks about 'young men and girls attracted by the pomp and mysticism of the Roman Church.' He admits that 'Catholic Hierarchy is perfect, but says a 'religious imperialism' is incompatible with liberty, truth, and justice, and asserts that Protestantism is the guardian of 'religious liberty.'

**REPRESENTATIVES' MOVEMENTS**

NORTH ISLAND:

MR. RYAN—Taranaki.

SOUTH ISLAND:

MR. PICKUP—Otago Central.

NEXT WEEK.

MR. RYAN—Auckland City.

MR. PICKUP—Invercargill City.

MR. DEERE—Christchurch City.