

Under the auspices of the Particular Council of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, a garden fete will be held on next Saturday afternoon, opening at two o'clock in the grounds of St. Dominic's Priory, in aid of the fund now being raised to establish a Catholic Girls' Hostel in Dunedin. The ladies of the society and their many friends have for some time been busily engaged in preparatory work for the event, and look forward to their efforts being generously supported by all who desire to see a hostel, which is a much-needed institution, opened in this city.

A striking improvement has been effected in the appearance and furnishing of the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Milton, by the addition of a new sanctuary and marble altar. The ceremonial opening will take place next Sunday, commencing at 10.30 a.m., when the enlarged edifice will be blessed and Solemn High Mass celebrated. The occasional sermon will be delivered by the Very Rev. J. Liston (Rector of Holy Cross College, Mosgiel), and in the evening the Very Rev. J. Coffey, Adm., St. Joseph's Cathedral, will preach. All who can possibly attend from Dunedin and the outlying districts will be cordially welcomed by the Rector, Father Howard.

The devotion of the Forty Hours' Adoration was commenced at St. Patrick's Basilica on last Friday. On Sunday there was Solemn High Mass. Very Rev. J. Liston was celebrant, Father Collins deacon, and Rev. M. Spillane subdeacon. The sermon was preached by Father Collins. The music of the Mass was Gounod's "Messe Solennelle," very efficiently rendered by the choir. Mr. W. Atwill conducted, and Miss A. Hannon was organist. The high altar was most tastefully adorned, the work of Mesdames Carr, Mullins, and Dunford. In the evening the sermon was preached by Father Silk, after which the closing ceremonies of the Quarant' Ore took place.

Mr. Allen Doone, Miss Edna Keeley, and other members of the Allen Doone Company were guests of St. Joseph's Ladies' Club at the club rooms, St. Joseph's Hall, after devotions on last Sunday evening. The visitors were received by the president of the club (Mrs. M. A. Jackson), Miss Keeley being presented with a beautiful bouquet on her arrival. Mr. J. J. Marlow extended a cordial welcome to the guests of the evening on behalf of the Ladies' Club, Hibernian Society, St. Joseph's Men's Club, and other Catholic organisations. He warmly eulogised the class of plays Mr. Doone and company were producing, and the all-round excellence of their performances. An enjoyable musical programme was then proceeded with, those contributing thereto being Mrs. R. A. Power, Mrs. Murdoch, Misses Graves and Tait, Messrs. D. Fogarty, J. McGrath, M. Coughlan, and Tom Buckley (Allen Doone Company); Mr. D. Whelan gave sax-horn solos, and Master Frank Foster recitations. Miss Hawke was accompanist. Father Kavanagh congratulated Mr. Doone on the success of his plays, and complimented him and his company on the manner in which they had won their way in popular favor. On behalf of the members of the Ladies' Club he (the speaker) asked Mr. Doone's acceptance of a pretty gold-mounted greenstone brooch in the design of a Maori hatchet, as a gift for his mother. In the course of a lengthy reply Mr. Doone expressed sincere appreciation of the kindness extended to himself and company in Dunedin, as elsewhere. They intended, he said, to return to New Zealand next year, opening at Auckland in June. Their tour then would be more comprehensive, and every place of importance would be visited, including the Westland district. He expressed deep gratitude for the beautiful gift to his mother, which he knew she would greatly treasure. Refreshments were then dispensed, and the pleasant function (which was numerously attended) terminated.

NOTICE RE REMITTANCES

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Inquirer (New Plymouth).—The total number of Irish Members of Parliament is 103. There are 33 Members for Ulster. Of these 17 are Home Rulers. Usually there are a few Unionists in the other provinces, but the total number of Home Rulers is roughly 80 to 84. You will note that Ulster returns a majority of Nationalists, in spite of all we hear about Ulster being against Home Rule.

GARDEN FETE at MOUNT MAGDALA

A Monster Garden Fete will be held at Mount Magdala on Saturday, October 26 and Monday (Labor Day), October 28, to raise funds towards the Institute and Building Fund. Those who have received blocks of tickets, kindly return them to the Mount by October 25.

T. CAHILL,

Hon. Secretary.

FATHER DORE MEMORIAL CHURCH, FOXTON

Already acknowledged, £581 10s 8d: Mr. J. O'Sullivan, Motua, £5; Mr. Michael Sullivan, Manututu, Patea, £1 1s; Miss M. McKillop, Masterton, £1 1s; Mrs. McEwen, Pahiatua, 5s; school children, Foxton (per convent), 13s 3d; total, £589 10s 11d.

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, MILTON

THE CEREMONIAL OPENING of the recently Extended and Improved CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, MILTON, will take place on NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20.

The Blessing of the Church and celebration of Solemn High Mass will commence at 10.30 a.m.

The Occasional Sermon will be delivered by VERY REV. J. LISTON (Rector of Holy Cross College, Mosgiel) at the High Mass, and the VERY REV. J. COFFEY, Adm., St. Joseph's Cathedral, Dunedin, will preach at the evening devotions.

A cordial invitation is extended to all

MICHAEL HOWARD,

Rector.

WHAT EVERYONE SHOULD READ

Reprint of Auckland Sensational and Unaccepted Challenges.—"The War against Women," "Challenges to the Grand Orange Lodge and its Political Association." Ten open letters (with introduction), one attempted reply; notes, appendix, and index. Sixty-four pages. Price, Threepence; mailed, Fourpence.

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