

Very Rev. Father Coffey, Adm., presided on Monday evening at a meeting of intending stall-holders in connection with the projected bazaar in aid of the Christian Brothers' residence building fund. An amount of preliminary business was transacted. It was announced that His Majesty's Theatre had been engaged for the bazaar in February, including Carnival Week.

Subscriptions towards the Christian Brothers' residence building fund were received at St. Joseph's Cathedral and suburban churches on Sunday. This method of contribution will be continued next Sunday.

Rev. T. Connolly, who returned to the Dominion recently after service as chaplain to the forces both on hospital ship and at the Front, paid at the end of last week a short visit to his Alma Mater, Holy Cross College, Mosgiel. Father Connolly was one of the first band of students to be ordained to the priesthood from Holy Cross College. At the devotions on Sunday evening at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Mosgiel, he gave an interesting account of his experiences while on active service. Father Connolly, who left Taihape to undertake chaplain duty, returns to that parish shortly.

On last Thursday a musical evening was tendered by St. Joseph's Cathedral Choir to Miss Pollard and Mr. Jackson, artists who have been touring the Dominion under engagement to Pullers' Theatres proprietary, and who have during their visit to Dunedin given greatly-valued assistance to the choir. Songs were contributed by Mesdames Fraher and Sandys, Miss Graves, Messrs. H. Poppelwell and J. Woods. The visiting artists sang delightfully several solos and duets. In the unavoidable absence of Very Rev. Father Coffey, Adm., Mr. Poppelwell, on behalf of the choir, presented the guests of the evening with several nicely-bound scores of Italian operas. After some appreciative remarks by Mr. P. Carolin, Mr. Jackson returned thanks on behalf of himself and Miss Pollard. Refreshments were then handed round by the lady members of the choir.

Father Rooney, assistant priest at South Dunedin, who is at present a patient at the Chalet Hospital, Dunedin, underwent an operation for appendicitis last Monday. He is, we are pleased to learn, progressing favorably towards recovery.

A meeting of ex-pupils of the Christian Brothers' School was held on Tuesday evening to devise means towards assisting in the movement to provide the Christian Brothers with a new residence. Rev. Brother Bowler (by invitation) presided. It was decided to participate in the projected bazaar by taking charge of the downstairs annex. This will involve the control of a stall and the running of numerous side-shows. It was also decided to nominate Miss Ethel Hart, of Lawrence, as the Old Boys' Queen. An executive committee was elected, with Brother Bowler as president and Mr. W. Kennedy secretary. It is hoped that ex-pupils of the Christian Brothers' School throughout the Dominion will respond to the movement to provide the devoted Brothers with a new residence, especially in view of the fact that their present habitation has long since proved unsuitable. In this connection, attention is directed to an announcement appearing in this week's issue of the *Tablet*.

#### ST. JOSEPH'S CATHEDRAL.

After devotions at St. Joseph's Cathedral on last Sunday evening, the choir, assisted by Mr. Jackson and Miss Pollard, gave a sacred concert in aid of the building fund of the Christian Brothers' new residence. This concert, it may be remarked, was the outcome of the expressed desire of the above-named artists to have a share in a work that is at present occupying the attention of the Catholic people of Dunedin, and also in remembrance of their happy association with the members of St. Joseph's Choir. The subjoined programme of sacred music was rendered magnificently, and, judging by the very large congregation, the worthy object for which the concert was given should benefit very materially:—Motet, "Incline Thine Ear," choir (soloist, Mr. J. Woods); "Ave Maria" (Giorgi), Mrs. Sandys; "If with All Your Hearts" ("Elijah"), Mr. Jackson; "Inflammatum" ("Stabat Mater," Rossini), Miss Pollard; motet, "Cor Jesu" (Sydney Smith), choir (soloists, Mrs. Fraher and Mr. J. McGrath); "Ave Maria" (Bach-Gounod), Miss Pollard; motet, "Joseph Fili David" (Santley), choir; "Sanctus" ("Messe Solennelle"), choir (soloist, Mr. Jackson); "Kyrie" and "Gloria" (Mozart's Twelfth Mass), choir. Mr. A. Vallis played several organ solos and Signor Squarise conducted. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament was given at the close of the sacred concert.

I have been driven many times to my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I had nowhere else to go. My own wisdom, and that of all about me, seemed insufficient for that day.—Abraham Lincoln.

#### ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS

**ARGUMENT.**—The color of typical Irish eyes is supposed to be slate-blue. As for the hair, it varies considerably, as in other races.

**ENQUIRER.**—Northcliffe was never a Catholic. We cannot say what age he was when he left Dublin, but we think he was only a boy. Harmsworth is the family name. To give him his due, the *London Times* has had more sympathy with Ireland since he became proprietor of it. He might even be called a Home Ruler.

**K.H.**—No copies of poems by E.D., "Cylas," or J.K. ever published. E.D.'s will be published. "Cylas" may also publish. J.K. finds it not worth the trouble to collect what he has written in the *Tablet* and elsewhere.

**SUBSCRIBER.**—You know how utterly unreliable press reports concerning the Vatican are. We deem it a safe rule to wait until we get reliable news either from our Roman correspondent or from *La Civiltà Cattolica* which reaches us regularly. Therefore it is useless to form any opinion yet. (2) You must distinguish between Catholic doctrinal teaching and Catholic views. In matters of religion the mind of the Church is always clear. In ethical questions there is much latitude allowed, and when we say that such and such is the Catholic teaching we only mean that it is what is commonly held, with due approval, by Catholic writers on philosophical problems. You may rely on it, that if you find a common conclusion in, let us say, a Stonyhurst, a Maria-Laach, a Washington University manual of ethics, it is safe to call it Catholic teaching, but that does not necessarily mean that one is bound to hold such teaching. Beyond what is of faith there is ample freedom for speculation. However, Catholic specialists ought to be trusted to give a lead in most matters which require arduous thinking. Thus if we say that a certain view is held and taught by professors in Rome, Maynooth, and Louvain, it is hardly inexact to say that such is Catholic teaching; but to say that it is Catholic dogma is a different thing altogether.

**RADICAL.**—We prefer not to publish your letter, although we agree with you. Any advocacy of a "block vote" would be sure to have the effect of stirring up other block voters too, and might do more harm than good. Thiggin tu?

**TO ALL AND SUNDRY CORRESPONDENTS.**—AS THE EDITOR WILL BE ABSENT FOR SOME TIME, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT NO CORRESPONDENCE MEANT FOR PUBLICATION BE ADDRESSED TO HIM PERSONALLY. IT OUGHT NEVER BE. BUT IF THIS WARNING IS NEGLECTED, CORRESPONDENTS WILL HAVE ONLY THEMSELVES TO BLAME. WE ARE MORE THAN TIRED TELLING PEOPLE THAT WE HAVE ABSOLUTELY NOTHING TO DO WITH BUSINESS MATTERS. IN FUTURE NO BUSINESS COMMUNICATIONS WILL BE IN ANY WAY CONSIDERED BY THE EDITOR.

#### Oamaru

(From our own correspondent.)

October 20.

On the afternoon of Sunday, October 12, the children's mission was brought to a close, when a great number of little ones with their guardians gathered in the Basilica to receive a special blessing.

The Very Rev. P. M. Lynch, C.S.S.R., paid a farewell visit to Oamaru last week. His old friends were very pleased to see him again, and to hear of his appointment, but regret that the change is taking him so far away from his native land.

Rev. T. Connolly, who has been a chaplain on a hospital ship for some time, was also here on his way south.

The Basilica has been crowded to its utmost every night of the mission, and regrets are being heard on all sides that it is finished. The impressive closing ceremonies took place on Sunday night in the presence of a record congregation. On Friday there was Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 9 o'clock Mass until evening devotions, when there was a Procession of the Blessed Sacrament, in which the various sodalities took part. At the Masses on Sunday the missionaries complimented the people on the way they had attended the mission, and particularly on their attendance at the early Masses.

On Monday morning the Masses were offered for the deceased members of the parish, and large numbers received Holy Communion.

The mission at Windsor Park was opened on the 19th at 11 o'clock Mass, and will continue for the week; at Kurow on the 20th, and at Duntroon on the 23rd inst.

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