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DIOCESE OF DUNEDIN

The annual meeting of St. Joseph's Men's Club will be held in St. Joseph's Hall on Friday evening.

There will be Solemn High Mass at 11 o'clock on Sunday, the feast of the Patronage of St. Joseph, in St. Joseph's Cathedral.

The Rev. Father Coffey, Adm., addressing the congregation in St. Joseph's Cathedral on Sunday, earnestly exhorted his hearers to take more interest in the affairs of the parish, and especially to give better support to the various parochial societies. He also strongly urged youths to take advantage of the opportunities offered at the Technical School.

The progressive euchre tournament, organised by the Hibernian Society in aid of a brother who has been seriously ill for some time, was a great success. There was an attendance of nearly four hundred persons on Friday night in St. Joseph's Hall. Prior to the commencement of the proceedings, the Rev. Father Coffey, Adm., thanked the audience for attending in such large numbers, thus showing in a practical manner their sympathy with the object for which the tournament was held. Items were given during the evening by Miss Carter and Mr. T. J. Hussey, and Messrs. Rexton, assisted by Mr. Volene, gave an exhibition of conjuring. The accompaniments were supplied by Miss Drumm and Mr. Frost.

Writing on 'Catholic Church Music' in the *Advocate*, Mr. Frederic Beard, musical director of St. Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne, who paid a visit some months ago to New Zealand, says:—Dr. Verdon, Bishop of Dunedin, has instituted most effective reform in his diocese. Being quite an authority on the Chant; the official music, through his Lordship's patient, yet earnest, recommendation and perseverance, has become fairly understood and appreciated by the singers and the people. I heard two Plain Song Masses sung in one day in St. Joseph's Cathedral, and on each occasion the edifice was crowded. The Christian Brothers' choir supplied the music at the children's service, and the regular choir did likewise at the last Mass. Many difficulties here, as elsewhere, present themselves, the principal one being, as usual, to get musicians sufficiently conversant with the traditional music of the Church. Yet, even under adverse circumstances, what has already been accomplished is proof of the earnestness of purpose and zeal thrown into the work.

The Late Bishop of Auckland

(From our own correspondent.)

The Month's Mind of the late Bishop of Auckland began on Tuesday night in St. Patrick's Cathedral. His Lordship Bishop Verdon, of Dunedin, presided, and priests from all parts of the diocese were present, while there was a very large congregation. After the Rosary, which was said by the Right Rev. Mgr. Gillan, the Very Rev. Dean Hackett preached an eloquent and touching panegyric on the late Bishop from the text: 'Blessed is the man who hath not walked in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stood in the way of sinners. He shall be like a tree, which is planted near the running waters; which shall bring forth its fruit in due season, and his leaf shall not fall off, and all whatsoever he shall do shall prosper' (Psalm I. 1-3). The Very Rev. preacher directed attention to the three great characteristics in the life of Bishop Lenihan—his piety, charity, and humility. His life was one of constant prayer. Early every morning, when the city was peacefully asleep, it was the Bishop's custom to pray fervently that God would crown his labors and bestow blessings upon his people. His charity knew no bounds, his love for all mankind was favorable, as he knew neither creed, race, nor color. To all who knew him his humility stood out predominantly. The highest functionary in the land was no more to him than the humblest citizen, and beyond all was his love for the orphans, upon whom he bestowed fatherly love and affection, and no more touching spectacle was to be seen than those little waifs crowding around him and calling him by the endearing name of 'Father.' He had gone from them for ever, but his memory, his cheery voice, and charming simplicity would ever remain in all their hearts and minds. They should always pray for him in order that his sins might be expiated, or by way of thankfulness for his entry into the heavenly kingdom. Let them always continue to offer up for him that fine Catholic prayer: 'Eternal rest grant unto him, oh Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon him!'

The choir sang appropriate music, which was excellently rendered, particularly the 'Miserere.' At the conclusion the organist (Mr. H. Hiscocks) played the Dead March in 'Saul,' the congregation standing with bowed heads.

Solemn Pontifical Requiem Mass was celebrated in the Cathedral at 10 o'clock on Wednesday morning in the presence of a large congregation. His Lordship Vishop Verdon was celebrant, the Very Rev. Father Brodie being deacon, Rev. Father Darby subdeacon, and Rev. Father Holbrook master of ceremonies. The priests and Marist Brothers sang the chants, and the music incidental to the Mass was rendered by the choir, under the direction of Mr. P. F. Hiscocks. A feature of the service was the singing of the 'Dies Irae' by the orphans, all from memory.

Reefton

The Catholic school entertainment (says the local *Times*) was the best given for years, and went with a swing and life that spoke well for the teachers and pupils. There was not a single dull moment, and the little actors and musicians did exceedingly well. The performance commenced with a well-played overture by Misses Scarlett and Osborne, which was excellently received. The floral calisthenic drill by the junior pupils, led by Miss Lily O'Brien, was as pretty as it was well done. Then came the first scene of the operetta, 'Red Riding Hood,' in which the character of Mother was sustained by Miss M. Clark, that of Red Riding Hood by Miss N. Crabb, Buttercup by Miss M. Osborne, and Rose by Miss F. Scarlett. The performers acted their parts remarkably well, especially the principals. The following also took part in the operetta:—Miss N. Hansby, and Masters W. Downes and P. Minihan. Among the other items were a pianoforte solo (Master J. Milligan), recitation (Miss Lily Loubere), violin duet (Misses Clarke and Osborne), violin quartet (Misses Clark, Osborne, Sunderland, and Bonetti), violin solo (Miss Clark), action song (junior pupils), and 'Upper ten and lower five' (Masters J. and B. Kirwan). The final item was the play by the senior pupils, 'In 1999,' in which the principal characters were sustained by Misses M. Clarke, D. Card, and M. Malloy. The minor parts were filled by Misses E. Scartlett, A. Rodden, L. Carminie, S. Kirwan, N. Flannigan, B. Duffy, and M. Simpson. All did their parts well, and the play was much enjoyed.

The Rev. Father Galerne briefly thanked the audience for their support and the hearty appreciation that they had shown.

On the following evening the large attendance gave evidence of the high appreciation in which the convent school concerts are held by the public. The operetta, 'Red Riding Hood,' was again given, and met with repeated applause. Miss Clarke played a violin solo, which was much appreciated and encored. Misses Clarke, Sunderland, and Osborne gave a violin item with good effect, and Master Milligan a pianoforte solo. The scarf dances and fancy dances were really good. The play, 'He would be a soldier,' was also presented, the principal parts being taken by Masters Costelloe, Kirwan, and Elliston. Misses Carminie and Parsons gave an excellent overture. The concert was very good indeed, and was thoroughly appreciated.

Rotorua

(By telegraph from our own correspondent.)

April 10.

The Rev. Father Cahill, of Dannevirke, is at present in Rotorua for the benefit of his health.

The Right Rev. Dr. Verdon, who had been on a visit to Auckland in connection with the Month's Mind of the late Bishop Lenihan, arrived in Rotorua a few days ago.

The Wairoa Geyser was soaped on Sunday afternoon in honor of the visit of several Australian cricketers, but failed to respond, much to the disappointment of a large crowd of people who had gathered to witness an eruption.

At the 10 o'clock Mass on Sunday morning Rev. Father Wientjes took advantage of the presence of the *Tablet's* representative (Mr. Moriarty) to impress on the members of the congregation, who did not take that paper, the necessity of doing so at once. He stated that his Holiness the Pope specially desired that good Catholic papers should be found in every Catholic household, and he could assure them that they could not read a better paper than the *Tablet*. Mr. Moriarty reports to-day having done good business.

The D.I.C., Dunedin, direct attention to their 'Wool-olone,' an ideal fabric for day and night wear, and made only from pure Merino wool. This beautiful material is stocked in white, cream, navy, black, and a variety of stylish stripes, and guaranteed not to shrink....

The tailor was ill with a dangerous chill,
And his breath came in fluttering 'pants.'
His life, so they said, just hung by a 'thread,'
For the doctor had murmured 'no chance.'
No words can ex-'press' his awful distress,
But it 'seams' that he put up a fight;
He took the thing sure, Woods' Peppermint Cure,
'Sew,' 'needless' to say, he got right.