

## DIOCESE OF DUNEDIN

On Thursday, July 14, a Solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated at Holy Cross College, Mosgiel, for the repose of the soul of Father Sheahan, a deceased benefactor of the college, and on Friday for the repose of the soul of Father Magrath, another benefactor of the college.

On Monday evening the members of St. Joseph's Men's Club entertained the Ladies' Club at a social evening. There was a good attendance of both clubs, and a most enjoyable time was spent. During the evening songs were contributed by Messrs. T. O'Connell, E. Wilkie, and H. Poppelwell.

St. Joseph's Harriers held their run from the Santa Sabina School, North-East Valley, on Saturday, paper being dispensed with. The pack, in charge of Captain Quelch, struck up past the school, and over some good cross country, which brought the pack out on the Pine Hill road, which was followed for some distance, when the pack again took to the paddocks and over some ideal harrier country around the slopes of Pine Hill. Eventually the pack doubled back to the Pine Hill road again, which was followed home.

The Rev. Dr. Cleary, writing on June 16 from Donegal, where he was the guest of the Rev. Father Philip O'Doherty, of Carneglen, states that he had just concluded a very pleasant and enjoyable motor trip along the East and North Coast of Ireland, and was about to return by way of Connaught. He was greatly charmed with the scenery. Up to time of writing Rev. Dr. Cleary had received no official intimation of his appointment as Bishop of Auckland.

On Monday evening the members of St. Patrick's Men's Club, South Dunedin, and their friends enjoyed a literary treat of a high order, when the Rev. Brother Brady delivered a most interesting and instructive lecture dealing with the history of Ireland from the time of Henry VIII. to the present day. The lecture was listened to with the closest attention of the large audience, and was frequently applauded. The chair was occupied by the Rev. Father O'Malley, and at the close of the lecture a hearty vote of thanks, proposed by Mr. C. A. Shiel and seconded by Mr. Carr, was accorded Brother Brady.

### Timaru

(From our own correspondent.)

July 25.

A sweet-toned American organ has been purchased by the choir to replace the one lost in the destruction of the old church.

The Education Board of South Canterbury at its last meeting practically recommended the adoption of the Nelson system of Bible reading in State schools. The matter was engineered by the Council of the Churches, a self-appointed body.

The Rev. Father Fay, of Temuka, conducted a week's retreat for the young ladies of the parish in the convent chapel, commencing on Monday and ending on Saturday last. About one hundred young ladies attended the services and the deepest interest was taken in the instructions.

On Monday evening the Celtic Football Club held a most successful social in the Assembly Rooms. The different items in the programme were thoroughly enjoyed, and during an interval supper was served. On Thursday on the Athletic Grounds the Celtic seniors played the Temuka team to decide this season's championship. They put up a gallant stand, had their opponents well in hand for most of the game, but they somehow lacked scoring ability and the call of time found Celtic, 3 points; Temuka, 7.

On the same afternoon the Avoca Hockey team played off with the Timaru Hockey team for the senior championship on the Park, but they, like their brothers, suffered defeat. A good deal of dissatisfaction was expressed by competent onlookers at the decision of the referee, and as the association would not give the team's complaints on this head proper ventilation, the Avoca team has resigned from the contest. The amount of interest taken by the Catholics of Timaru in their two athletic clubs, Celtic and Avoca, is really astonishing.

### Wanganui

(From our own correspondent.)

July 25.

The social in aid of Catholic charities took place in the Druids' Hall on Wednesday, and, despite the fact that the weather was very inclement, the function was a great success. There was a very large attendance. Among those who contributed to the programme were Rev. Father Moloney and Messrs. C. McCarthy, Fama, and T. Souter. The function as a whole will be pleasantly remembered by all who were present. The complete success of the gathering was due to the energy of a zealous working committee, who, headed by their capable secretary (Mr. P. Keogh), at-

tended to every detail. It would not be just if I omitted to mention the ladies of the Altar Society and others who provided the excellent supper, which was laid out on tables that were decorated in a manner which was indeed a credit to those concerned.

## OBITUARY

### SISTER MARY AMATUS, NAZARETH HOUSE, CHRISTCHURCH.

Widespread sympathy (writes our Christchurch correspondent) will be extended to the Sisters of Nazareth on the first loss by death sustained by the community in the Dominion. The deceased religious, Sister Mary Amatus (Rohan), whose life was spent in the sacred cause of charity, was born in Limerick, in January, 1879. At the age of seventeen she entered the novitiate at Hammersmith, London, and on February 2, 1898, made her religious profession. In 1902 she was sent to the House of the Order at Ballarat, and four years ago was transferred to Nazareth House, Christchurch, where she proved herself a most devoted Sister of Nazareth, deeply imbued with a love of the poor and destitute, possessed of a great fondness for the little orphan children, and an ardent desire to fulfil to the letter all the duties of her vocation. Being in delicate health for some time, her death was not unexpected; nevertheless the sense of loss is very keenly felt by the devoted Sisters in religion. Attended in her illness by the Very Rev. Father Price, Adm., and after receiving all the consolations of holy religion, she passed peacefully away on last Saturday night, at the early age of thirty-one years. Solemn Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of the late Sister was celebrated in the chapel of Nazareth House at 9 o'clock on last Tuesday morning. His Lordship the Bishop was celebrant. Very Rev. Dean Ginaty, S.M., V.G., was assistant priest, Rev. Father Daull, S.M.A., deacon of the Mass, Rev. Father McDonnell subdeacon, Rev. Father Hyland and Rev. Father Dignan, S.M., deacons of honor at the throne, and Very Rev. Father Price, Adm., master of ceremonies. The Rev. Dr. Kennedy was in the choir, and the Requiem Mass was sung by the principal male voices of the Cathedral choir. From the text, 'For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain' (Phil. i., 21), his Lordship the Bishop preached impressively on the sacrifices incidental to one entering the religious state. The life of the deceased Sister afforded a notable example. At the call of her Divine Master she severed at an early age all the affectionate ties of home, country, and kindred, to enter upon a career of incessant toil and self-abnegation. His Lordship feelingly referred to the exceeding devotion to duty which characterised the life so lately ended, and said that the deceased would be sadly missed by the aged and orphans of Nazareth House. A number of the laity were among the congregation, and also representatives of the Sisters of the Missions and Sisters of Mercy. At the conclusion of Mass the funeral procession was formed and proceeded to the Linwood Cemetery, where the interment took place. His Lordship the Bishop officiated at the graveside, and was attended by all the above-mentioned clergy.—R.I.P.

### The Newman Society, Auckland

In the Auckland letter in our last issue it was stated that the local branch of the Hibernian Society intended to form a library of standard works, etc. This was a mistake; it is the Auckland branch of the Newman Society that should be credited with the proposal. We printed the information as it was telegraphed to us. The following is the paragraph as it appeared in the *Students' Magazine*: The Newman Society intends forming a library of standard works, chiefly of an historical and literary nature, which will give authoritative information on such subjects as are more generally misunderstood and misrepresented at the expense of the Church. A sub-committee of the society, consisting of the Rev. Father Edge, Misses Doyle and M. Maguire, the president and the secretary, has been appointed to look after this most important branch of the society's work. In addition to this reference library, which it is intended to present to the University Council for inclusion in the University library for the information of the students generally, the library committee has in hand a scheme for the formation of reading circles among members, and also the establishment of a circulating magazine association, so that all members may have the benefit of reading the leading Catholic magazines and periodicals to their own individual improvement and information generally. The society will be pleased to acknowledge through these columns any contributions of books of the nature indicated, or of Catholic magazines, any of which will be welcomed and gratefully received by the society.

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