

broadside as has effectually silenced him. These young fellows enter the fields of controversy in no spirit of 'looking for fight,' but in a quiet, modest way, with the sole desire of explaining and defending Catholic practices and beliefs. More power to their elbow, and may the good example they have set be widely followed.

DIOCESE OF DUNEDIN

The St. Vincent de Paul Society has placed at the main entrance to St. Joseph's Cathedral a bookcase containing the publications of the Australian Catholic Truth Society.

There was Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Joseph's Cathedral on Sunday from the 11 o'clock Mass until Vespers. In the evening there was the usual procession, in which the parish confraternities took part.

In Association football on Saturday the Christian Brothers' second grade team defeated Northern by 2 goals to 1. For the winners Laffey and Higgins were conspicuous. In the third grade the Christian Brothers' team beat Northern A by 2 goals to nil. Christian Brothers C defeated High School B by 3 goals to 2.

The annual combined run of the harriers was held on Saturday from St. Joseph's Hall, Rattray street, as guests of St. Joseph's Harriers. J. Swanson (St. Joseph's), B. Roseveare (Dunedin), W. D. Anderson (Caversham), and O. Stenhouse (Civil Service) laid a good trail up Rattray street, along the top of the Asylum Ground, up through Littlebourne, striking down through Kaikorai, where the trail struck across country in the vicinity of Bishopscourt. Over 100 runners took part in the run. After the run the harriers sat down to an excellent supper, kindly provided by Mrs. Jackson. Mr. G. Jackson, on behalf of the combined harrier clubs, warmly thanked the St. Joseph's Harriers for the very pleasant run they had given them, and also Mrs. Jackson and her lady friends, who so kindly provided the refreshments.

A meeting was held on Friday evening at the residence of Mr. F. Loughnan, Hawthorne avenue, Mornington, for the purpose of forming a conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul for the district. Among those present were Rev. Father Corcoran and Mr. T. J. Hussey (president of St. Joseph's Conference, Dunedin). Apologies were received from several who had promised to take an active part in the work, but who were unable to attend the meeting. After Mr. Hussey had explained the aims and objects of the society and the scope of its work, a motion, that a conference be formed in Mornington, was put to the meeting and agreed to. Mr. F. Loughnan was elected president, Mr. F. O'Meara a vice-president, and Mr. F. Dougherty secretary. The other offices are to be filled at a meeting to be held in a few days. It was decided to name it St. Anthony's Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

At the half-yearly meeting of the Dunedin branch of the H.A.C.B. Society the following officers were elected and installed:—President, Bro. Jas. Deehan; vice-president, Bro. G. Purton; secretary, Bro. J. O'Connor (re-elected); treasurer, Bro. Jos. Casey (re-elected); warden, Bro. J. Dougherty; guardian, Bro. T. Boyle; sick visitors, Bros. T. Boyle (re-elected), J. M. Casey, and J. Ford (re-elected). Bro. J. Saunders acted as installing officer. The total receipts for the quarter amounted to £303 14s 2d, and the total expenses £219 14s 3d, including £30 5s 5d, district board dues. The credit balance to the sick fund now stands at £1857 3s 3d, and the incidental at £242 10s 1d, and benevolent £28 4s 2d. The present membership is 300 benefit and 8 honorary members. Bro. J. Saunders won the branch prize, also Bro. R. Rossbotham's prize for introducing the largest number of members for the previous twelve months. Bro. J. J. Marlow was the only member nominated for the position of district deputy, and his name has been forwarded to the D.E.

Invercargill

(From our own correspondent.)

August 8.

In connection with the June examinations of the Associated Board of the R.A.M. and R.C.M., London, the following names appear amongst the successful candidates:—Harmony.—Intermediate grade—Grace E. Paton (St. Catherine's College), 123. Rudiments of music—May Hannan (St. Catherine's College), 70.

The Hibernian Band was favored with ideal weather for its concert in Queen's Park on Sunday afternoon, when the following programme was rendered:—March, 'Olympia' (Clark); overture, 'A Spanish carnival' (Round); euphonium solo, 'Land of hope and glory' (Elgar); selection, 'Gems from the great masters' (Newton); march, 'One united emblem' (Brown); selection, 'Don Giovanni' (Mozart); march, 'The national guard' (A. F. Lithgow). The last-named march is the one selected for the Dunedin contest, at which the band intends to compete. A collection in aid of the travelling expenses in connection with the contest realised £7.

THE KING'S CARNIVAL, CHRISTCHURCH

OPENED BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR

His Majesty's Theatre (writes our Christchurch correspondent) has been completely transformed, its accustomed appearance giving place, so far as the ground floor is concerned, to a great arcade, flanked on either side with gaily decorated stalls laden with wares, useful, ornamental, and in many instances of a costly nature. In nooks and open places side shows of many descriptions ply a vigorous crusade for patronage, while the intervening space is thronged with sightseers bent on improving the shining hours in pleasure and speculation. Operations were commenced by workmen after midnight on Sunday for the removal of seats, erection of stalls, etc., and before the hour of opening arrived everything was in thorough order. The manager of the carnival, the Very Rev. Father Price, Adm., and his energetic committee made every effort to accomplish this object, and if the initial success achieved is a forecast of the ultimate one, then there will be reason for congratulation and satisfaction.

The formal opening took place on Monday evening, when the ceremony was performed by his Excellency the Governor (Lord Islington). His Excellency, accompanied by Captain Shannon, A.D.C., and Mr. R. Kerr-Clark (private secretary), arrived at the theatre punctually at 8 o'clock, and was received by his Lordship Bishop Grimes, Very Rev. Father Price, and Sir George Clifford. The Marist Brothers' School Cadets, looking smart and brisk in their new dark green uniforms, formed a guard of honor, and his Excellency paid them the compliment of an inspection. The Governor was warmly cheered by the assembled crowd as he entered the building, and also when he appeared on the stage to give his address.

In a brief preliminary address (says the Press), the Bishop said that the Catholics of Christchurch had for many years to be content with a large wooden building to do duty as their principal church in the city. Ten years ago they resolved to erect a temple more worthy of the Most High, and more in keeping with the increasing beauty of this fair City of the Plains. Though not largely endowed with worldly wealth, the generosity of their people in their contributions had won universal admiration. The very poorest among them had given their guineas, and others had given their hundred or thousand guineas, according to their ability. They were ambitious, and they resolved to have a finished cathedral, complete in all its richness and details, though by this they incurred a debt of £20,000, involving the payment of £1000 per annum as interest. They were gratified and proud when they saw the new temple opened, in the presence of an illustrious predecessor of his Excellency, as well as the Prime Minister and a previous Prime Minister of the Dominion. They were proud to hear the then Governor's eulogium that the Cathedral was the handsomest in the Southern lands, and the verdict of the press that it was the architectural gem of New Zealand. The people had continued their generosity, with the result that not only was the interest paid, but the total debt had been reduced by £8000, leaving barely £12,000 still to be paid off. A short time ago it was proposed that the inauguration of the reign of King George should be marked by the holding of this carnival, celebrating in a pleasing manner the rise and onward march of the King's marvellous and world-wide Empire. They were pleased to have the honor of welcoming his Excellency, and his condescension in according to the request to open the carnival was proof, if wanted, of his broadmindedness, proof of his desire and determination to help every good and noble work. Words could not adequately express the indebtedness of the clergy and people to his Excellency. One could only hope that his stay in New Zealand would be one of pleasant and happy years, and that when Lady Islington and her daughter arrived they would share the happiness of those years, and be the recipients of Heaven's choicest blessings. His Lordship then invited his Excellency to open the carnival.

His Excellency was received with cheers when he rose to address the gathering. He expressed his gratification at the kind references which the Bishop had made to him, and the generous cordiality which the audience had shown towards him. When the Bishop visited him in Wellington and asked him to assist in opening the carnival he had most gladly acceded to that invitation, and he had very great pleasure in being present. He knew that the object for which the carnival was arranged was very near the hearts of the Catholic people, and he could only hope that the result of the next fortnight's work would be eminently successful. It was hardly necessary for him to commend the carnival to the earnest and hearty support of the people. All who belonged to the Catholic religion in Christchurch had a very earnest desire that the carnival should be a very successful one, and that they would work unitedly to make it so. What they had accomplished in the past, aided to an incalculable degree by the Bishop, showed what they could still do. They had succeeded in establishing in this charming city a Cathedral of beauty and dignity, which stood out as a conspicuous feature amongst buildings of architectural beauty, and which at the same time conferred glory and honor on their Church. When he visited the

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