

DIOCESE OF DUNEDIN

Rev. Father Kerley, of Hastings, was in Dunedin on Sunday on his way to Melbourne.

Right Rev. Mgr, O'Reilly, of the diocese of Auckland, paid a brief visit to Dunedin last week.

A very successful concert was held on Friday night in the Sacred Heart schoolroom, North-East Valley.

The devotion of the Forty Hours' Adoration began at Mosgiel on Friday morning and was brought to a conclusion on Sunday.

There was Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Joseph's Cathedral on Sunday from the last Mass until after Vespers. The usual procession took place in the evening, in which the members of the parish confraternities took part.

His Lordship the Bishop, who had been on a visitation of the parochial districts of Central Otago, returned to Dunedin on Tuesday evening. On Sunday his Lordship administered the Sacrament of Confirmation at Ophir to 35, and on Monday at St. Bathans to 25 candidates.

The annual entertainment by the pupils of the Christian Brothers' School, consisting of vocal items, a delightful comedy, and a gymnastic display, will be given in his Majesty's Theatre on Wednesday evening, December 13. An excellent and varied programme will be presented, and patrons are assured of a first-class evening's entertainment.

On Friday at Holy Cross College his Lordship the Bishop will raise to the priesthood Rev. E. Lynch and Messrs. E. O'Connell and W. Skinner will be ordained subdeacons. On Sunday Messrs. O'Connell and Skinner will be ordained deacons, and on the following Sunday (December 17) the latter will be raised to the priesthood for the diocese of Auckland.

On Saturday morning Sir John Kirk, director of the London School Union and Shaftesbury Society, paid a visit to St. Vincent's Orphanage, South Dunedin. The visit was the outcome of a conference Sir John had had the previous day with a number of those actively interested in social work among the young, when it was suggested that he should see for himself something of the work going on in Dunedin. Sir John was accompanied by his Worship the Mayor of Dunedin, Rev. E. A. Axelson, and Mr. D. Wright. The party (says the *Otago Daily Times*) was met and welcomed by Rev. Father Delany, the Sisters of Mercy, and Mrs. Jackson, of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, and shown through every part of the institution. There are over 120 girls who have been committed to this orphanage, and for about 40 of these the Sisters receive no support either from the Government or from relatives. Cleanliness, fresh air, and neatness were pleasingly characteristic of all the rooms visited. A novel feature of the large dormitory upstairs was the curtains separating the beds from each other, and thus giving each child practically a separate room. After Sir John had had a brief talk with a number of the children and conveyed to them a message of love from the children of London which was heartily reciprocated, they sang to him very prettily a little song, without accompaniment. The infant department was then visited, where a large number of bright little girls were seen in the care of the Sisters of Mercy.

Timaru

(From our own correspondent.)

December 4.

The Marist Brothers' School Cadets had a church parade yesterday under Captain Schaab, Lieutenants Cotter and Hyland, Sergeants Fahey, Brosnan, Sugrue, and O'Connor, and Bugler Croxford. They assembled, 54 all told, at the Post Office, and marched, via Stafford and Brown streets, and Craigie Avenue, to the church for 9 o'clock Mass, and received Holy Communion in a body. They afterwards marched past the school and along Craigie Avenue into the convent grounds, and were photographed.

Right Rev. Mgr. O'Reilly preached at the 11 o'clock Mass at the Sacred Heart Basilica yesterday and also in

the evening. Large congregations were present on both occasions to listen to his eloquent discourses.

Wellington

(From our own correspondent.)

December 4.

Yesterday at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, five students from Meeanee Seminary were raised to the priesthood by his Grace Archbishop Redwood, and two received Minor Orders. There was a very large congregation present from all parts of the archdiocese. His Grace celebrated the Mass, and was assisted by Very Rev. Dean Smyth, S.M. (Rector of St. Mary's Seminary), and Very Rev. Dr. Kennedy, S.M. (Rector of St. Patrick's College). There were also present Rev. Fathers Hickson, Adm., Herbert (Nelson), Peoples (Thorndon), Herring (Wellington South), Bartley, Gilbert, Gondringer, Eccleton, and A. Venning (of St. Patrick's College), Hurley, and C. J. Venning (Te Aro). The names of the newly ordained priests are:— Rev. Fathers Thos. Segrief, S.M. (son of Mr. Matthew Segrief, of Wellington South), Herring, S.M. (son of Mrs. Herring, Palmerston North, and brother to the Rev. Father Herring, of St. Anne's), Monaghan, S.M. (of Sydney, N.S.W.), Fraher, S.M. (of Greymouth), and J. Cullen (son of Mr. Cullen, of Wellington, and formerly of the Police Department). Those who received Minor Orders were: Messrs. Bartley (brother of Rev. Father Bartley, of St. Patrick's College), and Von Gottfried (of Christchurch).

The ceremony was most impressive. The young priests were the recipients of many congratulatory messages, and were also the guests of the Rev. Mother of St. Mary's Convent, Hill street, at dinner. Rev. Father Segrief imparted his blessing to the parishioners of St. Anne's at the evening devotions, and celebrated his first Mass at St. Anne's this morning.

Hastings

(From our own correspondent.)

I regret to have to record the death of Mrs. Pothan, wife of Mr. J. A. Pothan, a well known and highly respected business man of this town, which took place on Saturday, the 25th ult. Deceased, who had only reached the age of 41 years, leaves a family of ten children, ranging in age from five weeks to seventeen years, for whom great sympathy will be felt in their loss. Mrs. Pothan, who was a convert to the Church, was a daughter of Mr. J. Steer, of Greymouth, a very old resident of the West Coast. Deceased was of a very kindly and charitable disposition, was always a ready and willing worker at anything connected with the Church, and was greatly esteemed. The remains were interred in the Hastings Cemetery on November 26, when the Very Rev. Father Keogh officiated.—R.I.P.

Great interest is taken in the election campaign in Hawke's Bay. The question has been put to most of the candidates if they would be in favor of State aid to denominational schools. Mr. Fraser, Liberal candidate, said the matter required the very gravest consideration, and he was not prepared to give an off-hand answer to such an important question. In his maiden speech in Parliament he had pointed out the injustice of Catholic school children not being allowed to be examined by a Government Inspector, and through his influence this injustice had been removed. Mr. Simpson, Government candidate, gave his views on the question as follows: Whilst supporting the present system, he would favor the extension of the scholarship provisions so that they could be given to any college in the Dominion on equal terms. In the matter of aid to denominational schools, he said it was a question which he was quite willing to discuss in a proper place, and if a satisfactory solution could be arrived at without injuring the present system he would be prepared to favorably consider it.

A retreat for ladies, which will be conducted by a Jesuit Father, is to open at the Convent of the Sacred Heart, Wellington, on January 8, and closes on the morning of January 12.