

the Dominican Nuns. Applications for this appointment were received from all parts of the Dominion.

On Sunday at the 9 o'clock Mass at St. Joseph's Cathedral, his Lordship the Bishop ordained to the priesthood the Rev. W. Skinner, who had been raised to the diaconate at Holy Cross College, Mosgiel, on the previous Sunday. His Lordship was assisted by the Rev. Father Liston, Rector of Holy Cross College, and there were also present in the sanctuary, Rev. Fathers Coffey, Adm., Corcoran, Scanlan, and Collins (Lawrence). At the conclusion of the Mass nearly the whole of the large congregation, including many relatives of the Rev. Father Skinner, approached the altar rails to receive his blessing. On Monday morning Father Skinner, who has been ordained for the diocese of Auckland, celebrated his first Mass in the Sacred Heart Church, North-east Valley.

At the Sacred Heart Schoolroom, North-east Valley, on Tuesday evening, Mr. Lemon, organist of the Sacred Heart Church, was entertained at a social gathering, and presented with a Morris chair and a silver-mounted umbrella, in recognition of his services to the choir during the past seven years. The presentation was made by the Rev. Father Coffey, Adm., who spoke in eulogistic terms regarding Mr. Lemon's services. Mr. Lemon in replying thanked the donors for their handsome gifts, and expressed his pleasure at being able to assist the choir in any way. During the evening the following programme was contributed:—Songs, Mesdames Flynn and Lemon, Misses K. Carter, M. Mellick, and A. Heffernan; vocal duet, Misses K. Carter and M. Mellick; piano duet, Misses N. and L. Lynch; piano solo, Miss C. Mellick; recitation, Miss M. Lemon. The accompaniments were capably played by Miss W. McTague.

A successful two-days' sale of work was held by St. Mary's congregation, Milton, on Friday and Saturday for the purpose of clearing off the balance of the debt on the church property. The opening ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father Howard, who complimented the stallholders on the excellent display of useful and ornamental goods in the various stalls. The following is a list of stalls and stallholders:—Needlework and works of art, Mesdames J. B. Scanlan and Keogh; pot plants and flower stall, Mrs. J. Moroney; refreshments, Mrs. J. Curran and Miss Coneys; Christmas tree, senior girls of the school. A musical programme was given each evening. At the beginning of the year (says the *Bruce Herald*) there was a parish debt of about £140, which it was decided to wipe off before Christmas, and for that purpose a number of social gatherings were held during the winter. The amount netted from these and the proceeds from the sale of work and art union (£50), have been sufficient to accomplish the desired object, so that now the parish debt is a thing of the past.

CALEDONIAN SOCIETY OF OTAGO.

FIFTIETH ANNUAL GATHERING, JUBILEE OF THE SOCIETY.

DUNEDIN, JANUARY 1 and 2, 1912.

At 1 o'clock P.M.

The Dunedin Pipe Band will Play Choice Selections of National and Popular Music.

£350 GIVEN IN PRIZES. £350.
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Running, Walking, Cycling. Hammer, Cable, and Ball. Piping and Dancing. Woodchopping and Sawing. Wrestling, Quoiting. High Jump Handicap. Novelty Event for Cyclists. * Pillow Fight for Youths.

ADMISSION: To Grand Stand and Grounds, 2s; Ground, 1s. Children under 10 years accompanied by their parents, free.

Full particulars given in Programme, which can be obtained at the Society's Office, 91a Princes street, Dunedin.

W. E. C. REID, *Secretary*.

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(From our own correspondent.)

December 16.

A meeting was held last Monday evening in St. Patrick's Hall for the purpose of starting a branch of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. There was a fair attendance, and after an expression of opinion from several of those present, it was decided to establish the Conference, and to meet every Monday night.

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS

Correspondence for our issue of January 4 should reach this office not later than Saturday morning, December 30.

DECLARATION OF RESULT OF POLL FOR THE ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF CHALMERS.

I, GEORGE GALLOWAY CHISHOLM, Returning Officer for the Electoral District of CHALMERS, do Hereby DECLARE the Result of the Poll taken on the 14th day of December, 1911, for the election of a Member of Parliament for the said District to be as follows:—

CLARK, EDWARD HENRY	3029
JOHNSON, JOHN THOMAS	2703

Total number of valid votes polled	...	5732
Number of votes rejected as informal	...	9

I therefore DECLARE the said EDWARD HENRY CLARK to be elected.

Dated at Port Chalmers, this 19th day of December, 1911.

G. G. CHISHOLM,
Returning Officer.

ELECTION NOTICE.

DECLARATION OF RESULT OF POLL OF SECOND BALLOT FOR THE ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF DUNEDIN NORTH.

I, DAVID LARNACH, Returning Officer for the Electoral District of DUNEDIN NORTH, do Hereby DECLARE the Result of the Poll taken on the 14th day of December, 1911, for the Election of a Member of Parliament for the said District to be as follows:—

DOUGLAS, ROBERT RUTHERFORD	...	3423
THOMSON, GEORGE MALCOLM	...	4181

Total number of valid votes polled	...	7604
Number of votes rejected as informal	...	13

I therefore Declare the said GEORGE MALCOLM THOMSON to be elected.

Dated at Dunedin, this 19th day of December, 1911.

DAVID LARNACH,
Returning Officer.

DECLARATION OF RESULT OF POLL FOR THE ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF DUNEDIN WEST.

I, ROBERT PERCY WARD, Returning Officer for the Electoral District of DUNEDIN WEST, do Hereby DECLARE the Result of the Poll taken on the 14th day of December, 1911, for the election of a Member of Parliament for the said District to be as follows:—

BEDFORD, HARRY DODGSHUN	...	3822
MILLAR, JOHN ANDREW	...	4461

Total number of valid votes polled	...	8283
Number of votes rejected as informal	...	19

I therefore Declare the said JOHN ANDREW MILLAR to be elected.

Dated at Dunedin, this 19th day of December, 1911.

R. P. WARD,
Returning Officer.