

has not yet been designated by his Holiness—will be received in state at the Custom House, his Grace the Archbishop-Bishop delivering a brief address of welcome, to be followed by another by a layman. His Eminence will then be conducted in procession to the Co-Cathedral Church of St. John. He will walk from Porta Reale under a canopy, the poles of which will be held by notable laymen. The following day his Eminence will hold a reception at his residence. The Congress will last from Wednesday of the week chosen to Sunday. The grand inaugural assembly will be held on Wednesday afternoon. Monsignor Heylen will deliver the inaugural address on behalf of the Permanent Committee. Then the brief of appointment of the Papal Legate will be read. The Cardinal Legate will then speak, and will be followed by his Grace the Archbishop and by a clergyman and a layman, who will welcome the Congressists of the different nationalities. A foreign Congressist will reply in the name of all. On Saturday afternoon there will be a special function suggested by Monsignor Heylen, quite characteristic of the island—the blessing of the harbor from the Upper Barracca. On Sunday morning there will be general Communion in the churches. In the afternoon, the grand solemn procession, to be followed by the Benediction, will take place. It will start about 4 o'clock, and last until about 8.30. The Congress will formally close on Sunday, but Monsignor Heylen has suggested that on Monday a pilgrimage be organised to St. Paul's Grotto at Notabile to pay homage to the patron saint of Malta. On one of the days of the Congress a general Communion of children will be held in the open air.

DIOCESE OF DUNEDIN

Mr. J. A. Scott returned to Dunedin last week, much benefited by his brief holiday.

The annual retreat of the clergy begins at Holy Cross College, Mosgiel, on Monday.

Rev. Father Creagh, C.S.S.R., will conduct the retreat for the Sisters of Mercy, which begins on January 20.

The retreat of the Dominican Nuns, which begins on January 19, will be preached by the Very Rev. Father Roche, C.S.S.R.

Rev. Father Foley, of Taree, diocese of Maitland, who is returning to Australia, after a holiday trip to Ireland, is at present on a visit to Dunedin.

The arrangements for the annual picnic of the pupils of the Catholic schools, which takes place at Evansdale on February 4, are well forward, and everything points to a successful outing.

Mrs. Jackson was entertained by the children of the Orphanage, South Dunedin, on her return from her visit to Europe. A varied programme had been prepared by the inmates, consisting of a song of welcome, recitations, choruses, etc., after which Mrs. Jackson presented each child with a medal specially blessed for them by our Holy Father the Pope, and told them that she had asked and obtained for the Sisters of Mercy and for them the blessing of his Holiness. The children heartily cheered their kind friend and benefactress, who for many years past has taken an active interest in the welfare of the institution.

The half-yearly meeting of the St. Joseph's branch of the H.A.C.B. Society was held on the 7th inst., when there was a large attendance, Bro. John Dougherty presiding. It was resolved to hold a basket social at a suitable date, and a strong committee was appointed to make the necessary arrangements, Bro. G. Bevis being appointed hon. secretary. The following officers were elected and installed:—President, Bro. John Dougherty; vice-president, Bro. P. Fennessy; secretary, Bro. J. O'Connor; treasurer, Bro. J. Hally; warden, Bro. J. Butcher; guardian, Bro. A. Ahern; sick visitors—Bros. J. M. Casey, T. Boyle, G. Bevis, and J. Ford; auditors, Bro. T. Hussey and M. Curran; dispensary delegates—Bros. J. O'Connor, W. Butler, G. Purton, and J. Hally; Friendly Societies' Council delegates—

Bros. O'Connor, Purton, and Butler. Past-president Bro. J. Deehan, who installed the officers, was ably assisted by Past-president Bro. W. Butler. The officers returned thanks, the secretary saying that this was the fortieth time he was elected secretary.

CHRISTIAN BROTHERS' SCHOOL, DUNEDIN.

For some years it has been recognised that the building, now used for school purposes by the Christian Brothers, has ceased to be suitable for the purpose for which it was originally erected, and that one more in keeping with the times, and having accommodation for the larger number of pupils now in attendance is an absolute necessity. With the object of taking steps to remedy this want, a meeting was held on Sunday afternoon in St. Joseph's Hall for the purpose of arranging for the holding of a bazaar in aid of the building fund of a new school. Rev. Father Coffey, Adm., presided, and there was a large and representative attendance. Rev. Father Coffey, after explaining the object of the meeting, and referring to the pressing necessity for a new school for the Christian Brothers, proposed, and it was agreed to, that Mr. J. Hally be appointed *interim* secretary and Mr. E. W. Spain assistant secretary.

Father Coffey said that the last bazaar was an unqualified success, and he thought they could not do better than appoint the ladies who were then at the head of stalls to take charge on the present occasion. He moved, and it was agreed to, that the stalls be allotted as follow:—

- St. Vincent de Paul Society—Mrs. Jackson.
- Refreshments—Miss Staunton.
- Children of Mary (St. Joseph's Cathedral)—Misses Wall and Rodgers.
- Children of Mary (South Dunedin)—Mesdames Marlow and McCurdy.
- St. Clair, Mornington, and Roslyn—Mrs. C. A. Shiel.
- North-east Valley—Mesdames Hungerford, Rossbotham, and Lynch.
- City—Mesdames Sweeney, Street, and Duffy.
- Produce—Christian Brothers' Old Boys' Association.

Rev. Father Coffey explained that His Majesty's Theatre had been secured for the bazaar for the first three weeks in October. This was the only time during the next two or three years that it could be got for any period sufficiently long to hold such a function. He had also engaged Miss Hamann to coach the girls and boys who were to take part in the spectacular display. She was very successful at the last bazaar, and he thought they could not do better than secure her services for this one.

On the motion of Rev. Father Corcoran the following were appointed an executive committee:—Messrs. C. A. Shiel, J. B. Callan, jun., J. J. Marlow, T. J. Hussey, A. J. Sullivan, J. Hally, E. W. Spain, and Dr. O'Neill (president of the Christian Brothers' Old Boys' Association).

In closing the meeting Rev. Father Coffey thanked those present for their attendance. It was the largest and most enthusiastic meeting that had been held since he came to Dunedin, and its representative character augured well for the success of the bazaar.

Diocesan News

ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

January 11.

A retreat for ladies is being conducted at the Sacred Heart Convent, Island Bay.

On last Sunday there was Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament of St. Mary of the Angels, Te Aro.

Rev. Father Hassett, S.J., who arrived from Sydney last week, preached at St. Anne's Church last Sunday evening.



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