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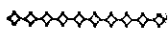
All the dignitaries from overseas are now converging on Wellington to be present at the celebration of Archbishop Redwood's Golden Jubilee. Dunedin will be represented there by several ladies and gentlemen, while two Directors—Rev. J. Delany and Mr. J. J. Marlow—and the Editor and Manager will offer the *Tablet's* homage to the venerable Metropolitan.

Episcopal visitors are numerous among us this week. From Queenstown arrived Archbishop Barry and Bishops Foley, Shiel, and Hayden, while from the north on the same day came Archbishops Dubig and Spence and Bishop Heavey. The visitors are delighted with New Zealand, but some of them thought the weather cold in Dunedin in mid-summer. If they only knew what specimens we could show them about August!

Monday last was the fifty-third anniversary of the arrival of the Sisters of St. Dominic in Dunedin. Her old and new friends will be pleased to learn that "Foundation Day" this year found Mother Bertrand, the sole survivor of the gifted and devoted company who arrived from Ireland in 1871, still blessed with excellent health, and that her zeal and activity seem to be unaffected by time.

The Floral Carnival in aid of St. Michael's School, Mornington, after a successful run of seven nights at the Victoria Hall, was concluded on Monday, and resulted in the aims of the promoters being more than realised. The "popular flower girl" competition resulted as follows:—Pink Rose Stall, Miss McKenzie 1; White Rose Stall, Miss Dawson 2; Golden Rose Stall, Miss Dunne 3; Red Rose Stall, Miss Rodgerson 4.

The Rev. Brother Hickey, from the Christian Brothers' Novitiate, Sydney, is expected in Dunedin in a few weeks. It will be remembered that on the occasion of Brother Hickey's last visit to Dunedin, a fine company of Dunedin boys followed him to Stratfield. Some of them are now members of the congregation, the others are to be received in March. Visitors from New Zealand to the beautiful home of the Brothers in Stratfield say that the Dunedin boys are the pride of the Juniorate, and they look forward to the time when these young missionaries will return to New Zealand bringing with them their message of learning and Faith to their countrymen. The Superior of the Dunedin community will be glad to receive the names of respectable and pious boys and youths with the desire and other requisite qualifications for the religious life in the Christian Brothers' Institute, so that those accepted may be ready to return to Sydney with Brother Hickey in March.



OAMARU NOTES

(From our own correspondent.)

February 13.

The new altar for the convent chapel has arrived, and when erected should put the finishing touch on a really beautiful house of prayer for the nuns.

The absence of rain is a matter of grave concern to the farming community of the district, and in a secondary degree to the town dweller as well. Last Sunday Father Graham asked the congregation to join with him in prayers for the much-needed rain.

In dealing editorially with the late President Wilson who, with the late Pope, maintained his sanity in a world of mad barbarians, a local paper had the decency to couple the name of Pope Benedict with that of the late President, as a great force making for peace.

The large congregations noticeable at Mass on Sunday mornings recently evidence the fact that Oamaru, by reason of its climate and attractiveness, is inducing outsiders to make their abode here. Many strange faces at church indicate that the Catholic community is being augmented by the flow of population.

A familiar figure about the church and presbytery has disappeared from his accustomed haunts. Mr. John Conroy, the man-of-all-work who attended to the many requirements of church and presbytery, cultivated the garden, accompanied Monsignor Mackay in his motor jaunts about the district, and in season, kept one eye on the Monsignor's

ripening fruit and the other on the predatory small school boys, has retired and is now living a life of leisure, which his friends trust will be pleasant and long.

A member of the Catholic community, in the person of Thomas Henry Sheehy, died here on February 10. He had farmed very successfully on the Awamoa estate for many years, but for several years had lived in retirement. He was in his 78th year. His wife predeceased him some years ago.—R.I.P.

Monsignor Mackay went to Dunedin during the week to pilot the distinguished Australian prelates to Oamaru to view its manifold beauties and the church's institutions here. Archbishop Mannix will find the town to his liking—quiet and secluded from the bustle of city life. To judge from the retired situation of the Archbishop's own mansion "Raheen," at Kew, Melbourne, he apparently likes to be far from the madding crowd.

As advertised in our columns, Miss Moira Coughlan will resume teaching on Friday, the 22nd inst. She purposes, during the coming winter, giving entertainments for the benefit of any parish organisation such as St. Vincent de Paul Society, the Orphanage, or the Christian Brothers, and intending pupils are asked to enrol as early as possible.



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THE ATTITUDE OF THE OTAGO DAILY TIMES.

TO THE EDITOR.

Sir,—The following is a letter forwarded for publication to the *Otago Daily Times*. It has not yet seen the light of day, so I have asked the editor in a personal letter to return to me my MS.

I am, etc.,

T. CABILL,

February 17.

Oriental Hotel, Dunedin.

PROTESTANT POLITICS.

TO THE EDITOR.

Sir,—Wonder is often expressed as to the attitude of the *Otago Daily Times* and the subject of this letter. Contrast the publicity given to Howard Elliott as against that to a certain prelate now in our midst. What wonderful headings you as editor do give to such sectarian bigots. Is that your policy as head of a leading daily paper? The time has arrived when you should come out in the open from under your cloak of darkness.

Let the month of May come. The writing is on the wall. The Tory Government to which your journal is attached has got to go just like the Conservatives in England.

How does it happen that Howard Elliott is preceding the Prime Minister's visit to Dunedin? Just a mere coincidence, I suppose. Let the *Otago Daily Times* take heed of itself. Need more be written. I trow not.

I am, etc.,

T. CABILL,

February 12.

Oriental Hotel, Dunedin.

(It was, we suppose, also a coincidence that the former "Civis," the P.P. Ass. organiser, and the cultured editor of the *Otago Daily Times* were, with one accord, inspired to throw stones at the Archbishop of Melbourne whose plain speaking of the plain truth usually encourages such broad-minded gentlemen.—Ed. *N.Z. Tablet*)



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