

"God, my lance was a broken reed,
My mace a toy for a child's delight.
My helm is battered, my shield is shattered,
I am stiff with wounds, and I lost the fight.

"Low I kneel through the night again,
Hear my prayer, if my prayer be right,
Take for Thy token my proud heart broken.
God, guide my arm! I go back to the fight."

Victory to you, little mother of men,
warrior, worker, singer! There was once a
Man who found it easier to walk through a
roaring, spitting crowd than to fight his own
loneliness in a dark garden. He will take
care of your armor.

Mother of Archbishop Mannix PASSES AWAY AT ADVANCED AGE.

A cable message from London to the daily
press, under date January 8, says:—

The death is announced of the mother of
Archbishop Mannix, at the age of 90 years.

DIocese OF DUNEDIN

Saturday last being the anniversary of
the death of Monsignor Coffey, Requiem
Mass for the repose of his soul was celebrated
at St. Joseph's Cathedral by Rev. Father
Kaveney, Adm., at nine o'clock, in the
presence of a good congregation.

The Sisters of Mercy in charge of St. Vin-
cent's Orphanage desire to thank the good
people of St. Patrick's parish, Orepuki, for
a donation of 10/-, contents of St. Anthony's
Box, forwarded by Mrs. A. L. Reid; also
"Friend" £1, and "Grateful" £1. To all
the generous benefactors who sent Christmas
gifts for the children in St. Vincent's and
Mount St. Joseph Boys' Home the Sisters
are deeply grateful.

Rehearsals are now in progress for the
spectacular display "Mexicano," which is
being produced by Mr. F. Wauchop in con-
nection with the Dominican Nuns' Carnival,
to be held at His Majesty's Theatre next
month. A fair number of young people have
joined the ranks of the performers, but rein-
forcements are still required to bring the
number up to full force—estimated at ap-
proximately 100. Those desiring to join will
help matters along very materially if they
will attend at St. Joseph's Hall and partici-
pate in the practices.

Hibernian Society

ST. JOSEPH'S BRANCH, DUNEDIN.

The fortnightly meeting of St. Joseph's
branch (No. 73) of the H.A.C.B. Society, was
held on Tuesday evening, the 6th inst., the
president (Bro. R. A. Simpson) occupied the
chair. Sick pay and other accounts were
passed for payment and general business
transacted. It was decided to invite his
Lordship Bishop Whyte to the next meeting
of the branch, to be held on Tuesday even-
ing, the 20th inst., when his Lordship is to
be installed as grand chaplain of the society
in Dunedin. Members of other branches of
the society are invited to be present on the
important occasion.

The following office-bearers for the ensuing
term were installed by Bro. J. J. Marlow
(district deputy), assisted by P.P. Bro. R.
A. Simpson:—President, Bro. A. Gillick;

vice-president, Bro. J. Hughes; secretary,
Bro. J. J. Ford; treasurer, Bro. T. J. Boyle;
warden, Bro. W. H. Cole; guardian, Bro.
L. McEntee; sick visitors, Bros. A. Berland,
M. Scannell, and J. J. Marlow, jun. The
District Deputy congratulated the newly-
installed office-bearers, and wished them a
pleasant and successful term of office, and
each in turn suitably responded.

The Retreat for Laymen

Addressing the congregation at the early
Masses at St. Joseph's Cathedral on Sunday,
his Lordship the Bishop said:—

This morning I would like to direct your
attention to the notice about the forthcoming
Laymen's Retreat. The Retreat will begin
on January 30 and will last from that even-
ing till the following Tuesday morning. It
will be held at Holy Cross College, Mosgiel,
and will be conducted by an eminent Vin-
centian Father, Dr. O'Reilly, who will give
also the Retreat to the clergy.

The Retreat held last year was an un-
qualified success. The best evidence of its
success is that all the men who made that
Retreat have intimated their desire and in-
tention to make the Retreat this year. Is
the time of Retreat a dreary time? No, be-
cause the retreatants of last year can assure
you it is not. Does it do any good? Yes,
because the retreatants of last year are con-
vinced of its utility, for otherwise they
would not be wishing for another. Is a Re-
treat a loss of time, is it unnecessary, is it
a strain? If it had those unfavorable fea-
tures, we would not have last year's retreat-
ants so eager to come themselves and bring
others to it this year.

These are some of their comments on it:
"I never thought that a Retreat could be so
pleasant, so delightful." "It is a complete
rest both for body and for soul." "I regret-
ted more than I can say," says another, "that
I had to come to business on Saturday and
Monday; but even so I feel richly recon-
pensed for the time I was able to give to it."
All this is evidence in favor of Laymen's
Retreats.

Further evidence about Retreats you can
get from the ladies who made the Retreat
last week at Teschemakers. Quite a number
of the 101 ladies who attended those exer-
cises, had never missed the annual Retreat
from the time they learned what it meant.
All of them who made it for the first time
seemed quite grieved that they had not pre-
viously known what great advantages they
were missing. Every one of them left Tesche-
makers delighted with the experience.

Is not a mission quite as good? some of
you will ask. The obvious answer to that
is, the Retreat system would not have been
initiated and would not have spread through-
out the Catholic world and would not have
been promoted and encouraged and enriched
with indulgences by the Pope, unless it had
special advantages distinct from those ob-
tained from missions.

It is intended for all—poor and rich, young
men and old men, highly educated men as
well as men of ordinary education. Every
man, in short, who has a soul to save can
derive benefits from a Retreat, every man for
whom Our Saviour died upon the Cross of
Calvary.

So great is my confidence in your strong
and steadfast faith and your earnest, fervent
piety that I feel sure my words to you this
morning will set you effectively thinking
about the coming Retreat.

Mount St. Joseph Boys' Home, Waverley

The boys at Mount St. Joseph look upon
"breaking-up" day as one of extreme im-
portance; they were jubilant on Wednesday,
December 17, when their successful year's
work was brought to a close. The prize-
giving ceremony was held out of doors in
the beautiful grounds, sapphire skies, radiant
sunshine and a gentle sea-breeze making the
day an ideal one for such a function. Sev-
eral spirited choruses having been sung, the
prize-winners received their premiums amidst
hearty applause.

Following is the prize list:—

Christian doctrine—Francis Deady 1, Les-
lie Mulligan 2, Davie Ryan 3.

Good conduct—Leslie Mulligan.

Arithmetic—John Sullivan.

History—Harry Malthus.

English—Leonard Malthus.

Class Prizes—Highest marks, Horace Mo-
lony (Standard 3), Vincent Aitcheson (stan-
dard 2), James Murphy (standard 1).

Infant Classes—Dan Harnett 1, Pat Wood-
house and Ian Burke 2, Austin Mulligan and
John Harnett 3.

Special Prizes—Navy League essay compe-
tition, Leslie Mulligan; Irish history, Harry
Malthus.

ATHLETIC SPORTS.

After luncheon the boys marched to the
plateau on the south of the Home for the
athletic contests. An excellent programme
of sports was carried out, all events were
keenly contested and there were some fine
performances. The progress of the sack
race was somewhat impeded by "Darkey,"
the Mount St. Joseph watch-dog attacking
the competitors, greatly to the amusement
of the spectators. The results of the day's
events were as follows:—

Senior Marathon Race—Leslie Mulligan 1,
Frank Deady 2.

Junior Marathon Race—John Harnett 1,
George Wisneski 2.

Wheelbarrow Race—Frank Deady and Les-
lie Mulligan 1, Horace Molony and Joe Mul-
ligan 2.

Three-legged Race—Leslie Mulligan and
Frank Deady 1.

Bicycle Race—Leslie Mulligan 1.

Thread the Needle (two races)—Jack Sulli-
van, Horace Molony, Vincent Aitcheson, and
Harry Malthus.

Sack Race—Dan Harnett and Vincent
Aitcheson tied for first place.

Egg and Spoon Race—Frank Moore and
Leslie Sullivan tied for first place.

Hop, Step, and Jump—Leslie Mulligan 1.

Handicap Race (100 yards)—William
O'Connell 1, Willie Walker 2, Clive Bell 3.

The trophies having been handed to the
successful contestants afternoon tea was
served and greatly enjoyed by the boys who,
"at the close of a perfect day" gave three
ringing cheers for their teachers, the Sisters
of Mercy.

H. Graham

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