

memories of evenings on the green, of turf-fires in winter, of nights when up the wide old Irish chimneys went the sounds of these same songs, now threatening, now crooning, now lamenting.

If they go to the heart, are they not worth the learning? That is the test of all beauty—that it goes to the heart.

DIocese OF DUNEDIN

The Sisters of Mercy, South Dunedin, gratefully acknowledge a donation of £2 from "A Friend" for St. Vincent's Orphanage.

The annual Retreat for the sodality of the Children of Mary of St. Patrick's parish, South Dunedin, will be opened in the chapel of the Convent of Mercy on Sunday, the 22nd inst. Members and intending members are invited to attend.

At St. Joseph's Cathedral on Sunday the choir had the pleasure of welcoming Mr. J. McGrath (Christchurch), a former valued member; also Miss Wood, of Wanganui. Both vocalists gave much appreciated assistance in the rendering of the music at the eleven o'clock Mass.

Rev. Father O'Dea, of St. Benedict's, Sydney, who has been on a visit to Dunedin and a guest at the Bishop's house during the week, preached a fine discourse at St. Joseph's Cathedral on Sunday evening, on the subject of "St. Paul and his Epistles."

Recent visitors to Dunedin and guests of his Lordship the Bishop included Rev. Fathers O'Regan (diocese of Maitland, N.S.W.); Rev. Fathers Vincent Kelly (Kilbirnie, Wellington), Fallon (St. Anne's, Newtown, Wellington), and Bleakly (Hamilton).

His Lordship the Bishop and many of the diocesan clergy assemble to-day (Wednesday) at Waikiwi, Southland, for the observance of the Month's Mind of the late Father Francis Joseph Marlow.

Father O'Dea, of Omakau, is in receipt of a letter, written in classical Gaelic, from his friend Dr. Kelly, editor of the *Tablet*. The letter was written on board the *Arawa*, which was due to reach London on December 24, and the Doctor hoped to have his Christmas dinner on the following day in his native town of Wexford. The readers of the *Tablet* throughout New Zealand and Australia will be pleased to hear that the editor is in excellent health and enjoying his trip very much.

"Carnival de Luxe" is the title decided upon at a meeting of the executive committee held last week to describe the bazaar and spectacular display now being promoted to raise funds for the purpose of erecting a new convent for the Dominican Nuns at North-east Valley. Mr. Fred Wauchop, the producer of the display and director of entertainments, was present and arranged the scheme of decorations, the lavishness of which will, it is anticipated, surpass anything previously seen in a similar connection in Dunedin. The carnival is to open at His Majesty's Theatre, on Monday, March 23, and the committee appeal to all who have received books of art union tickets to dispose of them as soon as possible. Owing to the

later date now fixed for holding the carnival the time for returning blocks has been extended to March 23. A meeting of stallholders was held on Monday evening, when matters of detail were discussed, and arrangements made for frequent meetings for work and other purposes until the date for opening the carnival.

Miss Alice Bell, prior to severing her connection with the commercial staff of the *N.Z. Tablet Company*, to enter St. Dominic's Priory as a novice with a view to joining the Dominican Order, was met by the whole of the company's employees, and made the recipient of a suitable gift as a memento of her connection with the office and as a mark of the esteem in which she is held. His Lordship the Bishop, who attended the pleasing little function (accompanied by the Very Rev. Dr. O'Reilly, C.M.), graciously consented to make the presentation, and in doing so spoke of the laudable decision on the part of Miss Bell to devote her life to the glory of God in the religious state. Having chosen "the better part," said his Lordship, the prayers and good wishes of all would be for Miss Bell, that every happiness would attend her and that her future career would be fruitful and crowned with every blessing. Dr. O'Reilly also spoke briefly, congratulating Miss Bell on her vocation and referred to the spiritual advantages of the religious life. On behalf of the staff, the manager (Mr. J. P. Walls) added his tribute to the excellent qualities generally of Miss Bell and recognition of her diligence, combined with a kindly, thoughtful, and obliging disposition which was so deeply appreciated.

St. Vincent de Paul Society PARTICULAR COUNCIL OF DUNEDIN.

The quarterly meeting of the Particular Council of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, Dunedin, was held on Monday evening, the 9th inst. Besides the members of the Council, representatives from the various Conferences within the Circumscription were in attendance, and furnished reports, all of which were highly satisfactory. His Lordship the Bishop, Very Rev. Dr. O'Reilly, C.M. (Sydney), Rev. Fathers Delany (South Dunedin), and Kaveney, Adu., were present, and St. Joseph's Hall, where the meeting was held, was filled by the members and friends of the society. In moving the adoption of the quarterly report and statement of accounts furnished by the council, his Lordship the Bishop congratulated the society on the excellent work it was accomplishing in the interests of the poor and distressed of the city. In introducing Dr. O'Reilly (who had kindly consented to address the meeting) to the audience, his Lordship said they were very fortunate in having with them not alone a distinguished ecclesiastic but also one whose experience of the society's work ranged over the whole of Australia by the fact that Dr. O'Reilly was chaplain-general of the St. Vincent de Paul Society for the Commonwealth. In the course of an eloquent address Dr. O'Reilly dealt exhaustively with the aims, objects, and achievements of the society—an organi-

sation which he described as the "pick of the Church's basket." Especially impressive was his reference to the society's origin and its founder, Frederic Ozanam. He was, he said, much struck with the report he had listened to regarding the local conference's nursing department, a phase of the society's activities which was new to him, and which he would bring under the notice of the members in Sydney.

On the motion of Rev. Father Delany, Dr. O'Reilly was accorded an enthusiastic vote of thanks for his most instructive address.

At the request of the chairman all present stood in silence as a tribute to the memory of the late Father Marlow, and in sympathy to Bro. J. J. Marlow, a prominent member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Oamaru

(From our own Correspondent.)

February 13.

Oamaru is very quiet. The closing of the schools owing to the prevalence of infantile paralysis deprives the town of the many scholars at the several boarding schools whose return at this time of year helps to brighten things up.

Our local clergy have returned from the Retreat at Dunedin. There is always a fear that Retreat-time connotes changes in the clergy, but happily Oamaru's *status quo* is to continue.

The Altar Society had its depleted funds considerably augmented by the collection taken up last Sunday week.

The death of the young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Doyle drew forth sincere sympathy for the bereaved parents in their loss. Little Essie Bruce was but five years of age, a particularly fine child, and the parents' grief at her untimely taking-off is shared by all friends of Mr. and Mrs. Doyle.

The weather for harvesting has been ideal. The oat crop has been practically all gathered in and the reapers and binders will soon have disposed of the wheat and oats. The latter is said to be panning out very well despite fears to the contrary.

Oamaru golf enthusiasts have grown in numbers and enthusiasm to such a degree that the club has acquired a considerable area of country on Cape Wauhanu, and are gathering up their sticks preparatory to migrating there from the Hospital hill. The new situation, with "its rich crop of sea and land" spread out for miles around will charm visitors, and even golfers of long standing who have never footed the hills above the harbor—and who will now be obliged to go in pursuit of their hobby—will be surprised at the unrivalled land and sea scapes to be had from these hills.

New by-laws are now in force to control traffic in Thames Street. All traffic going south must keep on the eastern side and that travelling north must hit the west. Visitors passing through the town now will be pulled up with a sharp turn should they offend against the by-laws. Regulations governing pedestrians and push-bikes are also in operation, and the ringing of bells by every small boy turning a corner keep citizens awake. Oamaru is no longer a sleepy hollow.

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