

evening (the 15th inst.), in St. Patrick's Schoolroom, South Dunedin. An attractive programme of vocal, instrumental, elocutionary, and dancing items will be presented. On the following Wednesday evening (the 19th inst.), in the interests of the same stall, a euchre party will be held in the South Dunedin Town Hall; a special feature of the function being the valuable prizes offered for competition.

THE IRISH SOCIETY.

The members of the Dunedin Irish Society intend entertaining a large party from the various vessels of the American Fleet, on next Friday evening, at the Waratah Tea Rooms.

Invercargill

(From our own correspondent.)

August 8.

Rev. Father Graham attended the meeting of Children of Mary last Sunday in St. Joseph's, and addressed the members assembled. Referring to the large numbers present he remarked that Sydney is the only other town where he has seen such a large Sodality of Children of Mary. The address was both instructive and interesting—all the E. de M's hope that this visit will be the beginning of many more.

Mrs. M. Miller gave a delightful social and dance on Friday evening in aid of St. Mary's Tennis Club. Large numbers played euchre, and after a dainty supper dancing, songs, recitations, and musical items concluded a most enjoyable function.

The energetic committee of St. Mary's Tennis Club held a jumble sale on Saturday, the proceeds of which will be devoted to the re-establishing of courts here. Many and various were the articles offered. The funds will benefit to the extent of £18 as a result of the sale. The committee desire to thank all who so kindly assisted in any way, but when one considers the work which is being done, the committee deserves the largest share of thanks. The courts will be for everyone, not only for the few energetic workers, and it is the duty of all to help in every way such a club and keep our Catholic young people together. The work of laying the courts is now well in hand and should be ready for playing on early in the season.

On Sunday the altar looked beautiful, decorated in crimson roses and bush greens. There was Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from after the 11 o'clock Mass. A large number of members of the confraternity were present in the evening.

INSTITUTE OF NOTRE DAME DES MISSIONS

NEW ZEALANDER APPOINTED SUPERIOR-GENERAL.

The Sisters of the Missions, Ferry Road, Christchurch, have just received news by cable from England, that Rev. Mother M. St. Basil, Provincial of the Christchurch province, has been elected Superior-General of the Order and will therefore remain in England, where she is at present attending the General Chapter. Though New Zealand Sisters have previously held offices on the General Council this is the first occasion on which a New Zealander has attained to the position of Superior-General.

Rangiora

(From our own Correspondent.)

August 5.

The fortnightly meeting of the Celtic Club was held on the 4th inst., the president (Mr. P. V. McBrearty) presiding over a large attendance. The evening was devoted to a musical and elocutionary programme, the following items being contributed:—Piano-forte solos, Miss Vera McGrath, Mr. J. Brick; songs, Miss K. Cassidy, Miss E. Miles, Mr. G. Hutchieson, Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Devlin; recitation, Miss K. Cole; Highland fling, Miss Mary Moran; Highland reel, Misses McGrath, Cole, Fitzgibbon, and Brady. Rev. Father O'Doherty kindly brought over his gramophone, and some very fine records of the world's leading singers were heard. The accompanists for the evening were Misses K. Cassidy and A. McGrath. Supper was then handed round, bringing a successful evening to a close.

Akaroa

(From our own correspondent.)

August 5.

During the winter a series of euchre parties was held in St. Patrick's Schoolroom for an aggregate prize to the value of £8. It proved most interesting and the play was keen. Mr. F. Heemingway and Miss E. Le Lievre led alternately from the first night until the final when, Mr. Heemingway won by 64 points from Mr. H. Pool, who was 66 points; Miss Le Lievre being third with 65 points. The winners during the six nights were Mrs. Buddle, Miss M. Jacobson (2), Mrs. W. Hammond, Miss E. Le Lievre, Mrs. Faithful, Messrs. F. Heemingway (2), T. Kottowski, L. Hammond, J. McKay, and D. Langrope. During the social on Friday evening a presentation was made to Mr. T. O'Brien, who is going to Hamilton to take up business. Father Gallagher, in presenting Mr. O'Brien with a travelling rug spoke of his sunny disposition and of his many kindnesses during his seven years at Akaroa. Father Gallagher also made a presentation of a pipe to Mr. J. Curry, who has been in charge of the "evenings" and had carried out his duties assiduously. The guessing competition to the value of £1 was won by Miss Le Lievre.

Timaru

(From our own correspondent.)

August 7.

The following paragraphs appeared in the August issue of the *Sacred Heart Parish Magazine*:—"A splendid copy of Raphael's Madonna and Child with a handsome and artistic frame has been secured for the adornment of the church, and will soon be hung in a suitable location. . . . "A Retreat for women will begin in the Sacred Heart Convent on Thursday, the 20th inst., and will conclude on Monday, the 24th. We strongly urge any of our parishioners who have the opportunity to take advantage of these few days of quiet and prayer so helpful in the spiritual life."

The card parties promoted by the Catholic Club are retaining their well-deserved popularity. The members of the executive with some loyal lady friends exert themselves to make the evenings happy and enjoyable, and

are rewarded by the large attendances. The club wishes to record its gratitude to Mr. Z. Bert for donating a valuable pair of pictures, and Messrs. Swanson and McLane for a very fine morris chair.

The monthly promises to the school fund are being redeemed with a very praiseworthy regularity, and if all keep to their word a handsome sum will be realised. The scheme has now run twelve months and £1338 15s 3d has been received.

DIAMOND WEDDING SHANLY—MANNINGS.

(From our Wanganui correspondent.)

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. F. Shanly, Dannevirke, who celebrated their diamond wedding on July 20, 1925. Mr. and Mrs. Shanly were married in Exeter, England, in 1865, and came out to New Zealand in 1867, landing at Christchurch in January of that year. Their eldest son was only six months' old then, and for five years after their arrival, the young couple lived in Christchurch; Mr. Shanly carrying on business as a coach-builder. Then they went to Napier, and shortly afterwards to Waipawa, where they lived for 40 years, and saw the township grow from a country settlement to a village, and from a village to a town. Mr. Shanly was a member of the last road board and a member of the first town board when the progress of the settlement had entitled it to the greater dignity. Mr. Shanly was instrumental, as secretary of the Umutaoroa Small Farm Association, in getting 5000 acres granted, the area subsequently being reduced to 3000 acres, on which 30 settlers took up holdings. Meantime the family had grown, and Mrs. Shanly's privilege it was to be the first woman to reside on the block. She and her young family got there packed carefully in a big box (I'm not sure if the lid was on or off!), and drawn on a sledge! That was all a long time ago, and God has been good to the devoted couple. The diamond wedding morning was begun with Holy Mass, at which Mr. and Mrs. Shanly, attended by their eight children, received Holy Communion. Rev. Father Guinane officiated, and Miss Marjorie Shanly, L.T.C.L., supplied incidental music. Unable to be present, but with the family in spirit, were Sister M. Catherine, in charge at the Waimate Convent, and Sister M. Pia, Home of Compassion, Island Bay, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Shanly. All relatives who could be on the spot, that is children-in-law, and grandchildren were at Mass and Communion also, including Miss Cecilia Mannings, Mrs. Shanly's niece, who is on a visit to New Zealand from England. After Mass all adjourned to a wedding breakfast, and such a happy feast it was, the handsome three-tier cake (made by Miss Shanly) being much admired and enjoyed. Mr. and Mrs. Shanly received many congratulatory telegrams, letters, and gifts from old friends, who all unite in wishing them God's holy care and comfort through the eventide of their long and useful life. Few only are spared to see the great anniversary which has gone over the heads of this upright and God-fearing couple, and the days of their old age are sweet and happy to them, as they watch the changes time brings.

Al. Driscoll

Duror—Sports materials for all summer games. Nice assortment of Birthday Gifts: Pipes, Pouches, Cigar and Cigarette Holders and Cases, etc., etc.

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