

DIOCESE OF DUNEDIN

Rev. Dr. Kelly, Editor of the *Tablet*, is a passenger by the Tahiti from San Francisco due to arrive at Wellington on Monday next, the 26th inst.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society propose, about the middle of November, providing the annual "Christmas tree" treat for the poorer children of the district. Contributions of toys, etc., may be left—c/o Nurse Boys—at St. Joseph's Hall, and will be thankfully accepted.

The spacious new wings to the Home of the Little Sisters of the Poor, Anderson's Bay, recently completed, will be blessed and opened on next Sunday afternoon, the 25th inst., at 3 o'clock, by the Right Rev. Dr. Whyte, Bishop of the diocese. The Right Rev. Dr. Brodie, Bishop of Christchurch, will deliver the occasional address.

We understand that "Hibernian Sunday" proved highly successful, resulting in 19 names of candidates for membership in St. Joseph's and St. Dominic's (Ladies) branches, being received at the Cathedral, and 12 at St. Patrick's Basilica, South Dunedin. The returns from the suburban churches are yet to come in, and the officials of the society feel assured that the campaign has aroused a renewal of interest in Hibernianism that will be reflected in a gradually augmented membership roll.

Mr. J. H. A. McKeefry, sub-accountant for a number of years with the firm of Messrs. Mackerras and Hazlett, who has been appointed business manager of Shiel's garage, Stafford Street, was met by his fellow-employees and made a presentation of a handsome cigarette casket and a pipe. Mr. T. Hussey made the presentation, and referred to the excellent relationship which had always existed between Mr. McKeefry and the rest of the staff. He was sure Mr. McKeefry had the best wishes of them all for his success in his new occupation. Mr. McKeefry suitably replied. He was also the recipient of a substantial cheque from his old firm.

On the occasion of her approaching marriage, Miss Gertrude Mills, a faithful member of St. Joseph's Cathedral branch of the Children of Mary Sodality was, at the usual meeting on Sunday last, presented with a handsome framed picture of the Blessed Virgin. The sincerest good wishes of her fellow-sodalists were tendered to Miss Mills, who suitably responded.

MONSIGNOR COFFEY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS.

The Principals of the Catholic Schools at Dunedin and Port Chalmers are reminded that recommendations of scholars for the above scholarships are due on November 1. The conditions are printed in our issue for June 10 last, and copies forwarded to each school concerned. Recommendations are to be placed in sealed envelopes and addressed to Mr. J. H. A. McKeefry, hon. secretary, P.O. Box 519, Stafford Street, Dunedin.

IRISH SOCIETY.

The Monthly Meeting of the above Society is postponed to MONDAY, November 2, when it will be held in the Waratah Rooms as usual.

CINDERELLA QUEEN CARNIVAL AT OUTRAM.

(From our Mosgiel correspondent.)

All portions of the Taieri parish are hard at work in preparation for the Cinderella Queen Carnival which is to be held at Outram on the last two days of October. There are six candidates for the honor of queen in the contest, and various functions have been held during the past few weeks to raise funds. The more recent of these was held last Wednesday when the Allanton Hall was well filled. The whole programme was supplied by Dunedin and Mosgiel visitors. Mr. Walker occupied the chair and introduced the performers. The audience was an appreciative one, and almost every item was encoored. A band of school children from St. Mary's School, Mosgiel, sang several choruses. Master Leslie McGregor and Miss Kovalevski danced national and fancy dances. Mr. Sheehy favored with some guitar music. Misses O'Neill and Scriver sang a duet in character. Master Wilkins and Miss Moira O'Neill each gave recitations, and songs were sung by Miss J. Toomey, Miss B. Gallien, and Mr. Richards. Misses B. and K. Rodgers rendered a vocal duet, and the Misses O'Brien a piano duet. Miss Laura Hawke was accompanist. Before the close of the programme Rev. Father Collins thanked all who had assisted. A short dance followed the concert.

The secretary (Mr. M. Curran, Mosgiel) will be glad to receive goods or donations for the bazaar, and holders of art union tickets are asked to push the sale of them, and send the proceeds and blocks to Rev. Father Collins, Mosgiel, a couple of days prior to the Carnival.

Invercargill

(From our own correspondent.)

October 17.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society held its annual meeting in St. Joseph's schoolroom on Tuesday, October 6. The committee reports good work during the year and appeals to all to continue their generosity so that this charitable work may be continued. Seventeen families have been helped in their distress by the distribution of groceries, coal, wood, milk, clothing (old and new); approximately £50 being spent.

Rev. Father McLaughlin, C.S.S.R., commenced a Retreat for the Children of Mary at the half-past seven o'clock Mass on Sunday last. There was a very large attendance of Children of Mary and Handmaids in regalia. During Mass some very beautiful hymns were rendered.

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Gore

(From our own Correspondent.)

October 15.

St. Patrick's tennis court was the scene of a very pleasant gathering on Wednesday last, the 14th inst., when the official opening took place. The weather was not ideal owing to a strong wind, which tended to make things disagreeable. Very Rev. Father O'Donnell, after a few suitable remarks, declared the courts open for play. Mrs. M. Fitzgerald, wife of the president, served the first ball and play was indulged in thereafter. The ladies are deserving of thanks for the dainty afternoon tea which they provided and so capably served. The members of the committee also deserve credit for the labor put into the courts, which had a pleasant appearance. Despite the sou'-wester an exceedingly enjoyable afternoon was spent and all went home quite satisfied with the afternoon's outing.

"Town versus Country" was a subject which raised much discussion at the weekly meeting of the Catholic Debating Club on Monday evening last, when Rev. Father Lennon presided over an attendance of some twenty members. Messrs. McGoldrick and Kerr very ably led off for town and country respectively. Some good arguments for both sides were advanced by other members, with the result that a lively discussion ensued. At the conclusion of the debate the chairman complimented the members upon the able manner in which they had handled the subject, and declared the supporters of the "town" to be the winners by a very small margin.

DUNEDIN CENTRAL.

NOTICE OF POLLING DAY.

In pursuance of "The Legislature Act, 1908," and its Amendments, I, HENRY MAXWELL, Returning Officer for the Electoral District of Dunedin West, Do Hereby Give Notice that, by virtue of a WRIT bearing date the 15th day of October, 1925, under the hand of the Clerk of the Writs, an ELECTION will be held for the RETURN of a QUALIFIED PERSON to serve as Member for the said District, and that the latest hour for receiving NOMINATIONS OF CANDIDATES will be noon on the 27th day of OCTOBER, 1925, and that the POLL (if necessary) will be taken at the several Polling places of the said District on the 4th day of NOVEMBER, 1925.

Every person desirous of becoming a Candidate must be NOMINATED by not less than TWO ELECTORS of the District, by a Nomination Paper as prescribed by Section 105 of the said Act, delivered to the Returning Officer on or before Noon on the 27th day of OCTOBER, 1925.

Dated this 19th day of October, 1925.

H. MAXWELL.

Returning Officer.

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