

the school. The Sisters of St. Joseph commenced teaching in the new convent school on Monday, the 5th inst. At present 70 pupils have been enrolled. The school affords accommodation for 120 children.

### DIocese OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

September 11.

A very suitable property adjoining the Church of Our Lady "Star of the Sea," Sumner, has been acquired, and will be immediately fitted up as a presbytery. Very Rev. Dean Bowers (diocesan secretary) will take up his residence there, the seaside borough still remaining attached to the Cathedral parish.

At the Cathedral on Sunday, the Vigil of the Feast of the Holy Name of Mary, special devotions were held in honor of the Blessed Virgin. At all the Masses special discourses on the feast were given, and in the evening Rev. Dr. McEvoy, of Lismore, N.S. Wales, preached to a crowded congregation. After the sermon the statue of Our Lady was borne in procession round the Cathedral by the Children of Mary in regalia.

St. Mary's Choir held a social in the Art Gallery on Wednesday last, at which there was a numerous attendance. Euchre and other pastimes were enjoyed, and an excellent band supplied music, which enhanced the pleasure of the occasion. Messrs. F. Bown, B. Riordan, and J. Ford were M's.C. Miss Enright and the ladies' committee deserve to be congratulated on the success of their efforts.

There was a large attendance at the ordinary meeting of the Christchurch Celtic Club, held in the Hibernian Hall on Tuesday evening last, Mr. H. Nevin presiding. A motion of condolence with the relatives of the late Mr. Geo. O'Sullivan, who as vice-president of the club had always shown himself active in its interests, was carried. A musical programme, arranged by Mrs. Baxter, provided an enjoyable evening.

The fortnightly meeting of St. Patrick's branch of the H.A.C.B. Society was held on last Monday evening at the Hibernian Hall, Bro. H. Upjohn, B.P., presiding. There was a good attendance of members and a full roll of office-bearers. A motion of condolence with the relatives of the late Bro. G. O'Sullivan was carried, the regalia of the members being draped out of respect to his memory. Sick allowance (£11 10s) and accounts (£30 0s 6d) were passed for payment. It was decided to accept the invitation of the New Headford branch to play a return card match on Thursday, September 29. Bro. Grimes submitted the quarterly report of the U.F.S. Dispensary, which showed a marked increase in its operations.

The ordinary meeting of St. Mary's branch of the H.A.C.B. Society was held at Ozanam Lodge on August 29, Bro. Anderson, B.P., presiding. Bro. Grimes (District Deputy) on behalf of the District presented a framed photograph of the delegates to the triennial movable meeting, for which he was heartily thanked by the president. A motion of condolence with the widow and relatives of the late Mr. Cuthbert Harper—a life honorary member of the branch—was passed. Sick allowance (£6) was passed for payment. The secretary read a letter received from Dean Regnault, S.M., giving an entertaining and descriptive account of his recent travels.

The annual meeting of the Shamrock "forty-five" and euchre club was recently held in the Hibernian Hall, Mr. J. Flannelly, presiding. The committee reported excellent progress together with a successful year. After some alterations to the rules had been adopted the following office-bearers for the ensuing year were elected:—Chairman, Mr. J. Anderson; secretary, Mr. J. Flannelly; treasurer, Mr. J. Falconer; committee, Messrs. S. Christopher, P. Pearce, H. McDonnell, and J. Duggan. Mr. Anderson has promised a gold medal for the most points scored at "forty-fives" during the coming year.

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### Oamaru

(From our own correspondent.)

September 11.

Messrs. Howard Rooney and Eugene Curran, who have recently undergone operations at Nurse Hall's private hos-

pital, are, we are pleased to hear, making satisfactory progress towards recovery.

St. Joseph's School was examined by Inspector Bosson on Thursday last, and the number of proficiency certificates gained was very gratifying.

During the month there will be Mass at the following country stations:—On the 18th, at Ngapara, Windsor, Georgetown; and on the 25th, at Kurow, Duntroon, and Richmond.

## Answers to Correspondents

"SYMPATHISER" (Takaka)—We regret that the only copy of the American Report that reached us is the one we are at present using in the *Tablet*.

TO VARIOUS CORRESPONDENTS.—Next week we will publish the final list of subscriptions for the Relief Fund. After that no more will be received as the Editor will be absent and cannot attend to them. Send what you can get direct to Cardinal Logue, Armagh.

INQUIRER.—We are not aware that Sir Edward Carson married a Catholic. His wife cannot be the person you inquire about since no such person exists.

N.M.—The Irish people did not recognise the Union by their presence in Westminster for over a hundred years, as our local day-lie asserts. For many decades after the Union no Catholic was permitted to become a Member of Parliament, and when O'Connell was returned his presence was a protest against the Union.

H.McM.—Catholics oppose Bible reading in schools because the Protestant version used in public schools is a faulty translation and it leaves out a number of books, also because of the danger of permitting men and women of no fixed religious views to comment on the text.

## BOOK NOTICES

*The Christ the Son of God*, by the Abbe Constant Fouard, with an introduction by Cardinal Manning. Longmans, Green and Co., London. Paper 2s 6d, cloth 3s 6d net.

We are pleased to announce another cheap edition of this classical work on the life and teaching of Christ. It is, as Cardinal Manning says: "A singularly able and excellent work that can need no commendation."

*The Heart of the School*, by Eustace Boylan. Lincan, Melbourne.

*The Heart of the School* is a good Australian, Catholic school story. That it is already in its second edition is proof of its interest. It is entertaining from cover to cover and the author knows the hearts of his boys thoroughly. His descriptions of life in a great Catholic school and his vivid pictures of hard fights on the football and cricket field will appeal not only to schoolboys but to their elders. It is a sound, wholesome book, full of incident and enlivened by many a humorous page. The illustrations are well done and the rhymes are the true stuff.

### WEDDING BELLS

O'CONNOR—OXTON.

The wedding was recently solemnised at St. Benedict's Church, Auckland, by Rev. Father O'Malley, of Mr. John O'Connor (youngest son of Mrs. Williams, Ponsonby, and of the late John O'Connor, Liverpool, England), and Miss Nellie Oxtan, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Oxtan. The bride, who was given away by her father, was attired in a dress of white crepe-de-Chine, hand-embroidered veil, and wreath of orange blossoms, and carried a pretty bouquet of white flowers. She was attended by her sister (Miss Nora Oxtan) as bridesmaid, who wore a dress of pink crepe-de-Chine and black hat. Mr. James O'Connor was groomsman. Mr. H. Hiscocks, at the organ, rendered appropriate music. After the ceremony a reception was held and the customary toasts honored.