

and the school children. In the evening a great Maori welcome in the historic meeting-house at Ohinemutu was extended, with the usual accompaniment of Maori songs and pretty poi dances. The Delegate thanked the faithful Maori people for their cordial reception and imparted the blessing of our Holy Father. On Friday the party returned to the city. In the grounds of the Sacred Heart College, Ponsonby, on Saturday, a massed display by the College and Vermont Street boys was witnessed. The Archbishop, accompanied by his private secretary (Dr. Farrelly) left for Sydney by the Niagara on Saturday.

**DIocese OF CHRISTCHURCH**

(From our own correspondent.)

December 12.

At the Cathedral on last Sunday, December 12, his Lordship Bishop Brodie, at the 9 o'clock Mass, conferred the Order of priesthood on Rev. J. Spillane and Rev. J. Higgins. Very Rev. Father Graham, S.M., officiated as archdeacon; Rev. Fathers Cullen, S.M. and McLoughlin, deacon and subdeacon respectively, and Rev. Father McCarthy, S.M. (St. Bede's College), master of ceremonies.

Rev. Father McLoughlin, of Holy Cross College, Mosgiel, preached at the Cathedral on last Sunday evening. At St. Mary's Church, Manchester Street, after the evening devotions on last Sunday evening, the newly-ordained priests, Rev. Fathers Higgins and Spillane, imparted their blessing to the congregation.

In connection with the Lewisham General Hospital Fair, now being promoted to provide funds for the erection of an annexe to Lewisham Hospital for the use of the general public, a tug-of-war on a large scale is to be one of the attractions. This feature is to be divided into two contests of over 14½ stone, and those of 12½ stone. Cash prizes (£15 in the second class), are to be offered. The committee controlling the contest consists of Messrs. D. Edmonds, J. Coffey, J. Tulloch, B. McKenna, J. O'Connell, F. Hennessy, W. Maher, and M. Grimes. A licence, permission to hold which is being sought, is in charge of Mrs. Farrow. Ladies who have so far consented to conduct stalls include Nurse Maude, Mesdames J. S. Neville, J. S. Morton, P. Selig, J. S. Barrett, T. Clarkson, W. Dobbs, A. C. Nottingham, and J. Graham.

**CATHOLIC STUDENTS' CLUB**

INAUGURAL MEETING IN DUNEDIN.

A meeting of Catholic students attending the Otago University was held on last Friday evening (December 9) for the purpose of forming a club. Very Rev. Father Coffey, Adm., and Rev. C. Morkane (Rector Holy Cross College, Mosgiel) were present, and there was an attendance of 14 male and three lady students. Rev. Father Morkane presided, and briefly explained the object of the meeting. A motion to the effect that an association on the lines indicated be formed, was adopted, all present handing in their names for membership. The club is to include University, Training College, and graduates of the Catholic faith. Mr. P. P. Lynch (medical student) was elected chairman, and Mr. J. A. McKenzie (law faculty) honorary secretary. The following were elected to represent their respective faculties: Law, Mr. F. J. Hanrahan; medical, Mr. W. Craighead; commerce, Mr. J. McKeefry; arts, Mr. C. D. Francis; dental, Mr. C. Fahey; science and mining representatives to be appointed; also the three ladies present, viz., Misses E. Collins, D. Sweeney, and K. Todd. After Very Rev. Father Coffey had, by request, outlined what could be deemed the aims and objects upon which the club should be constituted and conducted, a sub-committee consisting of Miss Collins, Messrs. P. P. Lynch, J. McKeefry, and J. A. Mackenzie was appointed to draw up a constitution and set of rules to be subsequently submitted to a meeting of the club members. It was further decided that this sub-committee should hold office as the club's executive, also that the Administrator of the Cathedral parish be a member *ex officio* thereof, and to request his appointment as chaplain. The provisional constitution and rules, as framed, are as follows:—

1. The club to be called the Catholic Students' Club.
2. The officers will be elected annually and will be—(a) patron, (b) chaplain (the Adm. of the Cathedral parish), (c) student president, (d) student secretary and treasurer.
3. The committee will consist of the president, secretary, and representatives from the faculties of arts, law, commerce, science and mining, dental, medicine, ladies, and Training College. The above committee to elect an executive consisting of the president, secretary, and two or three others.
4. Members must be past or present students at the University or Training College, members of the teaching profession, or graduates of the University.
5. The objects of the club to be—(a) To meet and discuss questions of Catholic interest. (b) To ensure that Catholic students on entering the University meet their fellow students. The fostering generally of a Catholic spirit and the promotion of the social life among the members to be the main objects of the club.
6. The club shall meet on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of every month.

7. The subscription shall be 2s 6d.
8. The committee above-mentioned shall have power to appoint a sub-committee to deal with any subject that may arise.
9. A programme as complete as is possible to be drawn up at the beginning of each year—a copy to be forwarded to each member.

The undermentioned members of the club are prepared to make every endeavor to secure suitable homes for students coming to the University in Dunedin, and respectfully suggest that parish priests of districts from which students are coming and the authorities of the various colleges, communicate with them:—Miss E. Collins, 20 Albany Street, Dunedin; Mr. J. McKeefry, c/o Messrs. Mackerras and Hazlett, Dunedin; Mr. P. P. Lynch, Church Street, Timaru; and Mr. J. A. MacKenzie, 26 Tennyson Street, Dunedin.

**St. Vincent de Paul's Orphanage, South Dunedin**  
HIS LORDSHIP THE BISHOP ENTERTAINED.

On Monday, an entertainment to commemorate the first anniversary of his consecration was tendered to Right Rev. Dr. Whyte by the children of the above institution. At the upper end of the tastefully decorated study hall the girls were arranged in such a manner as to give the greatest effect to the various items on their programme. On entering, his Lordship, who was accompanied by Rev. Fathers Delany, Graham, and Rooney, was heartily welcomed. The performance opened with a pretty chorus of greeting, after which one of the children, in a brief speech, offered the Bishop the congratulations and hearty good wishes of all. Two tiny tots then stepped forward and presented their spiritual bouquet and gift of Agnus Deis, prettily mounted on a harp-shaped stand. The children gave a creditable rendering of the bright, pleasing operetta, "Princess Madeleine's Roses," a composition which contains many tuneful concerted numbers, and each of these was well balanced and sweetly sung. In the solo work the "Queen of the Roses," "Prince Rowland," and "Madeleine" gave evidence of painstaking rehearsal. "The Roses," a bevy of flower-like, smiling maidens who danced and sang with charming naturalness, delighted their listeners, their dainty lullaby with hummed chorus being particularly taking. A recitation, "The Clansman's Address to Shane O'Neill," an Irish jig, and song, "Angel of Light Give Ireland Her Right," were other items which made up a pleasingly varied programme. The Bishop, who manifests a special love for the little ones of his flock, addressed the children in his own kind, fatherly fashion, assuring them of the great joy it had afforded him to be present amongst them on the first anniversary of his consecration, and expressing in feeling terms his thanks for their spiritual bouquet, the gift they had made for him, and for their delightful entertainment. Everyone values the prayers of orphans, and he felt sure their prayers on his behalf would be heard before the throne of God. The perfection they had attained as evidenced by their rendering of the beautiful cantata, their dances and recitation proved conclusively that they had worked hard. They had acquitted themselves magnificently, and his Lordship hoped that on some other occasion they would have an opportunity of repeating this performance, so as to give the public a chance of witnessing what the children of St. Vincent's School were capable of doing. In conclusion, his Lordship graciously granted the children a full holiday and "talk in the dormitory," the hearty outburst of applause showing how greatly this favor was appreciated.

**CONVENT OF THE SACRED HEART, TIMARU**

A SPIRITUAL RETREAT FOR LADIES will begin on the evening of MONDAY, JANUARY 2, 1922, and end on the morning of SATURDAY, JANUARY 7.

The Retreat will be preached by Very Rev. Albert Power, S.J.

For further particulars intending retreatants should apply promptly to Rev. Mother Superior.

**CONVENT OF THE SACRED HEART**

ISLAND BAY, WELLINGTON.

The ANNUAL SPIRITUAL RETREAT FOR LADIES (given by a Jesuit Father) will begin at 6 p.m. on FRIDAY, JANUARY 13, and end on the morning of WEDNESDAY, 18th.

By applying in time to the Reverend Mother Superior, ladies wishing to make the Retreat can obtain accommodation at the Convent. A special invitation is not necessary.

**A SPIRITUAL RETREAT FOR LADIES**

will begin at St. Patrick's Dominican Convent, Teschemakers, on December 27.

The Director of the Retreat will be Rev. Father Vincent, S.M.

Ladies desirous of attending should apply promptly to the Mother Superior.