

DIOCESE OF DUNEDIN

There was Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (transferred from Easter Sunday) at St. Joseph's Cathedral on Sunday last, combined with the monthly meeting of the men's Confraternity of the Sacred Heart. After Compline there was the usual procession and Solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

In the *Otago Daily Times* critique of the performers at the recent concert given by the Dunedin Philharmonic Society, the following appeared in reference to a young vocalist—Miss Kathleen Grave, a pupil of the Dominican Nuns of St. Dominic's Priory:—"Miss Kathleen Grave sang Godard's beautiful 'Berceuse' exceedingly well, and was assisted by Miss G. Williams, who supplied a violin obligato. The worth of Miss Grave's singing was warmly recognised, and besides being the recipient of very handsome bouquets, she was obliged to return to the stage and sing again. Later in the evening Miss Grave sang Schumann's 'Thou Art Like a Lovely Flower' and Meyer-Hellmond's 'When a Merry Maiden Glances' quite acceptably."

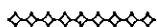
Good progress is being made with the memorial scholarships being founded to perpetuate the memory of the late Monsignor Coffey. To afford all an opportunity to show their appreciation of the late pastor's worth—and it is not possible to canvass all likely subscribers—a special collection will be made (with the permission of the Rev. Administrator) at the Cathedral, Mornington, and Kaikorai on the last Sunday in April. South Dunedin, North-east Valley, and Mosgiel are making arrangements in their own districts, and the special collections, together with amount already collected (over £100) in the Cathedral parish, should result in a good sum for the cause which was so dear to the Monsignor's heart.

A "500" and enche tournament will be held under the auspices of the Cathedral sodality of the Children of Mary, in St. Joseph's Hall, on Tuesday, April 17. The trophies are worth playing for, and the musical programme and supper will be of a high order. Play commences at 8 p.m. sharp, and admission is 1s 6d.

A concert to assist the bazaar to be held shortly in aid of the funds of the Sacred Heart Church, North-east Valley, will be given in the local Catholic schoolroom on Thursday evening, April 19. An excellent programme has been arranged, and patrons are assured of an enjoyable entertainment.

DUNEDIN CATHOLIC STUDENTS' CLUB.

The first meeting for the present year of the Catholic Students' Club, Dunedin, was held recently in the Assembly Hall of the Christian Brothers' School, when there was a most enjoyable social. There was a large gathering of students and friends of the club, including Dr. and Mrs. O'Neill, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Callan, Mrs. Todd, Mrs. A. J. Hall, and Miss English. During the evening Father Morkane sincerely thanked the members of the executive, who made the club so successful last year. Special thanks, he said, were due to Dr. P. Lynch (president), Mr. J. McKenzie (secretary), Misses K. Todd and D. Sweeney, and Mr. J. McKeefry. On next Saturday night (April 14), a lecture, illustrated with lantern slides, will be given by Mr. J. B. Callan on "Impressions of Belgium and the Rhineland." All students and friends of the club are cordially invited.



Oamaru

(From our own correspondent.)

April 2.

The usual Holy Week ceremonies were held in the Basilica during the past week, and were well attended. On Holy Thursday there was a procession of the Blessed Sacrament, the children of the convent schools taking part. During the day large numbers visited the church and made the Holy Hour.

St. Patrick's concert, which was held in the Opera House on March 19, was very much enjoyed by a large audience, each item receiving an encore.

On Sunday, March 18, a large number of Hibernians received Holy Communion in a body, this being the day for their half-yearly Communion. This society is in a very

flourishing state in Oamaru, and recently a large number of younger men have joined its ranks.

One day during the past month the Children of Mary had a delightful picnic at Campbell's Bay, journeying thither per char-a-banc. This is the first of its kind held in Oamaru, but it was voted such a success that it promises to be an annual affair.

The boys of St. Thomas's had their annual outing to Teschemakers on the feast of their patron.

Sincere sympathy is extended to the relatives of Mr. Jim Wallace, who died very suddenly on Sunday, March 25. The deceased was of a quiet and retiring nature, but was a very popular young man, and although for some time past his health was not robust the news of his death came as a shock to his many friends.—R.I.P.

The football season opened here to-day with a match between Waimate Marists and Oamaru Celtics.

During the month Mass will be celebrated at the following stations:—On the 8th, at Ngapara, Windsor, and Alma; on the 15th, at Duntroon 9 a.m., Kurow 11 a.m., and Richmond; on the 22nd, at Windsor, Ngapara, and Georgetown; on the 29th, at Oamaru at 10 a.m.

Addington

Father McLean, of the Irish Mission to China, has just finished his appeal here on behalf of his mission, and is very pleased with the result, which, so far, is the best in the diocese, amounting to £171 5s 1d (writes a correspondent). During his stay here he has made many friends who will remember him in their prayers when he is laboring in the "Far East."

On the fourth Sunday of the month we had for the first time Exposition of the Most Holy Sacrament. A constant stream of worshippers attended during the day. His Lordship Bishop Brodie preached a most appropriate sermon in the evening, and extended to Father O'Connor and his two assistants (Fathers O'Meeaghan and Quinn), and to the parishioners, his congratulations on the rapid advancement of the parish, and the inauguration of this most beautiful devotion. His Lordship carried the Blessed Sacrament in the procession, and the canopy-bearers were the past-presidents of the Hibernian Society.

Large congregations attended the Holy Week ceremonies in the Sacred Heart Church. An unusually large number approached the Holy Table on Holy Thursday, and in the evening Father Healy preached to a crowded congregation. On Good Friday night Father Quinn delivered the sermon on the Passion. On Easter Sunday, Father McLean was celebrant of the Solemn High Mass, assisted by Fathers O'Connor and Quinn; Father O'Meeaghan being master of ceremonies. Father O'Connor preached on the festival of Easter, and in the evening Father McLean preached to a large congregation. The choir, under the conductorship of Mr. Mercer, has made rapid strides, and was heard to advantage when it rendered selections from Gounod's Masses. Mr. Mitchell presided at the organ.

A circular from his Lordship the Bishop on the obligation of parents to send their children to Catholic schools wherever possible, was read at the three Masses on Sunday.

Mr. John Morrissey and Miss Winnie Morrissey intend to leave at the end of the month on an extended holiday to Ireland. Their many friends wish them a very pleasant trip and a safe return. Mr. Morrissey has resided here for the past 40 years, and during that time has been an active worker for the Church, ever willing to do his share and more. He is held in the highest esteem by the parishioners, who intend to give him a send-off on the eve of his departure.

Easter Music at the Sacred Heart Basilica, Wellington

At the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Wellington, on Easter Sunday (writes a correspondent), the choir achieved a notable success in its rendering of Cherion's "Mass in D Major," and reflects great credit on the choir conductor (Mr. C. Kemp). Mr. Paul Cullen (Basilica organist) presided capably at the organ, and as a concluding voluntary he played Bach's "Prelude and Fugue in A Minor" with splendid effect. In the evening the choir rendered appropriate music. Miss M. McEwan (soprano soloist) sang "O Divine Redeemer," while Mr. Cullen presided at the organ throughout.