

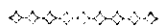
DIOCESE OF DUNEDIN

There was Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Joseph's Cathedral after the eleven o'clock Mass on Sunday. After Compline in the evening Rev. Father Foley, Adm. (spiritual director) officiated at the devotions of the mens' Confraternity of the Sacred Heart, and afterwards, in continuation of his series of discourses on the Catholic Church, preached an instructive sermon on "The Credentials of the Church." There was the usual procession, followed by Solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, at which Rev. Dr. Buxton (Holy Cross College) officiated, assisted by Rev. Fathers Foley and Spillane.

The Right Rev. Dr. James Whyte, Bishop of Dunedin, was the guest of honor at a reception tendered him by natives of Kilkenny, Ireland, now living in New York (says the *Catholic Press*, Sydney). The Bishop is himself a native of Kilkenny. Dr. Whyte was on his way to Rome to visit the Holy See, and was accompanied by Very Rev. Father Duane, P.P., V.F. (Wollongong), and Rev. Father T. Barry (Chatswood).

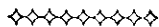
The members of St. Joseph's branch of the Hibernian Society held an enjoyable *enche*re tournament on last Thursday evening, in St. Joseph's Hall. There was a large attendance despite the unpleasant weather conditions prevailing. Supper was served at the conclusion of the card games. The Hibernians intend holding similar gatherings about once a month, and hope they will be well attended.

A meeting of those interested in the formation of a ladies' branch of the Hibernian Society was held in St. Joseph's Hall, Rattray Street, on Wednesday evening, the 21st ult. The gathering was a large and enthusiastic one, and it was resolved to form a branch, quite a large number handing in their names for membership. The promoters, realising that a long-felt want is being supplied in the formation of the branch, anticipate that the result of the present effort will be a large membership roll, and every prospect of continued success. The members of St. Joseph's branch of the society are greatly interesting themselves in this progressive movement.



His Lordship Bishop Whyte in Rome

New Zealanders will be interested to learn (writes our Rome correspondent) that his Lordship the Bishop of Dunedin has arrived here after his long voyage. Dr. Whyte looks very well and sneaks with pleasure of his trip through the United States. He arrived here on Sunday morning, May 13, and took part in the Beatification ceremonies for Blessed Robert Bellarmine. He is staying at the Irish College. Another New Zealand churchman here at present is Very Rev. Dr. Kennedy, whose genial ways endear him to all who meet him; he is staying at the Hospice of the Blue Nuns the Coelian.



Oamaru

(From our own correspondent.)

July 1.

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

Father Graham's many friends will be pleased to hear that he is doing very nicely after his operation.

Miss Josephine O'Donnell, who has been a member of the local Telephone Exchange for the past five years, has been transferred to the Christchurch office. Prior to her departure, her fellow officers made her a presentation of a handsome travelling rug.

As the winter wears on the Celtic fortnightly socials are becoming more and more popular, and they are proving a success both financially and socially.

On Sunday morning a number of little children had the happiness of receiving their First Holy Communion. In congratulating them Father O'Connell referred to the memories it brought back to one and all in the congregation of that "happiest day of their lives."

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Obituary

REVEREND PATRICK O'NEILL, WINTON.

After a prolonged illness, Father O'Neill, the parish priest of Winton, died, aged sixty years, at his residence on Monday morning. Deceased was a native of Co. Cork, and was educated at St. Colman's College, Fermoy, and at St. John's College, Waterford. Thirty-three years ago he came to New Zealand after his ordination, his zeal inspiring him to follow the example of the ancient missionaries of Ireland whose watchword was, *Peregrinari pro Christo!*

So, as a pilgrim for Christ he came to New Zealand while still a young man, and he has labored like a true follower of his Master for half a life-time under the Southern Cross.

He was for many years Administrator at St. Patrick's, South Dunedin, and he it was who built the existing presbytery. He had a thorough knowledge of architecture, and it stood him in good stead when he went to Winton, where the fine ecclesiastical buildings that sprang up under his direction will for long be eloquent monuments to his memory. But a monument more lasting and nearer to his heart will be the affection of the people for whom he worked unselfishly and nobly, like a true priest and a true Irish missionary.

After the Solemn Requiem Mass, at nine o'clock on Wednesday morning, July 4, the funeral immediately took place, in the presence of a large number of the clergy and of the faithful laity. Amongst those present were Very Rev. Dean Burke, Very Rev. James O'Neill, Revs. James Lynch, D. Buckley, W. McMullen, P. O'Neill, D. O'Neill, James Foley, B. Kaveney, A. Fenelon, F. Marlow, J. Martin, S. Marlow, and J. Kelly, etc.—R.I.P.

MRS. MARGARET ROONEY, OAMARU.

By the death of Mrs. Margaret Rooney, wife of Mr. John Rooney, at her home in Eden Street, on Tuesday morning, the 26th ult., the Catholic congregation of Oamaru has lost an esteemed and practical member. The deceased was a native of Co. Cork, Ireland, and came to New Zealand with her parents about 44 years ago. For the past three years her health had been failing, and for two months before her death she had been confined to bed. She bore her illness with a fortitude sustained by a deep Catholic faith. Of a naturally quiet and unassuming disposition she loved her home and family and in these her heart was centered. Her Christian charity, however, extended beyond her home, and the Dominican Sisters of Rosary Convent can tell of her practical kindness to them during their pioneering years in Oamaru. Her life was the life of an ideal Catholic helpmate and mother, and brought the reward of a happy and holy death. She died surrounded by her family and fortified by all the sacred rites of Holy Church. During her illness she was attended by the local clergy, and on each morning of the last week she had the extraordinary consolation of receiving the Holy Viaticum from the hands of her own son, Father Ed. Rooney, of South Dunedin. Father Rooney celebrated a Requiem Mass on Thursday morning. The large attendance at Mass and again at the graveside testify to the high esteem in which deceased was held. Father O'Connell, assisted by Fathers Jas. Delany and Rooney, read the burial service. The sympathy of a wide circle of friends is extended to Father Rooney and Mr. John Rooney and family in the loss of a devoted wife and mother. May her soul find everlasting refreshment, light and peace.

DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

July 2.

The appeal on behalf of the Irish Mission to China continues to meet with the keenest sympathy and the generous support of the people of Christchurch diocese, as seen from the more recent results:—Darfield, £130 (including £30 from Coalgate); Methven and Rakaia, £240; Akaroa, £50; and Leeston, £110 (including £32 from Southbridge). The following Sundays have been fixed for the appeal in the North Canterbury districts:—July 1, Rangiora; July 7, Oxford; July 15, Kaiapoi and Loburn; July 22 and 29, Hawarden and Cheviot respectively; and by the beginning of August the appeal will be opened in the southern parts of the diocese.

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