

Sir Launfal then awoke and found that he had been dreaming. But he had learned a lesson: that he could do more good by staying at home and doing kind deeds than by spending his life searching for the Holy Grail. Thenceforward the meanest serf on Sir Launfal's land had hall and bower at his command, and found a friend when he needed one, for the poor were as welcome as the lords and ladies of high degree.

DIocese OF DUNEDIN

Mr. Marshall Crosby gave a fine rendering of *Bordese's* "O Salutaris" during Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Joseph's Cathedral on last Sunday evening.

The Cathedral Sodality of the Children of Mary are holding a social and reunion in St. Joseph's School on Thursday, September 27. As it is difficult to obtain the names and addresses of all the former members, the sodality desire those referred to to accept this note as an invitation, and to assure them of a cordial welcome.

A jumble sale in aid of a worthy cause will be held in the old post office building, Princes Street, to-morrow (Friday), opening at 10 a.m. Donations, including articles suitable for disposal such as clothing, provisions, books, or any surplus household wares, will be gratefully received by the ladies in charge.

At the recent theory of music examinations held in connection with Trinity College, London, the following numbers of pupils of the Dominican Convent, Oamaru, were successful:—Intermediate Division—Honors, 3; pass, 1. Junior Division—Honors, 2. Preparatory Division—Honors, 1; pass, 1. Higher Examinations—Art of teaching and rudiments, 1; rudiments, 1.

Mr. James J. Marlow, District Deputy of the H.A.C.B. Society for Otago and Southland, who attended the golden jubilee celebrations of the society at Christchurch on last Sunday and Monday, as representative of the Dunedin branches, expresses himself as greatly pleased at the nature and excellence of the arrangements for that important event, and with the vitality of Hibernianism in the city of the plains and throughout Canterbury. He congratulates St. Patrick's on being (numerically) the premier branch of the Dominion, and avers that Monday's function was unquestionably the best of its kind he has had the privilege of attending, and was a credit to the organising abilities of those responsible.

Rev. Father Kelly, of the Irish Mission to China, celebrated the 7.30 Mass at St. Joseph's Cathedral on Sunday, and briefly addressed the congregation (as he did at the earlier and later Masses) on the subject of the Mission which he represents. Father Kelly occupied the pulpit at the evening devotions and spoke at some length and very interestingly on the work of the missionary Fathers in China, referring incidentally to the characteristics of the Chinese, and to the field their country offers for the extension of the Faith. His address, too, was in the nature of an appeal to the generosity of his hearers mainly for financial assistance; but he also solicited offerings of prayers and good works together with support towards the publication of mission literature. On Sunday next contributions will be received at all the Masses and at evening devotions. Father Kelly announced that through the kindness of the manager of the Empire Picture Theatre, he will exhibit next Sunday, commencing at 3 p.m., a series of pictures relating to Catholic missionary enterprises. There is to be no charge for admission.

Paeroa

(From our own correspondent.)

September 13.

St. Joseph's School, Paeroa, which has lately been removed to a more elevated position, is now thoroughly renovated. The school, which was formerly joined to the church, stood in a very damp position owing to it being built on excavated ground. The same may be said with regard to the church; in both cases the piles were only a few inches above the level of the ground. The church is now in course of removal to the site where the school formerly stood, and will rest on concrete piles, fully three feet higher than the former foundation. As the old building, which suited the requirements of the congregation when it was first erected over 40 years ago, is now totally inadequate to provide for present requirements, it was decided

to lengthen it by 20 feet, and this addition is now in course of construction. When completed, the building will, it is considered, afford the necessary accommodation for years to come. Considering the magnitude of the undertaking, the church, school, presbytery, convent, and the other improvements effected, the parish is very little in debt, as a large part of the outlay has been already made up by private subscriptions, socials, and bazaars. This is entirely due to the indefatigable zeal of the Rev. Father Dunphy and the band of energetic parishioners—members of the church and social committees—who worked in conjunction with him.

A very successful social and euehre tournament was held in the Central Theatre on Tuesday evening in aid of the church funds. A large number of visitors from surrounding districts were present. Mr. J. Crosby, who acted as M.C., carried out his duties in a very capable manner. Miss Alice Higgs (assisted by Miss Houlihan and Miss C. Taylor who played extras) presided at the piano, and in every instance gave full satisfaction; the same may be said of Mr. Black, who had charge of the euehre tables. The prize-winners were: Ladies, Mrs. Chisholm 1, Mrs. Grant 2; gents, Mr. C. Olsen 1, Master Chisholm 2.

Ashburton

(From our own correspondent.)

September 15.

On last Wednesday evening an inter-club debate was held in the Catholic clubrooms between the Catholic Club and the St. Stephen's Men's Club. The Very Rev. Dean O'Donnell presided, and Mr. A. L. Tressider acted as adjudicator, the subject being "State Control versus Private Enterprise." The St. Stephen's Club, represented by Messrs. W. Crowther (leader), R. Peters, and S. Culverhouse, led off in the affirmative, whilst the Catholic team, consisting of Messrs. V. Cullen (leader), L. T. J. Ryan, and Wm. Bryant, replied in the negative. After a spirited debate, during which many arguments were advanced on both sides, Mr. Tressider awarded his decision in favor of the Catholic Club by 205 points to 155. Prior to stating his decision, the adjudicator gave an interesting address on the subject of debating, illustrating the faults committed by debaters, and stressing where they excelled. The proceedings throughout were thoroughly enjoyed by the large number present, and were conducted in a very friendly spirit. After supper had been partaken of, votes of thanks to the adjudicator and the chairman, also to the ladies present, concluded an enjoyable and instructive evening's entertainment.

The success of the banquet, to be held on the 26th inst. by the Catholic Club in honor of its silver jubilee, is practically assured, and the support already accorded by the sale of tickets reflects great credit on those responsible. One of the most important toasts of the evening will be that of "The Founders of the Club," many of whom are still amongst us. Outside talent has been obtained, and altogether the function should be a memorable one.

What proved to be one of the events of the season took place on last Thursday evening, when the members of the Celtic Football Club held their annual dance. The uninviting weather had no effect upon the attendance, for dancers were present from all over the county, and a delightful time was spent to the music supplied by Ashburton's professional ball-room orchestra, which put on a lot of new numbers. The members of the committee, who also acted as masters of ceremony, were Messrs. L. T. J. Ryan, V. Cullen, and J. F. McCormick (secretary). The decorations, which were all over head, were carried out in the club's colors (green-and-gold) and looked decidedly pretty. The supper tables, too, came in for favorable comment, the principal decorations being vases of spring flowers and palms. During the evening a number of novelties were introduced, including a "lucky spot" waltz, which was won by Miss R. Holland and Mr. W. Tasker, and two "excuse me" dances. The management reflected great credit on the club.

The annual meeting of St. Mary's Tennis Club will take place on Tuesday, the 25th inst. It is not expected that the club will function this year, the courts rented previously not being available this season. The support accorded this club during the past year has not been encouraging, but it is most regrettable to see a once promising club go out of existence.