

fold object as shown in the handsome structure they proposed to erect in Onehunga. Bishop Cleary, in the course of an eloquent and interesting address, said that the building in course of erection would be a monument to the whole-heartedness of the Catholic parishioners of Onehunga in the interests of their children. It would also be a fitting finish to the excellent parish buildings already possessed by them—firstly, the beautiful Church of the Assumption, erected and consecrated during the long period in which the late revered Monsignor James Paul was their pastor, and secondly, the splendid presbytery erected by their present devoted parish priest. His Lordship expressed his pleasure at seeing so many citizens of other faiths present at the afternoon's ceremony and showing their sympathy with the cause of their Catholic neighbors—"the Glory of God." At the conclusion of the ceremony a collection was taken up and the debt on the proposed buildings was thereby substantially decreased. The Onehunga Brass Band rendered several selections during the afternoon.

### DIocese OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

December 3.

The devotion of the Forty Hours' Adoration which commenced at the Cathedral on Sunday morning, the 30th ult., concluded on Tuesday evening. The sermon on Sunday evening was preached by Rev. Father Murphy (Hawarden), on Monday evening by Rev. Father O'Hare (Lincoln), and on the closing evening by Rev. Father J. Hanrahan (Darfield).

Rev. Father Skinner, who was attached to the Cathedral parish for some time, and now of St. Patrick's Cathedral, Auckland, was the guest of his Lordship the Bishop during the week.

Tenders are now being called for an additional tennis court at St. Mary's, Manchester Street. When completed this club will be even more popular than it is at present.

It is proposed to build a brick fence in keeping with the new church on the North Road, Papanui. Plans have been prepared and the contract let. This work, when completed, will add greatly to the attractiveness of the church property.

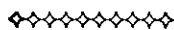
After the ordinary meeting of the St. Patrick's branch of the Hibernian Society, on Monday evening, a card match between the past-presidents and the members took place, the result being a draw.

His Lordship the Bishop will give a Retreat to the Children of Mary of the Cathedral parish next week.

The Cathedral Tennis Club is taking part in the suburban tennis competitions, and although not meeting with a great measure of success their play will improve by the experience they gain through meeting with other players, and also giving them a greater amount of practise.

The annual distribution of prizes at St. Bede's College, Papanui, will take place in the Memorial Hall, Papanui, on Wednesday, December 12, at 8 p.m.

A social was held recently at Mr. J. Foley's residence, in aid of the variety stall in the forthcoming Woolston garden fete, a very pleasant evening resulting.



### Timaru

(From our own correspondent.)

December 3.

The monthly procession of the Blessed Sacrament was held in the Church of the Sacred Heart last night, the various sodalities participating. Rev. Father Hurley preached and Rev. Father Barra gave Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

The Very Rev. Dean Tubman celebrated the 7.30 Mass yesterday and also preached. The Dean is renewing acquaintance with his numerous friends in South Canterbury.

Dr. Loughnan and family, who have been resident in Timaru for sixteen years, have removed to Fairlie.

The annual fair at the Convent of the Sacred Heart was held last Thursday. The gardens were looking their best and the day was an ideal one. Though the attendance was not very great, those present were most generous in helping to make the day a success. Among the stalls

were the piety, fancy, produce, sweets, and jumble. A most original "plum pudding dip" proved very attractive to grown-ups and children alike. Later in the afternoon the cantata "Ruth" was staged before an appreciative audience. The proceeds of the fair are to be devoted to charitable purposes, especially to help to rebuild the convent and schools in Tokio which were practically ruined in the recent earthquake. Altogether the fair was very successful.



### Ashburton

(From our own correspondent.)

November 22.

The adjourned annual meeting of the St. Mary's Tennis Club took place on Monday evening last, there being a fair attendance presided over by the vice-captain (Mr. H. Lennon). Considerable discussion took place on correspondence received from the Sports Association in regard to courts, it being stated by them that courts were not available for another 12 months. After various speakers had suggested ways and means of carrying on, a motion to the effect that St. Mary's disband in the meantime was carried almost unanimously. The funds in hand are to be handed over to the society's trustee (Mr. M. J. Burgess). Thus passes out of existence a club which, only two years back, was considered a flourishing one.

Mr. E. J. O'Brien was, at Monday evening's meeting of the Ashburton Advance Association, presented with an easy chair, in recognition of his splendid work in connection with the recent Labor Day gala, when over £1000 was netted for town improvements.

The weekly meeting of the Catholic Club, held on Wednesday evening last, was exceptionally well attended. Mr. T. M. Brophy presided. The programme took the form of 10 minute speeches on men of note in history. Two handsome trophies donated by members of the club were awarded for the best senior and junior speech. Very Rev. Dean O'Donnell officiated as judge. A large number of members took part, and the speeches were of a high order. The judge awarded the trophy for the best senior speech to Mr. L. T. J. Ryan, and the junior trophy to Mr. T. Gorman. Votes of thanks to the judge and chair concluded the meeting.

Mr. J. Hannigan, Allenton, was accorded a social evening on Thursday last, at which a presentation was made to him upon his leaving Ashburton for the North Island. Mr. Val Cullen, on behalf of those present, presented Mr. Hannigan with a handsome suit case, and in so doing referred to the recipient's many excellent qualities as a citizen and his ability in his profession. Various other speakers also testified to Mr. Hannigan's many good traits, and after the singing of "He's a Jolly Good Fellow," Mr. Hannigan very feelingly thanked those present on behalf of himself, his wife and his family. Mr. Hannigan is an old resident of the Ashburton County, having settled here 25 years ago. For many years he was secretary of the local branch of the Hibernian Society.

On Wednesday evening last a most unfortunate accident befel a well-known Catholic young man, in the person of Mr. Jack Brophy. While diving from the spring-board in the Domain, the swimmer struck the neck of a broken bottle with his knee, severely gashing it. He was rendered first aid immediately, and removed to the County Hospital, where the sufferer is reported as doing well. Hopes are entertained that no permanent injury will result.

### Irish Society, Dunedin

Quite extensive preparations have been made by the members of the Dunedin Irish Society for a fair, which opened at St. Joseph's Hall on Wednesday, and is to be continued till Saturday evening. The fair offers an excellent opportunity to the many friends of the society to make their Christmas purchases, while the object—providing of means to extend the society's activities—is one which will doubtless be very generously supported. Attractive entertainments each evening will form a special feature of the fair.

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