

honorary members was also elected. It was decided to form a hockey club, and to enter a team for the Hawke's Bay Hockey Association's Wednesday competition. Mr. C. Gallagher was appointed as the Club's delegate to the Hawke's Bay Hockey Association. The colors are to be green and white. The annual subscription was fixed at 10s. Messrs. J. Donovan, O'Shea, and Farrelly offered to give trophies for the best attendance record, self-improvement, and best hockey form respectively. The Club has now a membership of fifty, but it is safe to predict that this number will be doubled before the season has far advanced.

DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

April 22.

His Lordship the Bishop left for Ashburton on Saturday, and on Sunday morning solemnly blessed and formally opened the new Catholic presbytery just completed for the Very Rev. Dean O'Donnell.

The Rev. Father O'Connell, S.M., left on last Thursday for Westland to resume his collecting mission on behalf of the Cathedral debt extinction fund. He commences at Hokitika.

The four days' bazaar, held in the Akaroa Oddfellows' Hall during Easter week, in aid of the local Convent of Mercy building fund, realised upwards of £200. During each evening a musical entertainment was given by the scholars and friends.

Most of the exhibits in the Prisons' Department Court at the Exhibition, the work of various prisons in the Colony, have been purchased by private individuals. The beautiful model of the Christchurch Catholic Cathedral (executed from candle wax by a prisoner at Waipa) has been secured by his Lordship Bishop Grimes.

After Mass at the Sacred Heart Church, Addington, on last Sunday morning week, the congregation adjourned to the schoolroom to participate in a presentation to two of the most devoted young ladies of the parish—Misses Nora and Maggie Hickey—in appreciation of many services rendered in connection with the church and school, and as a memento of their approaching marriage. Mr. H. Sloan presided, and the Rev. Father Peoples, S.M., voiced the sentiments of all present. In appropriate terms he referred to the good will and enthusiasm always manifested by the Misses Hickey in any good work wherein this portion of the parish was interested. He then presented Miss Nora with a silver teapot and water-jug, and Miss Maggie with a silver teapot, each suitably inscribed, on behalf of the Altar Society. Mr. L. Hickey made suitable acknowledgment on behalf of his sisters.

Temuka

(From our own correspondent.)

April 22.

A meeting of the Catholic Sports' Committee was held on Wednesday evening last, when the programme for the sports on Empire Day was approved. Mr. T. Knight was elected treasurer, and after some minor matters were discussed the meeting adjourned.

A meeting of the ladies interested in the sports was held on Sunday, when Mrs. J. Polaschek was elected to the chair. It was decided that those present should form themselves into a committee (with power to add to their number) to undertake the catering both at the sports and at the conversazione in the evening.

The third annual meeting of the Temuka Catholic Club was held on Friday evening. There was an excellent attendance of members and great enthusiasm prevailed. The annual report and balance sheet were read by the secretary and approved. These show that the club is in a sound financial position, there being a credit balance for the year of £5 16s. The assets of the club are valued at £15 10s, whilst there are no liabilities. The meeting night of the club was changed from Friday to Tuesday evenings, and it was decided that the meetings should open and close with prayer. It was also decided that the members should receive Holy Communion in a body on the first Sundays in February, May, August, and November. The election of officers resulted as follows:—Patron Rev. Father Goggan; spiritual director, Rev. Father Kerley; president, Mr. W. Barry; senior vice-president, Mr. D. O'Halloran (all re-elected); junior vice-president, Mr.

J. Stillane; secretary, Mr. T. Knight (re-elected); treasurer, Mr. W. Stillane; librarian, Mr. Beri; manager dramatic club, Mr. D. O'Connell; executive, Messrs. J. Reilly, J. Stillane, J. Scott, E. Finch, and M. Fitzgerald. The opening night of the session takes place on April 23. After a vote of thanks had been passed to the chairman, the meeting closed with prayer.

New Books

'The Australian Catholic Prayer Book.' A new and enlarged edition of this most excellent manual of Catholic piety is now before us. The original work has been, among other things, enriched by the addition of the Epistles and Gospels for Sundays and festivals throughout the year, and, with these and other improvements, runs into a neat volume of 260 pages. The work was drawn up and published at the request of the Third Australian Plenary Council of 1905, and reaches as near the ideal prayer book for popular use—especially in these new countries—as it is well possible to attain. In its matter, it is in every respect admirable; and in this respect it more than justified the warm encomiums which on two previous occasions we have bestowed upon it. In its new and enlarged form it caters for even a wider public than before and the thanks of the Australasian Catholic public are due to the body of learned and devoted ecclesiastics who have placed within their reach such an excellent manual, and one so eminently suited to the conditions of life that prevail in the Commonwealth and New Zealand. The book is neatly bound in cloth gilt, and the letterpress and binding (done at the 'Advocate' Office) leave nothing to be desired. Obtainable from the Catholic Truth Society, 312 Lonsdale street, Melbourne, and through all Catholic booksellers.

Other recent and excellent publications of the Australasian Catholic Truth Society are 'St. Francis of Assisi and Medieval Catholicism'; 'Old Times in the Barony'; 'Religion and Society'; 'Religion and Amusements'; and 'The Great Betrayal.' The last mentioned pamphlet deals in a deadly way with the betrayal of religious education by the Reformed denominations in Victoria in the early seventies.

On two previous occasions we have had the privilege of commending to our readers, both clerical and lay, the 'Seven Hills Magazine,' a high-class religious quarterly that is edited by the Oliver Plunket Society, Rome. The originator of this magazine, its moving spirit, and its most brilliant contributor, is the Right Rev. Mgr. O'Riordan, Rector of the Irish College, Rome. Monsignor O'Riordan is known to many of our readers as the author of 'Catholicity and Progress in Ireland.' He is one of the most gifted and versatile of Irish ecclesiastics, and his contributions to the 'Seven Hills' are marked by such verve and dash and brilliancy that by themselves alone they would be the making of any magazine. He is assisted by an able staff of writers, lay and clerical. Among the former Mr. W. J. D. Croke, LL.D., takes the post of honor with the interesting series of articles ('The Life and Literature of St. Patrick') in which he sets out to establish the identity of Palladius and St. Patrick. The March number, now before us, contains not a dull page—from the jingling measures of Monsignor O'Riordan's clever Latin version of the 'Bells of Shandon' to the history that has been 'Delved from the Archives,' and the 'Analecta Romana,' the 'Roman Diary,' and the carefully written 'Reviews of Books.' Our early prediction has now come to pass: The 'Seven Hills Magazine' has arrived to a far wider circle of readers than it was at first intended for. As a result of its widened circulation, the publishers have been enabled to reduce the price of it (post free) to the low sum of 6s per annum. (James Duffy and Co., Ltd., 15 Wellington Quay, Dublin, publishers).

Just before going to press with this part of the paper, we received a copy of a new work by the Rev. Placid Huault, S.M.—'The Queen of May.' We will take an early opportunity of perusing Father Huault's May-book. In a letter to the author, his Eminence the Cardinal-Archbishop of Sydney says: 'I consider that your project of giving us a "Month of May" in honor of our Blessed Lady, is very commendable. The more sincerely devout our people are to the Blessed Virgin the more surely will piety abound amongst us, and the more truly will they come to the knowledge and the love of our Divine Savior.' The new book has also a preface by Bishop Olier, S.M., Vicar-Apostolic of Central Oceania. (J. Buis Gille and Co., 73 Liverpool street, Sydney; Whitaker Bros., Wellington; pp. 250, cloth gilt).