

both Catholics and non-Catholics in connection with the late legislation on marriage.—Yours faithfully,

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What a Jewish Rabbi Says.

We have been favored with the following communication from the Rev. A. T. Chodowski, of the Synagogue, Dunedin:—

'Dear Father Cleary,

Through the kindness of a friend I have had the pleasure of reading your book on "Catholic Marriages", and as I lay it aside I can do no less than offer my compliments and thanks for what I must call an able and scholarly exposition of the Catholic teaching in regard to marriage.

Personally, I think it is a great mistake to make attacks upon doctrines which govern the consciences of fellow-men. Your book has, I think, fully vindicated the Church's position, and should put to silence any other critics of the Pope's decree.

I have specially to thank you for your references to the purity and simplicity of Jewish family life.

Believe me, dear Father Cleary,

Yours faithfully,
A. T. CHODOWSKI.

DIOCESE OF DUNEDIN

On Sunday in connection with the church parade of the Volunteers the Hibernian Cadets, under Captain D. S. Columb and Lieutenant J. B. Callan, mustered fifty strong, and marched from the Garrison Hall to St. Joseph's Cathedral, where a special place was reserved for them, and also for the Catholic members of other corps.

The South Dunedin Ladies' Catholic Club held their annual meeting on Thursday, when the following office-bearers were elected:—President, Miss Dunford; secretary, Miss Francis; treasurer, Miss McGowan; committee, Misses L. Rogan, M. McBride, H. Sheridan, J. Long, and A. Heffernan. The balance sheet, which was read and adopted, showed a credit of £4 19s.

The St Joseph's Harriers held their run on Saturday from the Wakari School. Hastings and McCormick were the hares, and the attendance was good considering the inclement weather. The trail went along the road and over the surrounding district, which provided splendid barrier country. The following team will represent the club in the Edmond Cup Race:—J. B. Callan, G. McCormick, J. V. Quelch, J. Swanson, P. O'Gorman, C. Hill, W. Stafford, W. C. Hughes, H. Munro, and A. Dunne.

The members of St. Patrick's Young Men's Social and Literary Club, South Dunedin, held their usual weekly meeting on Monday evening, when there was a good attendance. The programme consisted of a debate—'Whether military training should be compulsory in New Zealand.' After a lengthy debate, the negative side, led by Mr. J. Atwill, won by a bare majority. The affirmative side, under Mr. R. McLean, did admirably, and brought forward strong arguments in favor of their side of the question.

Rev. Father Coffey, Adm., presided over a large attendance of members at the weekly meeting of St. Joseph's Men's Club on Friday evening. The programme, a mock banquet, contained a long list of toasts, which were proposed and responded to by the following gentlemen:—Rev. Father Coffey, Messrs. T. Deehan, T. J. Hussey, J. B. Callan, jun., O. Swanson, D. Hartstonge, J. Cowan, D. O'Connell, D. Corcoran, E. W. Spain, J. Swanson, R. Rossbotham, McGuggan, M. Rossbotham, and Dr. Hastings. Musical items were contributed during the evening by Messrs. T. J. Hussey, D. S. Columb, G. Haydon, J. Treston, and T. Deehan. Mr. F. Heley acted as accompanist.

A very successful bazaar, in connection with the Sacred Heart Church, was opened in the Otautau Town Hall on Wednesday evening, May 13. The opening ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father Murphy, who complimented the committee on the admirable manner in which they had carried out the whole arrangements, and the stallholders on the fine display of goods. He was pleased at the large attendance, and thanked members of other denominations who had assisted. Business was very brisk on the opening night, and was very satisfactory for the remainder of the week. A good deal of the success of the fair was due to the hon. secretary, Mr. J. M. O'Brien. The following were the stallholders:—Fancy—Misses Cameron, McAfee, Hay, and McIvor; plain work—Mrs. and

Miss De Joux; Miss D. O'Brien; Mrs. Farrelly; stall No. 2—Misses Glen and Joyce; stall No. 3 (bran tub and Christmas tree)—Misses O'Brien and Forde; confectionery—Misses Burgoine and Flynn (2); tea rooms—Misses Prendergast (2), Small, Mesdames Forbes and Powell; produce—Misses Bat, Fahey, and W. Gardiner; shooting gallery—Messrs. McAfee and Cameron. The following ladies also assisted:—Misses Agnew (2), Forbes (2), Sweetman (2), McIntosh, Healy, J. O'Brien, Butolph, and Forde.

DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

May 25.

His Lordship the Bishop has spent several weeks in the Darfield parochial district. On last Sunday week he celebrated Mass at Glentunnel at 9 a.m., and again at a later hour in Darfield. During his stay he has visited all the principal townships in the Malvern district, and as many of the families as time would permit. He returned to the city towards the end of the week.

In the Cathedral on Sunday his Lordship the Bishop referred to the Beatification that day by the Sovereign Pontiff of the Venerable Madame Barat, foundress of the religious Sisterhood of the Sacred Heart, who have a world-wide renown for the religious education and training of young girls. He traced briefly from the French Revolution the spread of the Sacred Heart Order to the chief countries of the world, and referred to the splendid establishments they have erected and conducted, many of which he had visited, and two of which we have happily in this Dominion.

During the recent visit of Sir J. G. Ward to Kaikoura with Lady Ward and party a visit was made to the Church of the Sacred Heart, the visitors being received by his Grace the Archbishop of Wellington and the Rev. Father Golden, pastor of the district. The party were much impressed with the beautiful marble and granite altar, stated to be the finest of its kind in the Dominion. The convent school was also visited. The children sang and the Rev. Mother Superior made a presentation to Lady Ward, and one to be conveyed to Miss Eileen Ward. In honor of the event the children were granted a holiday. His Grace the Archbishop, after concluding a visitation of Kaikoura, came on to Christchurch and later returned to Wellington.

The ordinary meeting of St. Patrick's branch of the H.A.C.B. Society was held on last Monday evening. Bro. R. P. O'Shaughnessy presided, and there were forty members present. Two candidates were initiated, and two proposed for membership. The president reported concerning the canvass for new members. The secretary, Bro. F. J. Doolan, was presented with a cheque subscribed by the officers and members on the occasion of his recent marriage. In making the presentation the president referred in complimentary terms to the many services rendered to the society by Bro. Doolan, and especially to the ability displayed in his secretarial duties. Bros. J. McCormick, J. R. Hayward, J. Power, P. Dennehy, L. Haughey, R. O'Brien, W. P. McNamara, and W. Keiley endorsed the president's remarks, added a tribute of gratitude to members of the secretary's family for valued assistance on many occasions to the branch's undertakings, and wished him a full measure of health, happiness, and prosperity in the future. Bro. Doolan returned thanks in suitable terms.

With a view of encouraging increased membership the local branch of the H.A.C.B. Society has issued a neatly printed folding circular giving among other information the following explanations:—As the objects and aims of the H.A.C.B. Society, together with the benefits assured by right of membership, are not generally known, it has been decided to issue this circular, in order that those who read may ponder well over the objects and benefits, and be convinced of the advantages to be gained by joining such a society. The society is firmly established in every principal town throughout Australia and New Zealand, and persons on joining a branch become by virtue of their membership members of the society in all those places, and being registered the legal rights of members are protected. It being essentially a Catholic society, having the approval of the Church, any person no matter what his nationality may be admitted to membership; provided he is a practical member of the Catholic Church, and conforms to the rules of the society. The numerical strength of the local branch is 200 members, and the accumulated funds amount to £1504 2s 3d. The medical attendants are Drs. Davenport, O'Brien, and Sandstein, and the branch is connected with the United Friendly Societies' Dispensary, U.F.S. Benevolent Association, and U.F.S. Interchange of Medical Benefits Association.