

their friends at a musical evening in St. Joseph's Hall. Solos were contributed during the evening by Messrs. J. Swanson, H. Hughes, O. Swanson, T. O'Connell, T. Hughes, and C. Hannigan, the remainder of the programme being devoted to duets and quartettes and the glee, 'Comrades in Arms,' rendered by the Glee Club. Although but a short time in existence, the club has made rapid strides, and the eulogistic references to the excellence of the programme, made by several speakers after its first performance, were sure indications of the success it had attained. The club has been fortunate in securing the services of Mr. Deehan as conductor, and the lively interest which he and Mr. Heley, the musical director, are taking in its welfare promises to make it one of the most successful departments of St. Joseph's Men's Club."

Oamaru

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July 6.

There was a good attendance at the Catholic Club rooms on Friday evening last, when an attractive subject for discussion, 'Socialism: Would its adoption be for the benefit of mankind?' was debated. The Rev. Father O'Neill occupied the chair, and the debate was opened by Mr. John Griffiths in the affirmative, his supporters being Messrs. F. Mulvihill and T. O'Grady. The speakers on the negative side were Messrs. E. Barry (leader), Rev. Father O'Neill, J. O'Donnell, and J. Wallace. The discussion created much interest, and the speeches showed careful preparation. The decision of the umpires was unanimously in favor of the negative side.

The annual general meeting of the Oamaru Catholic Club was held in St. Patrick's Hall yesterday afternoon. There was a large muster of members, and Rev. Father O'Neill was voted to the chair. The annual report and balance sheet were read by the secretary (Mr. F. J. Mulvihill), and showed the club to be in a sound position, having a credit balance to begin the year. Both were adopted without discussion. The election of officers resulted as follows:—Patron, Right Rev. Mgr. Mackay; spiritual director, Rev. Father O'Neill; president, Mr. T. O'Grady; vice-presidents—Messrs. J. B. Grave, P. C. Hjorring, T. Tansey, P. Kelly, C. Browne, E. Curran, P. Corcoran, J. Cooney, T. Griffiths, and P. I. Duggan; secretary, Mr. F. Cooney; treasurer, Mr. J. Wallace; custodians and librarians, Messrs. A. Kay and D. Wright; auditors, Messrs. W. McCombie and J. Breen; executive committee—Messrs. J. O'Donnell, J. Molloy, E. Barry, T. Ford, and Jno. Breen. The newly-elected president took the chair amid applause, and in a felicitous speech thanked the club for the honor conferred upon him. The various officers also returned thanks for their election. Rev. Father O'Neill paid a tribute to the popular ex-secretary, Mr. F. Mulvihill, who had, since the club's inception, always taken such pains to make it a success, his efforts being ably seconded by Mrs. Mulvihill. The speaker moved a hearty vote of thanks, which was carried amid prolonged applause. A similar compliment was paid to Rev. Father O'Neill, who had been most assiduous in the club's interests, attending the meetings of the club every week regardless of weather, and who took such a deep interest in the welfare of the club and its members. The meeting also passed a vote of thanks to the outgoing officers.

Invercargill

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July 6.

By defeating South School on Saturday the Marist Brothers' boys' team are now leading for the schools' football competition. The Athletics defeated Southern Club on Wednesday by 14 points to nil. The previous week they met and defeated Invercargill by 20 to nil.

At the weekly meeting of the Catholic Club, held on Tuesday, there was a good attendance. The programme for the evening was a mock banquet, which passed off very successfully. During the evening Mr. C. Maher, secretary of the club, who has been transferred to Gisborne, was presented with a dressing-case by the members.

The half-yearly meeting of St. Mary's branch of the H.A.C.B. Society was held on Wednesday evening. The following officers were elected for the term: President, Bro. Jos. Sims; vice-president, Bro. J. G. Shepherd; secretary, Bro. C. Matheson (re-elected); treasurer, Bro. Jas. Mulvey (re-elected); warden, Bro. Lavelle; guardian, Bro. T. McGrath; sick visitors, Bros. O'Brien and Fitzpatrick. The officers were duly installed by D.V.P. Bro. Pound.

DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

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July 6.

When the clergy who were in attendance at the Requiem Mass at St. Mary's Church, Manchester street, on last Wednesday morning, returned to the presbytery they learned that Father Marnane had just received the intelligence of the death of another sister, a younger one at Dublin, which very naturally came as a distinct shock.

The quarterly meeting of St. Patrick's branch of the H.A.C.B. Society was held on Monday evening last, all officers and sixty members being present. Six candidates were initiated, and seven proposed for membership. The clearance of a brother from the Dunedin branch was accepted. Officers and committees were nominated for the ensuing term. It was resolved that a social be held on the evening of the installation of officers.

In his official report regarding the late International Exhibition, Captain Atkin, the British Commissioner, makes reference to the excellence of the police arrangements. 'With reference to the surprising freedom from crime in the Exhibition,' he writes, 'I must advert to the singular skill and discretion which characterised the police arrangements under Sub-Inspector John Dwyer, and the admirable manner in which comfort was secured to such large numbers of visitors, both in the buildings and in the grounds, by his industry, tact and geniality.'

At St. Mary's Church, Manchester street, on last Wednesday morning a Solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated for the repose of the soul of the late Mrs. Kerley, of Geelong, Victoria, mother of the Rev. Father Kerley, of St. Mary's, and sister of the late Very Rev. Father Marnane. The Rev. Father Hoare, S.M., was celebrant, the Rev. Dr. Kennedy deacon, Rev. Father O'Hare subdeacon, Very Rev. Father Price, Adm., master of ceremonies. The music of the Mass was sung by some of the assembled clergy. His Lordship the Bishop gave the absolution at the end of Mass, and delivered a brief but feeling address, in the course of which he referred to the great love of religion which prompted the deceased lady, who, having already given a brother to the priesthood, gave also a son. There was a good attendance of the faithful, and the deeply impressive ceremony terminated, the organist, Mrs. W. Cronin, played the Dead March from 'Saul.'

Palmerston North

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

July 5.

Some thirty children made their First Communion at the 9 o'clock Mass this morning, and were afterwards entertained at breakfast by the ladies of the parish.

The members of St. Patrick's choir were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Ward at their residence on Thursday last. A very pleasant evening was spent with songs, recitations, and several instrumental items. At the close of the evening Mr. Dallow, on behalf of the choir, returned thanks for the hearty welcome and hospitality extended to them.

The half-yearly Communion of the members of the local branch of the H.A.C.B. Society took place this morning, when over forty members in full regalia approached the Holy Table at the 8 o'clock Mass. After Mass they formed up in procession, and, together with several invited guests, marched to the Empire Hall, where breakfast was served by Mr. W. Devine to the order of the Rev. Father Costello. After breakfast Bro. C. McGrath, in a brief speech, traced the history of the branch from its inception to date. He said that 130 members had joined since the branch was formed. The branch had to its credit £238, and about £40 in the benevolent fund, no calls having been made on either during the present term of office. Nine new members were gained during the quarter. The usual toast list was duly honored. The toast of 'Our host,' in the absence of the Rev. Father Costello, who was too unwell to attend, was responded to by the Rev. Father O'Beirne (chaplain). The Rev. Father James Tymons (secretary and chaplain of the Waimate branch) was also present, and addressed the members.

For Children's Hacking Cough at night Woods' Great Peppermint Cure. 1s 6d and 2s 6d.