

himself in furthering its interests. Mr. Hughes, who had filled the position of librarian for a period of twelve months, also deserved their best thanks for the manner in which he had discharged his duties. Regret was expressed that the attendance of members in many instances was not what it ought to be. The membership at present consists of twenty sopranos, seven contraltos, eight tenors, and eight basses; total, 43. The choir suffered a loss during the year by the resignation of the conductor, Mr. O. Feil, owing to his departure from Dunedin. Mr. Carolin has kindly consented to fill the position until a permanent appointment is made. Owing to various causes, several vacancies occurred during the year, and the committee would be glad to hear of prospective members. The report was discussed by Messrs. Vallis, Carolin, Miles, Curran, and Hughes, and the Rev. Father Corcoran, in putting the motion that the report be adopted, paid a tribute to the good work of the choir during the past year. The following were added to the committee for the current year:—Conductor, Mr. P. Carolin; librarian, Mr. T. Hughes (re-elected); secretary, Mr. M. Curran (re-elected). During the evening musical items were contributed by Mrs. Meade, Miss Flynn, and Messrs. J. B. Flynn and T. O'Connell. During the evening light refreshments were handed round, and the proceedings terminated with a vote of thanks to the Rev. Father Corcoran for presiding.

### Oamaru

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

July 11.

An interesting discussion on harbor matters took place at the Catholic Club rooms on Friday evening, when a debate on the advisability of raising a £50,000 loan for further improvements was discussed. The president (Mr. T. O'Grady) occupied the chair, and there was a good attendance of members. The speakers in favor of a further loan were Messrs. F. Cooney (leader), J. Breen, Rev. Father O'Neill, and A. Wallace. For the negative Mr. Cagney was leader, and was supported by Messrs. O'Grady, O'Donnell, and J. Wallace. After an interesting discussion the affirmative side was declared the winners by a two to one majority.

### WELLINGTON

(From an occasional correspondent.)

July 13.

The usual monthly meeting of the Men's branch of the Sacred Heart Association (Te Aro parish) was held in St. Joseph's Church, when there was a large number of members present. Rev. Father S. Mahony, S.M., delivered an excellent discourse on the virtue of purity. Before Benediction five new members were enrolled in the Association by the spiritual director, Rev. Father Venning. The heads of the guilds of both branches of the Association are working hard to make the social gathering in aid of the schools of the parish, to be held on August 5, a great success.

### DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

(By telegraph from our own correspondent.)

July 13.

Rev. Father Holierhoek returned from a trip to Europe on Sunday. He was absent from the Dominion for about sixteen months, during which time he visited Italy, Switzerland, France, Germany, England, and his native land (Holland). Whilst in France he went to Lourdes, where he witnessed some remarkable cures.

At a recent general meeting of the Marist Brothers' Old Boys' Association and Catholic Men's Club the following resolution was adopted:—That this meeting of the Marist Brothers' Old Boys' Association and Catholic Men's Club places on record its deep regret at the resignation of the Rev. Father Holbrook, through ill-health, from the position of chaplain to the society, and desires at the same time to thank the rev. gentleman very heartily for the kindly interest he has always manifested in both the spiritual and temporal affairs of the club. It remembers with gratification the energy and zeal which he displayed in the trying days which immediately preceded the club's opening; the great amount of valuable time he gave up to the society

as an active executive officer; and, finally, his loving devotion on all occasions when he could do anything for the spiritual advancement of the society. In conclusion it trusts that God will give him the health and strength to continue in the future to carry out the exacting duties of his high vocation.

### Ashburton

(From our travelling correspondent.)

July 16.

On Sunday last the Right Rev. Dr. Grimes began his episcopal visitation to the Ashburton parish. At the nine o'clock Mass, which was celebrated by his Lordship, 33 children made their First Communion, and in the afternoon his Lordship administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to 80 candidates. After eleven o'clock Mass the Bishop addressed the people, succinctly explaining the objects of an episcopal visitation, especially as illustrating the love and solicitude of our Holy Church for all her children. At both Masses, and also at the Confirmation service, the church was crowded, a large number having to be content with standing room. In the afternoon the congregation included a considerable sprinkling of non-Catholics, and Dr. Grimes took occasion to introduce into his remarks a lucid and effective exposition of the beauty, the fitness, and the significance of the ritual and ceremonies employed, and of the Scriptural warrant both for the institution of the Sacrament and for its administration by the Bishops of the Catholic Church. The choir rendered appropriate music, Mr. M. J. Burgess acting as conductor, and Mrs. Cooper presiding at the organ. His Lordship will be at Methven on Thursday, and at Rakaia on Sunday, the 19th inst.

### New Publications

We have received the June number of the 'C.V.M.' the organ of the Adelaide Catholic Club. The literary matter is bright and well written, and on the whole the magazine is a credit to the society.

The latest publications of the Australian Catholic Truth Society are 'The Lost Heir, or a Mother's Faith Rewarded,' a pretty story by Miss Peggy O'Connor, a child of twelve years, who displays remarkable talent for one of such a tender age; 'The Immortality of the Soul,' in which the author, the Rev. Father Stanislaus M. Hogan, O.P., deals in a very able manner with the important subject; 'The Adventures of Kasama,' which is an account of the search of a young Japanese for the true faith, the result of his investigations being his reception into the Catholic Church.

### OBITUARY

MR. JOHN COSGRIFF, NIGHTCAPS.

I regret to record the death of Mr. John Cosgriff, which took place at Nightcaps on Thursday, July 2 (writes an occasional correspondent). During his long illness deceased was a true example of Christian fortitude and patience, and never complained. Deceased, who was a native of County Tipperary, Ireland, came out to New Zealand in 1879, taking up his abode in the Nightcaps district shortly afterwards. He was a staunch Irishman and Catholic, and it is to him and one or two more pioneers that we are indebted for the fine Catholic church and convent at Wrey's Bush. During his long and trying illness he was continuously visited by Very Rev. Father Walsh and the Sisters of Mercy, who were present during his last hours. The funeral took place on Sunday afternoon, and was one of the largest seen in the district for some time. Father Walsh officiated at the graveside. Deceased leaves a widow and large family to mourn their loss.—R.I.P.

'The publication of an advertisement in a Catholic paper shows that the advertiser not only desires the patronage of Catholics, but pays them the compliment of seeking it through the medium of their own religious journal.' So says an esteemed and wide-awake American contemporary. A word to the wise is sufficient...