

H. Miles, and J. Sweeney, a flute solo by Mr. Deehan, and a recitation by Mr. Wilkinson. Mr. F. Heley acted as accompanist. At the conclusion of the musical programme Mr. Deehan referred in eulogistic terms to the services rendered the club by its president (Rev. Father Coffey), who, he said, spared no effort to further its interests and assist the members by his advice and encouragement. Rev. Father Coffey, in replying, thanked the members for their appreciative references to himself, and assured them that he thoroughly enjoyed himself in the club, and though at times he found it difficult to attend, he was always ready to help along the club and willing to sacrifice his time in its interests.

The devotion of the Forty Hours' Adoration commenced in St. Joseph's Cathedral on Friday morning. High Mass was celebrated by the Rev. Father Corcoran, Rev. Father Cleary being deacon and Rev. Father Coffey subdeacon. After Mass there was a procession of the Blessed Sacrament, in which the school children took part. The music of the Mass was rendered by the choir of the Dominican nuns. On Sunday there was Solemn High Mass at 11 o'clock, Rev. Father Liston (Holy Cross College) being celebrant, Rev. Father Cleary deacon, Rev. Father O'Donnell (Queenstown) subdeacon, and Rev. Father Coffey, Adm., master of ceremonies. The devotion was brought to a close after Vespers on Sunday evening, when there was a procession and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. The attendance throughout the devotion was very good, and at the early Masses on Sunday very large numbers approached the Holy Table. To Misses Murphy and White much credit is due for the tasteful decorations of the high altar.

On Rosary Sunday, at the 9 o'clock Mass, a most impressive ceremony was witnessed by a congregation which filled every part of St. Joseph's Cathedral, when 70 boys from the Christian Brothers' School and 40 girls from the Dominican Convent made their First Communion. The boys, under the charge of the Rev. Brother Moore, wearing blue sashes and medals, and the girls tastefully dressed in white, with wreath and veil, entered the Cathedral in procession, singing the touching hymn 'O take me to Thy Sacred Heart.' After the Gospel, the Rev. Father Coffey, Adm., gave an impressive instruction to the First Communicants, at the same time reminding the congregation of the lessons they could learn by looking back to their own First Communion day. Appropriate hymns were sung by the children during the Mass. After Mass the children marched in procession to St. Joseph's Hall for their Communion Breakfast, which was presided over by the Rev. Father Coffey, and where their wants were well looked after by a number of the ladies of the congregation.

On Friday, October 2, in the Garrison Hall, a grand military tournament, under the patronage of his Worship the Mayor and the commanding officers of Dunedin, was held, at which valuable trophies were presented to the winners of the various competitions. Captain Columb, of the Hibernian Defence Cadets—a corps consisting of the present and past pupils of the Christian Brothers' School—sent in a team under Sergeant J. Salmon to compete in the competition for physical drill, open to all defence cadet corps in Otago. Though competing against long-established corps, the Hibernians succeeded in carrying off the beautiful silver cup, presented by the Dresden Piano Company. Their victory was a popular one, as the ovations which they received from the large audience testified. Captain Columb is a most enthusiastic officer, and the prominent success of his team is due solely to the deep interest he takes in the training of the lads under his care. This is the first time that the Hibernian Cadets have appeared in public competition, and their success augurs well for the future.

The football season just brought to a close has been a very successful one, as far as the Christian Brothers' School is concerned. The school played in three different grades, with the following results:—In the Senior School Grade competition they carried off the cup and eleven silver medals, having won every match played during the season. The same team also annexed the coveted five-aside tournament medals, proving themselves superior to all-comers, and winning the coveted title of champions of the schools of Dunedin for the season 1908. In the fourth grade competition the school came second, having lost only two matches during the season. In the junior schools competition the school team did very well, considering that the teams they played against were much stronger than they, for among the twelve teams they came fourth on the list. Moreover, they were runners-up in the final of the junior five-aside tournament, for which no fewer than twenty-six teams entered. Considering that this is only the third year since the school took to Association football, it speaks well for the stamina and pluck of the lads attending the Brothers' school.

## Oamaru

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

October 5.

The weekly meeting of the Catholic Club on Friday evening was devoted to impromptu speaking and selected readings. The president (Mr. T. O'Grady) occupied the chair, and there was a good attendance of members. Some capital speeches were delivered, and very interesting readings were given by Rev. Father O'Neill and Mr. F. Cooney.

The customary Rosary Sunday procession in which the various confraternities, the Young Men's Club, and a large number of the congregation took part, was held yesterday afternoon. The route was through the presbytery and convent grounds and back to the Basilica, where Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament was given by the Right Rev. Mgr. Mackay. The choir rendered appropriate music during the ceremonies.

## DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

(By Telegraph from our own correspondent.)

October 5.

Rev. Father Curran is expected to arrive in Auckland in about three weeks.

High Mass was celebrated at St. Benedict's yesterday by Rev. Father Williams, Rev. Father Tigar, O.P., being deacon, Very Rev. Dean Gillan, V.G., subdeacon. Rev. Father Tigar gave a short discourse on the devotion of the Rosary, and urged all to join its confraternity.

Very Rev. Dean Gillan, V.G., returned last Thursday from Gisborne after opening a new church at Tolaga Bay. He leaves next Thursday for Taumarunui, and opens a new church there on Sunday next. The Avondale new church will be opened on Sunday, October 18. It is a serviceable and neat edifice, reflecting great credit on the parishioners and on all concerned.

Yesterday the annual renewal of baptismal vows took place in St. Patrick's Cathedral. The children of the parish mustered in the convent school, Hobson street, and, with the Confraternities of the Children of Mary and Guard of Honor, marched to the Cathedral. The afternoon was fine, and with the big muster of processionalists and a large concourse of people the proceedings passed off admirably. The profession of faith was read by Miss Ryan. Rev. Father Meagher briefly addressed the children, and lucidly explained the meaning of the day's ceremonies. After the singing of hymns the procession reformed and went back to the starting point. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament took place throughout the day. In the evening the church was full, when Rev. Father Meagher delivered an eloquent sermon on the Holy Rosary and on devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. A procession of the Blessed Sacrament through the church followed, after which there was Benediction.

The initial movement to build a Catholic church at Raglan is of such recent date that it is really astonishing how in so short a space of time the object has been accomplished. It is only during the past few years that the Catholics have been sufficiently numerous in this district to warrant regular periodical visits of a priest to minister to their spiritual needs. It speaks much, therefore, for their devotion to their religion and their zeal on its behalf that so few people have found means to erect a church of their own. Though the edifice is of modest dimensions it is quite sufficient for all requirements, and is, moreover, a substantial monument to the energy of those by whose efforts it was raised. It is dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus.

It was blessed and opened on Sunday morning last, when the building was crowded to the doors. The congregation consisted, of course, of many others besides Catholics, but that body was fully represented not only locally but also by visitors from Auckland and Waikato. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father Edge (Ponsonby), assisted by the Rev. Father Cahill (Nguruwahia). Mass was subsequently celebrated, and at its conclusion the Rev. Father Cahill delivered a brief address, bearing on the erection of the church as a means of honoring God. During the course of his remarks he thanked those outside his own people for their goodwill, kindly interest, and aid in erecting the building. In the evening the church was again filled. After the Rosary a sermon was preached by Rev. Father Edge. A choir rendered the music both morning and evening, Miss Malone officiating at the harmonium. The opening of the church was availed of by several children as a special opportunity for making their First Communion.

The new church was built by Mr. W. J. Smith, of Raglan, from a design prepared by Mr. Wrigley, architect, of Cam-