

T. Meade, hon. treasurer; C. A. Shiel, J. Donlan, M. McKey, P. Fitzpatrick, W. Meade.

On the conclusion of the reading of the address, Mr. Marlow handed Father Howard on behalf of the Catholics of South Dunedin a cheque for £81 15s. He said that he had never been associated with any movement which had been taken up with greater enthusiasm than this one, and no testimonial which was subscribed to with such generosity and spontaneity than the present, the contributions being accompanied by the heartfelt good wishes of the donors. Mr. Marlow, acting on behalf of the Children of Mary, presented Father Howard with a valuable rug, as a memento of what he had done for the confraternity. Mr. Atwill presented Father Howard, on behalf of the Young Men's Club, with a brief bag and a handsome inkstand, as a slight recognition of what he had done for the club, and Master Marlow read an address from the altar boys.

Mr. C. A. Shiel also bore testimony to the zeal and energy of the Rev. Father Howard, and to the good work done by him whilst in South Dunedin.

The Rev. Father Howard, who on rising to reply was greeted with prolonged applause, said he had to thank them very heartily and sincerely for the good wishes and kindly feelings which they had expressed towards him and for their kind presents—a return for his poor efforts amongst them, and which were altogether beyond his deserts. On looking back over the three and a half years he had spent in South Dunedin, there were two feelings which were prominent in his mind. The first was a sense of the constant and invariable kindness he had received from the people, and the other a sense of many imperfections on his part, connected with the undoubted hard work which necessarily falls to the lot of the Administrator of South Dunedin. He felt that a great deal more might have been attempted than he had, and what had been done might have been better done. He recognised by the generous treatment they had meted out to him that they had made up their minds to forget his faults and condone his shortcomings, and it was very consoling to him to know that, in spite of the imperfections of which he was very conscious, he carried away with him their cordial goodwill, which they had expressed so warmly towards him that night. As a matter of fact the goodness of heart which had brought them there that night was only a continuation of the kindness which they had always shown him, and which always falls to the lot of the humblest priest. The closeness of the tie between priest and people in the Catholic Church was one of the commonplaces of history, and is now so well known as to be almost regarded as one of the minor notes of the Church. Meet him where you will, let it be in the old world or the new, wherever the son of Erin is to be found you will find him loyal and true to his soggarth aroon. The people of South Dunedin have been no exception to this rule. There had been plenty of hard work here, but there had been plenty of hearty, willing workers to bear a share of everything that had to be done, whether it was a bazaar or concert, whether it was for orphanage, school, or church the call had only to be made and there was an immediate response. And in addition to the general band of workers there were always those who were ready to lead the van and take from off the shoulders of the priest the chief burden of responsibility and hard work in connection with any undertaking. In proportion to its size he did not know of any congregation that had so many capable workers, so many men that are capable of conducting an undertaking as the South Dunedin congregation. And when Mr. Marlow, who had done such yeoman service for the Church here, and whose name was a household word amongst them, was associated with an undertaking it was a sure and certain guarantee of its success. Reference was made in the address to the work in connection with the youths and young men of the congregation. There were certainly few parishes where that work was more important than in South Dunedin. There was a larger proportion than is commonly the case of young lads connected with the congregation, and the problem had always been how to keep them in touch with Church influence, and keep them off the streets. They had faced the problem by trying to continue in the successful and attractive lines of the excellent club established by Father Coffey, and the men of the congregation, both by money contributions and personal service, had given the greatest possible assistance to the work. It had been sometimes a trying and uphill work, but at least they had kept the flag flying; they had kept the club going even when the circumstances were the least encouraging. He knew that the work would be continued with an energy, zeal, and ability which he could not command, by the Rev. Father O'Malley, and he felt that they would extend to his successor that hearty co-operation they had always given to himself. There was no section of the community that required so much looking after as the young men. If the Apostles were here to-day one of the first things he believed they would do would be to form young men's clubs, and everyone who gives his time and energy to keep alive such institutions is engaged in a truly Christian and apostolic work. In conclusion he thanked them once again for their kindness and generous presents. He wished them every blessing, and he assured them that wherever in future his lot was cast he would never forget the true hearts and faithful friends left behind him in South Dunedin.

Mr. Marlow, on behalf of the Catholics of South Dunedin extended a hearty welcome to Rev. Father O'Malley, who briefly replied. After a few words from the Rev. Father Coffey the proceedings were brought to a close.

During the evening songs were contributed by Mrs. Saunders, Miss Heffernan, Messrs. McGrath, McNamara, and Howard, Rev. Father O'Reilly, and recitations by Mr. Atwill and Master Marlow. The accompaniments were tastefully played by Mrs. J. Woods.

Diocesan News

ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

March 20.

The name adopted for the new Boys' Club at Newtown, as mentioned in my last week's notes, is that of St. Aloysius.

The St. Patrick's College Cadets (two companies), to the number of 95, went into camp at Trentham on Monday afternoon. The Very Rev. Father Keogh is in charge of the camp, the chief executive officers being Captains Outtrim and Campbell.

On St. Patrick's Night a euchre party and social evening in aid of the Children of Mary's stall at the forthcoming Easter bazaar was held in the St. Anne's Catholic Club rooms. There were about 200 present. The stall will be under the management of Mrs. Dalton.

At St. Patrick's Church, Masterton, on St. Patrick's Day the marriage of Miss Margaret T. Keay, of Masterton, and Mr. Francis W. Reynolds, of New South Wales, was celebrated by the Very Rev. Dean McKenna. The bride was given away by her brother-in-law, Mr. James Fouhey, and was attended by her sister, Miss Nora Keary, as bridesmaid. Mr. J. Corbet was best man. A reception was held after the ceremony at the residence of Mrs. Fouhey.

The Rev. Joseph Capra, D.Sc., and Agriculture, of Milan, has concluded his New Zealand tour. He has acquired a mass of information regarding the colonies, which, he says, will be of value to the Italian Government and people, 'for,' as he remarked, 'it is only by knowledge of your beautiful country and its people, its laws and its attractions, that we can become more friendly. You have wonders which are worthy of being made known to the tourist, because our people travel very much. My compatriots out here are doing very well, and I am glad to tell you that they are held in estimation everywhere.'

On Sunday morning at the 8 o'clock Mass at St. Mary of the Angels' Church the H.A.C.B. Society, numbering over 50 members, in regalia, received Holy Communion. The chaplain (Rev. Father Venning, S.M.) addressed the members on the life of St. Patrick. After Mass they adjourned to Lyons' Cafe, where the annual Communion breakfast was held. The president (Bro. E. F. Reichel) was in the chair. Speeches, appropriate to the occasion, were made by the president, Rev. Father Venning, S.M. (chaplain), Messrs. M. Kennedy, M. Bohan (who is one of the oldest members of the society in the Dominion, having joined in 1869), J. J. Devine, A. H. Casey (representing the Wellington Catholic Club), M. O'Kane (the United Irish League), and Bro. J. W. Callaghan. The arrangements were carried out under the supervision of Bro. P. D. Hoskins, secretary.

Several meetings of the Catholic girls of Wellington have been held, and a strong hockey club has been formed under the name of the Celtic Club. About twenty-five members have joined, and it is proposed to enter two teams for the third class championships. Officers have been elected as follows:—President, Very Rev. Father Keogh; vice-presidents—Rev. Father Hickson, Mesdames Macarthy, Rylands, Dwan, and Mackin, Sir J. G. Ward, and Messrs. M. O'Connor, A. H. Casey, P. C. Skerrett, and Dr. Cahill; committee—Misses Fama, Lawlor, Murphy, Ritson, Breen, Hoskings, and Mellisop; secretary and treasurer, Miss W. Mellisop; coach, Mr. Wrigley; delegates to the association, Misses Fama and Mellisop; selection committee, Misses Fama, Lawlor, and Murphy. Generous donations have been received from Mrs. R. O'Connor, Very Rev. Father Keogh, Rev. Father Hickson, and Mr. Martin Kennedy. Mr. Casey has promised a trophy to be competed for by club members.

At the Wellington A.A. Club's sports gathering held last Saturday, in the inter-college events, 100yds and 440yds, Wellington College had a victory over St. Patrick's College boys, who were the previous holders of Mr. L. Blundell's cup. P. Fitzgerald at the same meeting, in the walking handicaps (one mile and three miles), obtained third and first place respectively. His effort in the three-mile race was better than the present New Zealand champion, Kerr, did when he won the event at the Australasian Championships. When it was announced later that he was selected to represent Wellington at the New Zealand Championship meeting to be held at Dunedin there was