

At the conclusion of the Bishop's address the Mayor of Invercargill (Mr. W. B. Scandrett) expressed his pleasure at seeing such a large gathering present to welcome his Lordship.

We are promised a full report of the conversazione for our next issue.

DIocese of Christchurch

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

March 29.
The Rev. Father Richards, pastor of Hawarden, returned from Australia last week, his health being much improved.

The Rev. Father Drohn, M.S.H., arrived last week to assume charge of the Lincoln parochial district, replacing Father Lee, M.S.H., who has returned to Sydney.

Mr. W. Hayward, sen., who has been appointed judge of trotting horses at the Sydney Royal Show, left here last week by the Maheno to fulfil his duties. He was accompanied by Mr. J. R. Hayward, and they are taking with them ten of the finest cobs that have ever left the Dominion.

Matters in connection with the All Seasons' Carnival, promoted in aid of the improvement fund of the Cathedral parish buildings, are progressing with every indication of successful results. The carnival is to commence on the Saturday prior to Easter, and will continue for nine days. The Hon. D. Buddo, Minister of Internal Affairs, has kindly consented to perform the opening ceremony should he be in Christchurch at the time.

The return of the Nimrod and band of brave explorers from Antarctica well up to the expected time occasioned much enthusiasm at Lyttelton and in the city.

The programme of the Christchurch Catholic Club on last Tuesday evening was a debate on 'Immigration,' as affecting the labor conditions of the Dominion. The affirmative was taken by Messrs. J. McNamara, J. Hamilton, and H. Salmon, the opposing side consisting of Messrs. P. McNamara, M. Finlay, and M. O'Reilly. The president (Mr. J. R. Hayward) occupied the chair, and there was a large attendance of members. The debate was spirited throughout, many interesting and instructive facts concerning the question being advanced by both sides. On a show of hands the question was decided on the point of view of the affirmative side by a majority of two. After the debate several other members made speeches on the subject under discussion.

Timaru

(From our own correspondent.)

March 22.
A meeting was held in the Catholic Girls' School on Tuesday evening to form a Hockey Club. Fully forty girls attended the meeting, and Rev. Father Kerley presided. It was decided to name it the Avoca Hockey Club, and to run two teams during the season. The subscription was fixed at 2s 6d, and officers were appointed as follows:—Patron, Rev. Father Tubman; president, Rev. Father Kerley; vice-presidents—Messdames E. Ward, Gillespie, S. Mackenzie, Loughnan, P. O'Meehan, M. O'Meehan, Aldred, and Father Smith; club captain, Miss Mara; field captain, Miss M. Sullivan; secretary, Miss K. Mara; treasurer, Miss H. McGrath; committee—Misses B. Ward, E. Kennedy, M. Sullivan, and M. Shea; selection committee—The club and field captains, and Miss M. McGrath; delegate to the association, Mr. M. Mahoney.

The Celtic Football Club held their annual meeting in the Catholic Schoolroom last Monday night. Rev. Father Kerley presided over a large attendance of members. The report mentioned the great loss the club had sustained by the removal of its founder, Rev. Father Le Floch, to Temuka. It also contained sympathetic reference to the death of Mr. Michael Jennings. The finances of the club were shown to be in a flourishing state, the credit balance being £10 13s 2d. It was decided to enter a team this year in the senior grade. The Rev. Father Tubman then presented Rev. Father Le Floch with a handsome dressing case, etc., from the members of the club. Father Tubman referred to the great interest taken by Father Le Floch in the young men of the parish during his six years' residence amongst them. He had founded a splendid football club second to none in New Zealand, and the tokens before them were the tangible expression of their feeling of gratitude, goodwill, and respect for him. These remarks were heartily endorsed by all present. Rev. Father Le Floch, on returning thanks, expressed the pleasure that he had always found in their company. He had spent many happy years with them, and they had never once caused him any anxiety. He would have much pleasure in presenting the new senior team with their first football. The election of officers resulted as follows:—Patron, Rev. Father Tubman; president, Rev. Father Kerley; vice-

presidents—Ven. Archpriest Le Menant des Chesnais, Messrs D. Mahoney, E. Ward, J. Collins, Dr. Loughnan; club captain, Mr. P. Mahoney; secretary, Mr. W. Jordan; treasurer, Mr. Gillespie; delegates to South Canterbury Rugby Union, Rev. Father Kerley and Mr. W. Jordan; management committee—Messrs. T. Brosnahan, J. Leigh, G. Fitzgerald, J. O'Brien, G. Niall; coach, Mr. T. Brosnahan; selection committee—Captain, coach, and Mr. J. O'Brien; auditor, Bro. Egbert.

March 29.

At the boys' school on Tuesday evening there was a meeting of about 60 young men to consider the advisability of forming a Young Men's Society. The Rev. Father Kerley presided. Rev. Father Tubman was present and said a few words of encouragement. It was unanimously decided to form a Timaru Catholic Club, and officers were elected as follows:—Patron, Rev. Father Tubman, S.M.; president, Rev. Father Kerley, S.M.; vice-presidents, Rev. Bro. Egbert, and Messrs. T. Mara, J. Dunne, Shea, and P. Kane; secretary, Mr. T. Knight; committee, Messrs. T. Mara, J. Wade, M. Schaab, S. Venning; spiritual director, Rev. Father Smith. A low subscription rate was fixed, and it was decided to have weekly meetings.

Akaroa

A concert by the pupils of the Convent School was given in the Oddfellows' Hall, Akaroa, on the evening of St. Patrick's Day. A visitor to Akaroa and non-Catholic, writing in the *Mail*, has this to say of the entertainment: 'The good time kept by six little girls throughout the singing of "We shan't go to school any more" struck me as being highly commendable for ten-year-olds, in a quiet little place like Akaroa. After sitting out the Christchurch Musical and Elocutionary Competitions morning, afternoon, and night for six days, and hearing the judges' criticisms of the whole, my ears are naturally awake to detect the common mispronunciations of amateurs, yet, while I listened to the elocution of the convent children the other night a firm belief settled upon me that the Sisters know how to teach English, and that there are some good little actors and actresses in Akaroa. Miss Myrtle Lelievre spoke out clearly and distinctly, though there was the usual childish "hurry to get it over" style in the prologue. . . . A keen appreciation of music is mine, but not having a keen ear for its technique and classical points I can only say that the rendition of the musical items afforded me all pleasure. The best acting was decidedly that exhibited in the farce at the finish, "The Doctor's Mistake," and, secondly, by the maid with broom in hand in "Using the weed." The machinery was in splendid working order, and needed no oiling; in other words, the items followed one after the other in quick succession. Everybody knew their place and part well, and the changing that went on behind the scenes gave one the impression that magic still exists in this matter-of-fact era.'

DIocese of Auckland

(By Telegraph from our own correspondent.)

March 29.

The Executive Directory of the Hibernian Society is anxious that every district should be represented at the next biennial meeting to be held in Hobart three months hence. Contributions to the management funds are inadequate, consequently the fund is low and efforts must be made at Hobart to make it sound and workable.

At a meeting of the St. Patrick's Day celebration committee, held this evening, Mr. J. J. O'Brien in the chair, the Vicar-General and a large number of priests being present, a communication was received from the Bishop, in which he requested that a provisional committee be formed, with the Bishop or the Vicar-General as chairman, with three priests (Fathers Mahoney, Edge, and Holbrook), and three laymen (Messrs. J. J. O'Brien, P. J. Nerheny, and M. J. Sheehan). The duty of the provisional committee would be to receive and arrange for the banking of the money in hand in the name of the Bishop, Father Mahoney, and Mr. J. J. O'Brien; to draw up resolutions as suggestions to clergy and laity of the whole diocese, so that a representative committee of clergy and laity be appointed, and thus all will have an interest in this work connected with the schools of the diocese. The whole of the financial returns from the carnival have not yet been received. The executive committee meets again on Thursday night.

Mr. Paul Kavanagh, late of St. Patrick's College, has been chosen to represent the Auckland University at the annual University tournament to be held in the Town Hall, Wellington, on Easter Saturday. Mr. Kavanagh is the youngest representative yet chosen by Auckland University.