

At the Waimate Clubrooms the billiard section of the shield contest was decided. Mr. J. Ardagh (representing Christchurch club) being the winner, with Mr. T. H. Forster (St. Anne's, Wellington South) second. Points—first, 4; second, 2. Afternoon tea was provided by the ladies of the parish. At the same time votes of thanks were passed to the Rev. Father Aubry, the Timaru club, and the ladies for the hospitality extended to the visitors. This concluded the programme at Waimate, and all started for Timaru.

Immediately after devotions the parish hall was well filled by those interested to hear the literary section of the shield contest in elocutionary, debating, and religious questions. Mr. A. M. Paterson judged the first and second, and Brother Egbert the last-named subject. In the elocutionary section, the winner proved to be Mr. M. O'Kane (Wellington), Mr. T. Quinn (Timaru), being second. Points—first, 6; second, 3.

The subject for debate was—'Are New Zealanders justified in treating naturalised Germans as enemy subjects?' Each team had to debate as drawn, either in the affirmative or negative. The result was as follows:—Messrs. P. J. Nelson and W. J. Doble (Christchurch), 1; Messrs. J. M. Dunne and M. L. Doyle (Timaru), 2. Points—first, 7; second, 3½.

The religious section consisted of twelve questions, which had been set by the spiritual director of the federated clubs' executive (Very Rev. Father O'Connell, of Wellington). Each competitor had to draw one question, and answer it orally without notes, the reply to be completed in not more than five minutes. This contest resulted as follows: Mr. M. J. Doyle (Timaru)—'What does the Catholic Church think of Socialism?' 1; and Mr. M. O'Kane (Wellington)—'Why does the Catholic Church condemn Freemasonry?' 2. Points—first, 7; second, 3½.

This concluded the competitions for the evening, and hearty votes of thanks were accorded to Mr. Paterson and Brother Egbert for judging the competitions, and to Mr. J. L. Leydon for presiding. The visitors were afterwards entertained at supper, this being in the hands of the ladies, who so kindly assisted in making the breakfast that morning so enjoyable. The delegates then formed themselves into a glee club, and spent a very pleasant time, Mr. O'Kane presiding.

Conclusion of the Business.

On Monday morning the tennis contest was decided. The winner was Mr. F. McGrath (Timaru), 1; Mr. T. O'Connor (Christchurch) being second. Points—first, 4; second, 2.

The points for the whole competitions were allocated as follows: Timaru Club, 1 (17½ points); Christchurch Club, 2 (13 points); Wellington Club, 3 (9½ points).

Mr. J. L. Leydon, after the tennis contest, presented the shield to the Timaru Club with a few words of congratulation. Mr. Dunne accepted it on behalf of the winners, amidst applause. Three cheers were given for the winners, and a vote of thanks was passed to Mr. J. G. Venning, who acted as referee for the tennis.

The delegates departed from Timaru by the different expresses on Easter Monday, and were farewelled by as many members of the local club and those interested as could conveniently attend at the railway station. All left Timaru regretting that their stay was not longer, and taking with them the happiest recollections of their visit, and of the kindly hospitality extended to them.

ANSWER TO CORRESPONDENT

ERIGENA.—You are right on both points. The shamrock has a very small flower, and it does grow outside of Ireland—in New Zealand, for example. The New Zealand-grown shamrock has, however, a much larger leaf than the Irish plant.

CRUSADE OF RESCUE

We have received the following donations for Father Baus' Crusade of Rescue, London:—'A friend,' Gore, £2; Mrs. Hynes, Riccarton (Christchurch), £1.

DIOCESE OF DUNEDIN

His Lordship Bishop Verdon left for Christchurch on Monday to assist at the Month's Mind of the late Bishop Grimes.

Wednesday being the Feast of the Patronage of St. Joseph, special devotions were held in St. Joseph's Cathedral.

On Saturday a fair number of members of St. Joseph's Harriers held a very enjoyable run from the Sacred Heart Home, Anderson's Bay, as guests of the Little Sisters of the Poor. The trail led down the road towards Lawyer's Head, round the edge of Tomahawk Lagoon, then across some ideal harrier country to the high road near Halfway Rock, and back by the road to the Home. The new members are very promising runners, and should be heard of in the club's races. After the run the members sat down and did justice to the refreshments provided by the Sisters.

On Thursday night of last week the friends of Mr. P. Cotter assembled at the residence of Mrs. Fogarty, Roslyn, to make him a presentation of a wristlet watch prior to his departure for Trentham. In making the presentation Mr. James Fogarty spoke of the good feeling that existed between Mr. Cotter and his friends, and wished him God speed and a safe return. Musical items were rendered by Misses A. Skinner, V. McKenzie, Mr. W. Gleeson, and the Fogarty Bros. The singing of 'He's a jolly good fellow' brought a most enjoyable evening to a close.

There are certain public positions that women are particularly well fitted to fill, and to the administration of the business of which they bring special knowledge and experience. This is particularly the case in connection with hospital management and the distribution of charitable aid. Women are also very attentive to their public duties, and rarely miss attending the meetings of public bodies of which they are members, as witness the example of Mrs. Jackson, who, during the past year, had not been absent from a single meeting of the Otago Hospital and Charitable Aid Board.

At the last meeting of the A.M.D.G. Guild the members took the opportunity of saying good-bye to Mrs. Herbert, who is leaving in a few weeks for Christchurch. Mrs. Herbert was one of the first members, and has always taken a very keen interest in the work. The president, in presenting Mrs. Herbert with a prayer book on behalf of the members, said that Mrs. Herbert had assisted her to found the Guild, and ever since had been one of its most active workers. All sincerely regretted her departure from Dunedin, and they prayed that she might have every happiness in her new home in Christchurch.

On Wednesday evening of last week a very successful entertainment under the auspices of the Hibernian Society, and in aid of the furnishing of the society's stall at the forthcoming bazaar in South Dunedin, was held in St. Joseph's Hall. The following contributed items:—Pianoforte solo, Miss Renetta Rings; songs—Miss Mills, Messrs. J. McGrath, F. Woods, G. Harvey, and A. Graham; musical monologues and recitations—Misses E. McCleary, Neenie Kenny, and Mr. H. Russell; four-in-hand Irish reel—Mrs. W. Murphy, Miss E. Murphy, Messrs. W. Murphy and J. Higgins, the music for which was ably played by Miss Kay. The accompanist during the evening was Miss C. Hughes.

CATHOLIC SEWING GUILD.

At the meeting of the Catholic Sewing Guild for Belgian relief on Wednesday the following donations were received:—The boarders at the Dominican Convent, Teschemakers (result of a sheet-and-pillow entertainment), £2 6s; Margaret and Katie Bartholomew, 5s; Mesdames W. J. Hall, Emery, Hemsley, Bartholomew, Dickie, McQuillan, Stabb, Misses Cotter and Smith.