

Monday evening. In the absence of the president, Rev. Brother O'Ryan presided. Rev. Brother Higgins was present, and there was a good attendance of members. The annual report, read by Mr. C. L'Estrange (secretary), stated that after having lapsed for some years owing to war conditions, the club was revived in April last year; and the numerical strength, and the past successful season more than justified the experiment of its revival. The club has now a membership of about 50, which it is hoped, with the return of so many of our young men from the Front, and as the objects and work of the club become better known, to greatly increase. The past season's activity is thus summarised: The syllabus comprised five debates, three lectures, and many social and musical evenings—in all 20 ordinary meetings being held, which were well attended. Thanks are recorded to Rev. Father D. Silk and Messrs. J. A. Brown and J. J. Wilson for entertaining and instructive lectures, Father Silk's lecture on Ireland being open to all interested, and was largely attended. The club organised euchre socials in aid of the St. Joseph's Red Cross Guild and the Christian Brothers' Football Club, both being very considerably helped thereby. The club members had the pleasure of entertaining the members of the various choirs, and the Children of Mary Sedalities, to a social evening during the season. In connection with the musical side of the club a Glee Club was formed under the conductorship of Mr. T. J. Anthony, which, it is pleasing to state, has met with a very fair measure of success. Towards the end of the season a social, which the club hopes to make an annual fixture, was held in the Victoria Hall, and a smoke concert brought the club's meetings to an end for the year.

The statement of accounts showed receipts from all sources to have been £20 2s 10d; expenditure, £19 12s 4d; leaving a credit balance of 10s 6d.

The office-bearers for the ensuing year are—President, Rev. C. Ardagh (re-appointed); vice-president, Rev. Brother Bowler (re-appointed); secretary, Mr. C. L'Estrange (re-elected); committee—Messrs. W. Kennedy, J. Newman, J. P. Dunn, M. Millar, A. Tarleton, A. Galien, and V. Sheehy. It was decided that the annual subscription of members remain at 5s, and 2s 6d for those under 18 years of age; also that a roll of honorary members be established. The club will meet each week of the present session at St. Joseph's Hall on Monday evenings, and the business will be promptly commenced at 8 p.m. The committee subsequently met to draw up a syllabus for the ensuing session.

HOLY CROSS COLLEGE, MOSGIEL.

At an ordination ceremony in the chapel of Holy Cross College, Mosgiel, on last Thursday, his Lordship the Right Rev. Dr. Brodie, Bishop of Christchurch, raised to the diaconate the Revs. L. Buxton, F. Marlow, E. Andersen, and E. Carmine.

CORRESPONDENCE

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CELEBRATION OF ANZAC DAY.

TO THE EDITOR.

Sir, The recent haphazard celebration of Anzac Day has given some of us "furiously to think." With the civil celebrations, or want of celebrations, I am not here concerned. The absence of any general religious observance amongst Catholics on that day is, however, matter of fair comment. In comparatively few towns in New Zealand was there any celebration of a religious character to mark the day; few were the Requiems for our dead. Many of us who were born in this land and love it dearly are concerned at the aloofness of the Church in the matter. We cannot, of course, attend the "combined services" or whatever else these celebrations by non-Catholics are called; surely then it is all the more desirable that we should

keep the day in our own Catholic way. It will be calamitous if no place can be found in the polity of the Church in this land for the observance of such a national festival. There may be room for differences of opinion as to the wisdom of the landing; none for differences of opinion as to how they quitted themselves, those men who died at Gallipoli.—I am, etc.,

Pahiatua, May 2.

H. McSHERRY.

WEDDING BELLS

DOYLE—STOREY.

A pretty wedding took place in the Catholic church, Geraldine, on Wednesday, April 30, the contracting parties being Miss Kathleen Stella, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Storey, of Orari, and Mr. D. J. Doyle, third eldest son of Mr. D. Doyle, Timaru. The Very Rev. Dean Bowers officiated. The bride wore a frock of china silk, superimposed on silk lace, wreath and veil, and she carried a shower bouquet. The bridesmaids were Miss Kathleen Doyle and Miss D. Storey. The former wore a handsome cream satin dress, trimmed with cream silk tassels and hand-worked forget-me-nots, with silk velvet hat, with pale blue lining. The latter was becomingly gowned with pale pink silk frock, black velvet hat, with touches of pink. Both carried bouquets. The groomsmen were Mr. H. McGuire, of Timaru, and Mr. F. G. Doyle, of Timaru. The "Wedding March" was played on the organ by Miss D. Mason, Timaru. The reception and wedding breakfast was afterwards held at the residence of the bride's parents, Orari, when the customary toasts were duly honored. The bride's travelling dress was a navy blue costume with red fox fur and becoming navy velvet hat. The happy couple left by express for the North Island. The wedding presents included many clichés.

CATHEDRAL OF QUEBEC.

One of the most famous Catholic edifices in North America is the Cathedral of Quebec, where Mass was first celebrated 268 years ago on Christmas Eve, 1650. Since then the church has been practically rebuilt, although the foundations and part of the walls are still in existence.

Since that Christmas Eve of 1650 the doors of the Cathedral have never been closed, with the exception of a brief period in 1759 when the building was partly wrecked by bombs and flames.

The work of rearing the celebrated religious edifice was begun in 1645, the wealthy people of Quebec having contributed 1250 beaver skins for that purpose, which were sold. The corner stone was laid by Governor Montgomery and Father Lelapont, the Superior of the Jesuits, and a brother of the famous missionary who was killed by the Indians.

A part of the building was completed in time for the Christmas Eve Mass of 1650, but it was not until nearly seven years later that the edifice was formally opened.

The Cathedral is one of the finest, architecturally, in North America, and can accommodate 4000 people.

Let us serve God with faith, love, and fidelity, and He will refuse nothing to our prayers: has He not promised to help continually those who live for Him alone?—*Mother M. of the Sacred Heart.*

If the religious virtues are not seriously practised and founded on faith, our zeal in the Missions will be soon exhausted, and our work will bear no fruit.—*Mother M. of the Sacred Heart.*

Love, it is said, is as strong as death. But you may confidently reverse the saying. Death is as gentle as love. . . . Death is the mildest form of life; the masterpiece of the Eternal Love. All this life is a fever, now hot, now cold.—Hauptmann.