

what we feel about them, and shall often say it again; but here we speak not to them but to those who may count on their weakness for a complete victory. And if anyone supposes that the nations of the West have no deeper resources of resistance than could be guessed from the ludicrous puppet-play of their politics—then as sure as death shone on Chalons and Lepanto he will learn his error.

LAUDA SION

(For the *N.Z. Tablet*.)

Thy Saviour Sion now adore;
Thy Shepherd, Leader, and much more;
In hymns and canticles and praise.

Dare praise with all thy might and main;
The theme is far beyond the strain
Of utmost power in all thy lays.

The theme to-day before thee spread—
The Bread of Life, the Living Bread—
Proposed is in specialty.

Which on the Sacred Supper's night
To all the Twelve was giv'n outright
Without an ambiguity.

Sonorous be thy joyful song
And decorous, and likewise strong
The jubilation of thy mind.

For on this solemn day we meet
That table's memory to greet,
Tremendous and so wondrous kind.

Encouraged by our sacred laws,
We venture without making pause,
The saving Host to consecrate.

What at the supper Jesus did,
That very thing to do we're bid,
His own self to commemorate.

For Christians is this dogma ranged
Into His Flesh the bread is changed,
Into His precious Blood the wine.

You see not nor can understand,
But you believe at Faith's command:
Not Nature's order, but Divine.

Two kinds make test of fealty.
But signs they are, not reality!
The reality is hidden thus.

The food is Flesh, the drink is Blood,
In each it is well understood,
Christ all Himself remains with us.

Receiving, we nor break nor mar,
Completion is without a bar,
We always eat the unbroken whole.

With thousands eating or but one,
The same share each and all have won,
Christ living in all sound and sole.

The good approach and eke the bad,
With varying outcome to be had,
"Twixt bliss or bale. O difference great!

The good draw life, the wicked death.
Mark well the contrast that one breath
Can make in widely varying fate!

If broken be the outward sign,
Thy soul to Faith no less resign,
And see in each fragment divine
The whole great reality adored.

No part of that is cast aside,
The sign alone is opened wide;
No stature shrunk, no status tried,
Not even threat unto the Lord.

This is the very angels' bread,
The only food where travellers tread,
And sons of God are nourished:
To dogs by no means to be thrown.

In figures it has often been;
In Isaac's sacrifice 'twas seen;
In Paschal lamb, there shone its sheen;
And manna to our fathers strown.

Good Shepherd! Thou the Bread of Life,
Our Jesus, save us in the strife,
Feed and protect in dangers rife,
Admit us all, both man and wife,
To God's Own Land, "Land of the Leal."

Whose care it is to all appraise,
With food and grace to here upraise,
There make us all co-heirs in praise,
Fellow-guests at Thy Table's blaze,
With Holy citizens in weal.
Amen. Alleluia!

—R.A.L.

ST. JOSEPH'S LADIES' CLUB, DUNEDIN.

A lively interest is being taken in the advancement of St. Joseph's Ladies' Club, and the executive committee, elected at a general meeting some few weeks ago, has shown praiseworthy energy in the reconstruction of the club. Already there are 85 active and several honorary members enrolled, a number which is being steadily added to. As funds accumulate, it is intended to refurnish the clubrooms and to effect improvements generally tending to add attractiveness to the club's pursuits, and to the enjoyment of its members. One of the principal objects of the club is to provide a meeting place and entertainment for Catholic girls engaged in the city, and who, of necessity, are living away from their own homes. By becoming associated with St. Joseph's Ladies' Club, and attending the weekly gatherings of the members, an opportunity is afforded those who may be strangers to Dunedin of becoming acquainted with their co-religionists, and profit by their helpful influence. Meetings of the club members are held on Wednesday evening of each week, when varied, but essentially social, programmes are carried out; and on these occasions a cordial welcome is extended to all Catholic girls who care to attend. The club is happily possessed of considerable musical and elocutionary talent, and of which the best advantage is taken. In this particular, alone, there is an excellent opportunity afforded to those so inclined to acquire a useful and pleasing accomplishment.

The balance sheet of last St. Patrick's Night concert at Greymouth shows a record result for the Greymouth Opera House at the prices (two shillings and one shilling), the takings for the Irish national concert being £68 6s 10d. The proceeds handed over to the Hibernian Society, after paying all expenses, amounted to £62 7s 4d.

APPEAL

MATATA CONVENT SCHOOL

The present School has been condemned, it being too small, badly ventilated, and on wet days is anything but pleasant, as the rain comes pouring down on the children. Dear reader, all I ask of you is to buy an Art Union Ticket (One Shilling), which you may obtain from *Tablet* Office, or from Secretary, and help us to build a new School. There are close on 100 native children appealing to your charity. Begging St. Joseph to inspire you to help in the good work and obtain for you and yours God's holy blessing.

Yours sincerely,
DILLON SHAW, Secretary.

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