

The game was the most strenuous witnessed here for many years, and right up to the call of time Marists were in the lead. A penalty, awarded to Linwood, kicked by Davis, struck the top of the goal post and fell inwards (luckily for Linwood), and time was immediately called. Up to this the scores were 5 points to 3, O'Malley scoring a fine try which McDonald converted. Two penalty goals comprised Linwood's 6 points. The Mullins brothers received injuries on the previous Saturday, and their absence was felt in Marists' back division. In the second grade contest Marists drew with Old Boys, while Kaiapoi defeated the thirds by 24 points to 5. Fourth grade won handsomely from Albion, the scores being 33 points to 3.

The ceremony of Consecration to the Sacred Heart took place on Sunday at the Cathedral, and at all the churches of the Cathedral and St. Mary's parishes. Solemn High Mass was celebrated at both centres, commemorating the Feast of SS. Peter and Paul, after which there was Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. The Pastoral Letter on Devotion to the Sacred Heart, from the Archbishops and Bishops of Australasia, was read in the morning, and the Solemn Consecration and singing of the "Te Deum" took place in the evening. Very Rev. Dr. Kennedy, Adm., preached the occasional sermon at the Cathedral, and Father O'Leary (Marist Missioner) at St. Mary's Church.

On Tuesday evening Mr. Jas. Curry, president of the Celtic Club, on behalf of the members, presented Messrs. A. F. Jarman (secretary) and P. J. Smyth (instructor) each with a fountain pen and pipe, in recognition of their valuable services to the club in the past. The president and Father Long spoke eulogistically of the ability and zeal of both members, and they in turn made suitable response.

Ashburton

(From our travelling correspondent.)

June 29.

During the period of the war, and owing to the fact that many of the members of the Ashburton Catholic Young Men's Club were on active service, regular meetings were discontinued. Now, however, as many have returned, and others are returning, it has been thought advisable to reconstruct the club and arrange for periodical gatherings. The first of these took place on Wednesday evening, June 11, Mr. R. Nealon presiding. There was a fair attendance of senior and junior members, the programme consisting of the ever-green and instructive "Question Box," the information sought varying from that on subjects of a humorous nature to leading topics of the day. Judging by the ready and intelligent manner in which the younger members replied to their allotted queries, there is little doubt that, with experience, there will be some good speakers among them as time goes on. The president expressed his pleasure at seeing so many young men present that evening, and said he hoped the attendance would continue as satisfactory. He urged upon each to do his part in increasing the membership, as no better training could be offered anywhere to boys after they left school than in clubs such as theirs. The meetings are held on each Wednesday evening.

On Sunday last the parish of Ashburton was consecrated to the Sacred Heart. Addressing the congregation on the occasion, the Very Rev. Dean O'Donnell said it was most gratifying to see, in response to his appeal of the previous Sunday, the large number who had approached the Holy Table, there being 339 communicants at the 9 o'clock Mass. He warmly congratulated the parishioners on the splendid profession of their faith witnessed that morning, and on the manifestation of their devotion to the Sacred Heart. The Very Rev. Dean also celebrated Holy Mass at Hinds, where no doubt the same remarkable religious fervor would be shown.

Mr. E. O'Malley, who has been connected with the Timaru firm of Guinness and Le Cren, as manager of their Geraldine branch, was entertained recently by

prominent business men and farmers of that district, prior to his departure for Ashburton, where he has been appointed manager of the new business firm of Pyne, Gould, and Guinness. Mr. O'Malley enters upon his new duties in a week or so.

Invercargill

(From our own correspondent.)

June 30.

There was a very large attendance at the June quarterly meeting of the local branch of the Hibernian Society, the occasion being especially a farewell gathering tendered to Bro. C. W. Matheson, the popular secretary, who after a residence of over 30 years in Invercargill, has been transferred, on promotion, to a position on the mail room staff at the Dunedin Post Office. Bro. Pound, P.P., who was voted to the chair, in proposing the toast of "Our Guest," referred to Bro. Matheson's successful career as secretary, covering a period of over 12 years. He had been an ideal secretary for such an organisation, and his great success was due to his tactfulness, and a never-failing cheerful disposition. His removal from Invercargill would be a distinct loss to Hibernianism in Invercargill. On behalf of the members, Bro. Pound presented the retiring officer with a suitable memento, and pointed out that the splendid muster of members— notwithstanding cold and boisterous weather— was a fitting tribute to Bro. Matheson's popularity. Several other members voiced their regrets at Bro. Matheson's projected departure, and the toast was honored with enthusiasm. During the evening several other toasts were honored, and musical and elocutionary items were rendered. Altogether the function was highly successful.

At both Masses on Sunday and at the evening devotions, Father Bowen, of St. Joseph's Missionary Society, made eloquent appeals on behalf of the Maori missions. The monetary results were very satisfactory.

The members of the St. Mary's Tennis Club intend holding a social evening in Victoria Hall on July 23. As this annual entertainment is always a popular one, a large attendance is anticipated.

From July 2 till July 10 the Grand Theatre, in Dee Street, will be the scene of the Allies' Peace Festival, which carnival is being held in aid of the funds of the Hibernian Band. The war period was a trying one for bands, and similar bodies, as no means were available whereby the finances could be satisfactorily maintained. The Hibernian Band gave their services for all kinds of patriotic appeals, so the public should now show their appreciation by patronising the carnival. Spectacular marches and dances, the very latest music, well stocked stalls, will provide patrons ample entertainment and variety. Several valuable and artistic articles will be raffled. All the arrangements, under an energetic committee, are now completed.

"CATHOLIC INTOLERANCE."

At a recent meeting of the Newcastle (England) Board of Guardians it was moved that the Rev. Mr. Averell, Anglican chaplain at the workhouse for 45 years, should be given a gratuity of £100 on his retirement, in consideration of the special services rendered by him. There was opposition to the motion on the ground that the board had no right in its dying moments to give any such sum of money away; but the Catholic chairman of the board, Mr. J. C. Doyle, who paid a tribute to Mr. Averell's work for the Protestant inmates, prevailed upon the dissentients to withdraw their objection, and the resolution was unanimously carried.

Branches of the Holy Name Society are now established in every diocese of the United States of America from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and from Canada to the Gulf of Mexico.