

to the variety and interest of Lives of the Saints. Even in the pages of old Butler in time you will be more engrossed than in a novel. Lives written more recently, in the light of fuller research and scientific method, are worth study. At any rate there ought to be a goodly collection of Lives of the Saints on the shelves of every parish library. Standard spiritual works that may be recommended generally are Father Faber's, Cardinal Manning's, Father Maturin's, Father Rickaby's, and Father Russell's. And lastly, there are the pamphlets published by the C.T.S., covering innumerable subjects and usually of high value. These little publications are written for all, but such is their worth that as a rule it is the more learned among us who appreciate them rightly. We know of an Anglican minister who reads every one of them upon which he can lay hands: we know educated Catholic laymen who keep themselves up to date on social and moral and historical questions by studying the C.T.S. pamphlets. Here certainly is a branch of Catholic literature that ought to be not only in every library but in every church in New Zealand. That little Catholic Truth Society box at the door of the church is a fountain of light and warmth in a parish. With the help of a few words in season from the priest it will do its good work almost automatically.

Libraries

Here we are back to it again! However we shall not take it that we have said too much on this subject until we hear that every parish has its library. At present we have personal knowledge of only a few working parochial libraries. The best is in Buckle Street parish, and Timaru and Wanganui are next. Judging by the letters we get from correspondents there is a want in this direction. A hunger and thirst for knowledge of Catholic matters exists among the few already; by care and cultivation it can be made common. An odd lecture now and then during the winter, well-aimed questions dropped casually by interested people, debates, controversies, can all be utilised to impress on our laity the importance of acquiring a knowledge of Catholic doctrine. If we have not got so far as that already, it is at any rate certain that a number of our people are complaining that they do not know where to find what they want. The one way to remove that complaint is the establishment of a good parish library, stocked with a sufficient supply of standard works on doctrinal, apologetic, historical, and moral subjects. As we want to travel in peace for some time to come we will not say that some of the clergy are to blame in this matter; but we do say that the question of establishing and successfully launching a library of this sort primarily concerns the priest. (The Editor will not be at home when letters arrive apropos of this remark.) We would recommend any of our friends who are inclined to take the matter to heart to make inquiries from Father Hurley, Father O'Connell, and Dean Tubman, or, better, to see for themselves what they have done. Having heard, or seen, the final advice is "go and do likewise."

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There was Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in St. Joseph's Cathedral on last Sunday from the eleven o'clock Mass. The usual procession, followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, took place in the evening, after Compline and sermon.

At St. Joseph's Cathedral on last Sunday the "Te Deum" was sung at the eleven o'clock Mass, in thanksgiving for peace. The celebrant (Father Kaveney) preached appropriate of the occasion, in the presence of a large congregation.

A basket social, under the auspices of St. Joseph's Men's Club and St. Joseph's Ladies' Club, will be held on next Monday evening at the Victoria Hall. Excellent musical arrangements have been made, and a large

gathering is anticipated. Messrs. J. Kilmartin and F. Fogarty will be M's.C. on the occasion.

The following are recent results of matches played by the Christian Brothers' School football teams:—The A team played the F, a newly formed combination, which promises very well, and won by 5 goals to nil. The B grade team easily defeated Ravensbourne by 5 goals to nil, and could have won by a larger margin. The E team, which is the youngest, scored an easy victory at the expense of High Street, winning by 13 goals to nil. The goal kickers were W. Roughan (3), J. Roughan (3), T. McCarten (3), H. Murray (2), C. Murfit and W. McCrossin.

The usual monthly meeting of St. Joseph's Parish Committee of the Catholic Federation was held after devotions on last Sunday evening. In the unavoidable absence of the president (Very Rev. Father Coffey), Mr. W. T. Easton presided. There was a good attendance. General business was transacted, and it was announced that the annual meeting of the Dunedin Diocesan Council of the Federation will be held on Friday evening, July 18. The secretary notified that Misses E. Knott and A. Quinn had been appointed representatives of St. Joseph's Ladies' Club on the committee, and urged the speedy appointment of delegates by other organisations not yet represented. The enrolment of members of the Federation for the ensuing year was carried on at St. Joseph's Cathedral on Sunday morning, the names of over 150 being received.

On the Feast of the Sacred Heart a very enjoyable outing was provided for over 60 children of St. Vincent's Orphanage, South Dunedin, by Mrs. Hegarty, of St. Clair, and her daughters, Miss Hegarty and Mesdames W. Shiel and C. Todd. Nothing that could add to the children's pleasure was left undone by their kind hostesses, and needless to say the afternoon will long be remembered by the little ones.

On Sunday, Octave of the Feast of SS. Peter and Paul, some pupils of the local Convent School received their First Holy Communion at the Church of St. Francis Xavier, Mornington. The ceremony was a very impressive one, the many beautiful hymns devotionally sung by the children adding to the solemnity of the occasion. The celebrant of the Mass, Rev. C. Collins, Holy Cross College, Mosgiel, in touching words addressed the children, reminding them of the great privilege that was theirs that day; he also congratulated the parents on now having in their midst a Catholic school where their children will receive a sound Christian education. After Holy Mass the happy little company was entertained by the nuns in St. Michael's Convent, now being furnished and shortly to be occupied by the Sisters of Mercy. The Sisters, as well as the people of Mornington, owe a deep debt of gratitude to Mr. Henry J. Trinder, of George Street, Dunedin, who for some time past has gratuitously motored the nuns to and from the school.

The usual weekly meeting of St. Joseph's Men's Club, held on Monday evening, was well attended. The president (Father Ardagh) presided. The programme, a mock parliamentary election, was productive of excellent political addresses by the three aspirants to legislative honors, Messrs. M. Millar, A. Tarleton, and V. Sheehy, and very considerable diversion in the asking, and apt answering of numerous questions on topical and "progressive" subjects. On a vote being taken Mr. Sheehy was declared "elected." The syllabus provides for a debate for junior members on next Monday evening week, and for a mock parliament on the Monday evening following. At the conclusion of the meeting Father Ardagh, on behalf of the members of the club, spoke in appreciation of the valued services rendered in the reconstruction and subsequent pursuits of the club by Mr. F. Dawson, of the Customs department, who is now being transferred to Wellington. Father Ardagh expressed the best wishes of all for the success of Mr. Dawson in his new sphere of labors, sentiments which were cordially endorsed by Brother Bowler, director of the Christian Brothers' School, on behalf of the Brothers and pupils of the school.

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