

## DIOCESE OF DUNEDIN

Rev. Father Cahill, of Dannevirke, who had been on a brief visit to Queenstown, arrived in Dunedin in the beginning of last week, and left for the north on Monday. Whilst here he was the guest of his Lordship the Bishop at the Palace.

There was Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Joseph's Cathedral on Sunday from the last Mass until after Vespers, when the usual procession took place. The Rev. Father Cahill, of Dannevirke, preached an impressive sermon on the institution of the Blessed Eucharist in the evening.

The preachers at the Holy Week ceremonies in St. Joseph's Cathedral will be as follow:—Rev. Father Morcane on Holy Thursday evening on the Blessed Eucharist, Rev. Father Collins (Lawrence) on Good Friday morning on the Passion, and Rev. Father Buckley (Holy Cross College) on Good Friday evening on the Seven Dolors.

On next Monday evening a meeting will be held in St. Patrick's Schoolroom, South Dunedin, for the purpose of organising a senior cadet corps there. Captain Hussey and Lieutenant Callan will attend. A detachment, to be connected with the South Dunedin corps, is to be formed at Mosgiel, where it will probably be drilled.

In accordance with the new regulations of compulsory training, two junior cadet companies of 80 strong each, were formed on Monday at the Christian Brothers' School. Captain Keligher and Lieutenants Laffey and De Lergie are in command of the companies. The companies were inspected later on by Sergeant Bishop, of the permanent forces, and he was much pleased with the splendid material that Captain Keligher is called upon to organise. It will be some time before the companies are fully fitted out, but, when they are so, we have every confidence that they will do credit to themselves and their officers.

At a meeting of Catholic boys, from 14 to 18 years of age, held in St. Joseph's Hall on Tuesday evening, sixty-three members were enrolled in the Hibernian Senior Cadet Corps. Captain Hussey explained that the district from which this corps was to be drawn consisted of the City proper from the Oval (Kensington), North-East Valley, and the hill suburbs, and that all Catholic boys between the ages of 14 and 18, who have left school, are eligible for membership. Rev. Father Coffey, Adm., and Lieutenant Callan (officer in charge of the corps) were present, and assisted in the enrolment. Another meeting will be held next Tuesday evening for the purpose of a further enrolment, so as to bring the corps up to its full strength of 120.

The Christian Brothers' Football Club held their annual meeting on the 30th ult. There was a splendid attendance of members. Rev. Brother Brady presided. The report and balance sheet having been read and adopted, the voting for the election of officers took place as follows:—Patron, Rev. Father Coffey; president, Rev. Brother Brady; vice-presidents—Rev. Brother Moore, Messrs. A. J. Sullivan, M. Coughlan, J. O'Brien, and E. W. Spain; hon. secretary, Mr. L. Casey; treasurer, Rev. Brother Moore; committee—Messrs. T. Laffey, Connor, Tarleton, Dunne, Fogarty, Higgins; match committee—Messrs. T. Laffey, Higgins, and Smith; club captain, Mr. W. Higgins; deputy captain, Mr. L. Casey; delegates to O.F.A., Rev. Brother Brady and Mr. A. J. Ryan; auditor, Mr. E. W. Spain. After a very lengthy discussion, it was decided by a large majority to enter teams for the first, second, third, and fourth grades.

## Timaru

(From our own correspondent.)

April 3.

A new record in the history of cricket in South Canterbury has been made by the Celtic Club during the season just closed. The club was started by the energy of Rev. Father Smyth at the beginning of the season, and, owing to the amount of Catholic talent gathered in, it was at once seen that the new club could probably enter into both the Senior and Junior competitions. It was considered that sport in general would be advanced in the district by entering two teams, but it was not thought possible that the newly-formed elevens would be able to do much in their respective grades. Now, however, at the close of the season, the Celtic Club comes out the winner of both Senior and Junior competitions, by decided leads in both cases. The Senior honors were decided last Thursday, when the Celtic representatives defeated the South End Club by one innings and fifty-eight runs, and the Junior competition was the club's from its third match. Mr. T. Lynch (the Senior club captain), Mr. T. Brosnahan (Junior captain and club coach), Rev. Father Smyth (President), and Mr. T. Quinn (Secretary), have reason to be proud of their successes. To their zealous endeavours and magnificent co-operation the club owes in a measure its present position. The following are some of the details of the season's play:—The Celtic Club played 11 matches: won 8, lost 2, drew 1. The following are the batting averages:—J. Lynch, 31.8; Dr. Loughnan, 27.8; Lynch, jun., 26.5; Owens, 21.7; Faber, 21.4; T. W. Lynch, 17.8;

Patton, 17; Brosnahan, sen., 12.3; McGrath, 10; E. Brosnahan, 7.2; D. Houlihan, 5.2; O'Malley, 2.6. The following was the batting average:—Patton, 8.1; Lynch, jun., 9.3; D. Houlihan, 14.3.

## Blenheim

(From our own correspondent.)

April 1.

St. Patrick's Day passed off here most successfully. Large numbers watched the procession and patronised the sports. The Irish national concert in the evening drew a crowded audience, and the performers received an enthusiastic reception.

Rev. Father Ainsworth, who was here on a visit, celebrated Mass at St. Mary's on Sunday, and preached an eloquent sermon in the evening.

## Temuka

The annual meeting of the Catholic Club and Athletic Football Club was held in the Club rooms, Temuka, on Thursday evening (says the *Leader*). There was a large attendance, and Mr. E. B. Gillespie (president) occupied the chair. The following annual report was read:—

Your executive have much pleasure in presenting this, the seventh annual report: During the year the membership has increased by about 20, and we have now about 100 names on the roll. The amount received in subscriptions this year is £10 10s in excess of 1909, thus showing that the increased subscription did not drive members away. Your executive have again to compliment members on the manner in which they have attended to their various religious duties during the year. The reading room was well patronised, and has proved a splendid addition to the Club. So far we regret to state it has been impossible to do anything in the way of forming a debating class. Members, generally, do not take kindly to this form of recreation. During the winter various social evenings were held, and a lecture on Canada by the Rev. Father Fay drew a crowded house. A shooting gallery was erected at the back of the club rooms, and proved a big attraction. A series of matches lasting over four months took place, for a gold medal presented by the president, and Mr. R. Gillespie proved the winner. Towards the end of the season a road race was promoted by the football branch. There were 23 starters, and a first-class race was the result. A donation of one guinea was received from Rev. Father Fay. Football was again the leading sport. Our club finished third in the junior competition. The Third Grade were not so successful as last year, but nevertheless they proved they were a team to be reckoned with. The football club lost several good players early in the season. We regret to have to report the loss of several valued members during the year, including our spiritual director (Father Le Floch), Mr. Ralph Waring (senior vice-president), junior vice-president, and Mr. P. Kane (a member of the executive). It is needless to say anything in regard to the loss the club has sustained through the departure of Father Le Floch, as members are well aware of the interest he took in all matters in connection with the club, especially football. It is with feeling of the deepest sorrow we have to report the tragic death of one of our oldest and most valued members, Mr. John McAuliffe. The late Mr. McAuliffe was a tower of strength to the club in its struggling days, and only those who were in close touch with club affairs two or three years ago can estimate the loss we have sustained. In conclusion, we wish to thank members for the enthusiastic manner in which they have supported the club during the past season, and hope they will continue to do all in their power to promote the welfare and progress of the club.—E. B. Gillespie, president; J. Tangney, secretary. The balance sheet showed receipts £66 4s 1d, expenses £65 9s 3d; assets £141 14s 10d, liabilities (including account outstanding £11 5s) £37 5s; leaving a credit balance of £104 9s 10d. The report and balance sheet were considered very satisfactory, and were adopted.

The following officers were then elected:—Patron and spiritual director, Rev. Father Fay; president, Mr. E. B. Gillespie; vice-presidents, Messrs. J. Scott and J. Farrell; treasurer, Mr. F. Twomey (re-elected); secretary, Mr. J. Tangney (re-elected); executive—Messrs. M. Fitzgerald, J. Breen, F. E. Connell, P. Gillespie, and A. Scott; selection committee (football)—Messrs. Jas. Spillane, P. Twomey, R. and P. Gillespie; delegate S.C.R.U., Mr. W. Harte; delegate Sports Association, Mr. E. B. Gillespie; club captain, Mr. John Spillane; vice-captain, Mr. R. Gillespie; coach, Rev. Father Fay.

Rev. Father Fay promised to take the football teams in hand, and gave some sound advice to members generally, urging them to play the game in proper spirit, and if they do this they will eventually come out on top. He also promised a handsome donation towards the fund for improving the club room, for which he was heartily applauded.

It was decided to accept the offer of a match with the Marist Old Boys (Christchurch), to be played in Timaru at Easter. Mr. Jno. Spillane offered a trophy for a billiard tournament.

After some further discussion on general matters, Rev. Father Fay proposed a vote of thanks to the chair, and closed one of the most successful annual meetings the club has yet held.