

selves and their conscience, indeed, is to refuse to part with a single penny. But the great majority of the people, who have already expressed their sympathy with the movement, owe it to themselves and the faith that is within them to make a ready and generous response to the appeal of our visitors. Ireland has done so much for the Empire in every walk of national life that she should not have to ask twice for the help she needs.' We give elsewhere a full account of the enthusiastic and highly successful Christchurch gathering.

DIOCESE OF DUNEDIN

His Lordship the Bishop returned to Dunedin on Saturday from his visit to Te Aroha.

The members of the Christian Brothers' Old Boys' Association intend holding a social evening in the Victoria Hall on June 14.

On Sunday, the Feast of Pentecost, there will be Pontifical High Mass in St. Joseph's Cathedral, at 11 o'clock.

The St. Joseph's and Dunedin Harriers and the Mornington Scout Cadets held a combined run from the Mornington School on Saturday. Dunedin mustered 17 members, St. Joseph's 15, and the Scouts 8, making a total muster of 40.

On Sunday evening twelve young ladies were received into the confraternity of the Children of Mary at St. Joseph's Cathedral by his Lordship Bishop Verdon, who was assisted by Rev. Fathers Coffey, Adm., Corcoran, and Scanlan.

Rev. Father Kimbell, Marist Missionary, who is to assist Rev. Fathers O'Connell and McCarthy in giving missions in Tasmania, arrived in Dunedin on Saturday and preached in St. Joseph's Cathedral on Sunday evening, the sermon having special reference to the reception of a number of young ladies into the confraternity of the Children of Mary. Rev. Father Kimbell left for Hobart *via* the Bluff on Monday morning.

Rev. Father O'Neill presided over a good attendance of members at the weekly meeting of St. Joseph's Men's Club, held on Monday evening. The programme was readings from favorite authors, and as the selections were well chosen and admirably read a most enjoyable evening was spent. The following gentlemen contributed:—Messrs. E. W. Spain, M. Rossbotham, H. Gallagher, T. P. Laffey, H. Moynihan, and J. Atwill.

St. Patrick's Ladies' Club, South Dunedin, held their weekly meeting on Wednesday evening. The programme consisted of musical selections and recitations. There was a large attendance of members and their friends. The following contributed items:—Pianoforte duet, Misses M. and T. Dunford; pianoforte solo, Miss Cunningham; recitations, Miss Brennan, Mr. H. Moynihan; songs, Misses Toner, Heffernan, Rodden, Reid, Messrs. Rodden, Gaffney, and Toner.

The members of St. Patrick's Young Men's Club, South Dunedin, held their first meeting for the current season in the schoolroom on Monday evening, when there was a fair attendance of members. The programme for the evening consisted of impromptu speeches, and it is pleasing to note that members spoke readily on being called upon. A strong committee has been formed to encourage the young men of the parish to join this club, and it is hoped that they will meet with success.

The beautiful custom, initiated four years ago by the Children of Mary, South Dunedin, of celebrating the close of the month of May by a procession and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament in the grounds of the Convent of Our Lady of Mercy, was observed on last Sunday afternoon. As the procession, formed by the Children of Mary, wearing cloaks and veils, the aspirants, the members of the Angels' Sodality, and acolytes, wended its way from St. Patrick's School, through the grounds of the presbytery and basilica, and took up its position on the convent lawn before a temporary altar, richly adorned with exquisite flowers and myriad lights, hymns in honor of the Blessed Virgin were sung. The Rosary was then recited by Rev. D. O'Neill and the people, after which the Blessed Sacrament was carried round the convent grounds by Rev. J. Delany beneath a canopy borne by Messrs. Fitzpatrick, McDavitt, O'Neill, and Tobill, the processionists singing the 'Pange Lingua.' The final Benediction having been given, an imposing and impressive ceremony concluded with the singing of the hymn, 'Hail! Queen of Heaven.' Despite the unsettled condition of the weather the attendance of the public was very large, and throughout the utmost reverence was shown by everyone present, the dignified solemnity which characterised the celebration making a deep impression on all. The Children of Mary are to be congratulated upon the admirable manner in which they organised such a large procession. The reception of new members, that usually takes place on the last Sunday of May, was postponed until the close of the retreat which is to be preached to the sodalists by Rev. Father Creagh, C.S.S.R., beginning on the second Sunday of June.

CATHOLIC CLUBS

GREYMOUTH.

(From the club correspondent.)

May 26.

The usual weekly meeting of the St. Columba Catholic Club took place last Monday evening. A letter was received from Mr. A. F. O'Donoghue resigning his position as president of the club owing to his departure from the district. Four candidates were nominated for the vacancy, and after a close contest Mr. Thomas Keenan was elected.

At the conclusion of the ordinary business the president (Mr. T. Keenan), on behalf of the members, said he had a very pleasant duty to perform. Members had heard with regret that their late president (Mr. O'Donoghue) was leaving Greymouth, and before his departure they wished to show in some slight manner the esteem in which he was held by every member of the club. In asking Mr. O'Donoghue to accept a handsome pair of field glasses, he hoped that this small token would help to remind him of the happy time he had spent in their midst. He concluded by wishing the recipient every success in his new undertaking. Several other members also spoke of the good qualities of their departing president, and wished him every success in the future.

Mr. O'Donoghue, in thanking members for their very useful present, said that he wanted nothing to remind him of the happy time he spent in the club. He trusted that members would devote themselves to study now that they had every opportunity and convenience in the new reading room, which was a credit to the club. In fact, the St. Columba Club could hold its own with any similar institution in the Dominion. In conclusion he said that he would always watch their doings with interest and pride, and hoped the club would continue to occupy its present high position both in literary and social work.

CHRISTCHURCH.

(From the club correspondent.)

May 24.

The usual weekly meeting was held in the club rooms on Tuesday evening, the president (Mr. J. R. Hayward) in the chair. There was a very good attendance of members and visitors, some of whom intend joining the club at next meeting. Three members were elected at the meeting, and as several others are to join within the next few weeks the club's prospects are decidedly bright. The president welcomed the visitors, after which those present indulged in various games, a most enjoyable evening being spent. The Federation wrote thanking the club for the hospitable manner in which the delegates at the recent conference were treated. The Lyttelton Literary and Debating Society wrote asking for a debate with the club in June next. The challenge was readily taken up. Next meeting night a debate will take place between members, the subject chosen being 'Can a man get rich honestly?'

MARIST BROTHERS' OLD BOYS' AND CATHOLIC MEN'S CLUB, AUCKLAND.

(From the club correspondent.)

Now that winter is coming on, our members are devoting more attention to club matters. A social will be held in the Choral Hall on Thursday, June 1. A representative committee has this matter in hand, and its success is assured.

The executive committee of the literary and debating branch has drawn up a very attractive and varied syllabus for the current session, and as the membership is now larger than ever before, some keen competitions are anticipated for the various prizes donated to this branch—the Hackett and Gleeson medals and the two diplomas granted by the Federated Catholic Clubs of New Zealand.

Mr. J. Smith, director of the musical branch, is now very busy organising his branch with a view to a visit to the Goldfields with the footballers.

I note with considerable satisfaction the success that has attended the football club this season. Five teams are entered for the various grades, and the members are looking forward with interest to a trip round the Waikato and Goldfields.

On Sunday, May 28, our members will approach the Holy Table at St. Benedict's Church. The club has also invited the St. Benedict's Club to join them, after which the usual breakfast will be partaken of in the hall.

During the month the club has suffered the loss of one of its best workers in the person of Mr. T. Guscott, who has removed to Wellington. The members wish Mr. and Mrs. Guscott every success and prosperity in their new home.

WELLINGTON.

(From the club correspondent.)

May 25.

The first monthly general meeting of members of the Catholic Club was held in the club rooms on May 4, there