

being a moderate attendance of members. Rev. Father Ainsworth, S.M., occupied the chair. The hon. sec. (Mr. M. O'Kane) placed before the meeting a synopsis of the business transacted by the executive during the past six weeks. A favorable recommendation was passed by the meeting in regard to an application for the services of the members of the dramatic branch. Considerable time was spent in reviewing the present position of the new Catholic Hall building fund. A general wish was expressed that a renewed effort should be made to collect several subscriptions outstanding which had been previously promised towards the building project. Ultimately a deputation consisting of Messrs. J. W. Callaghan, A. H. Casey, and P. J. McGovern was appointed to interview Very Rev. Father O'Shea (president of the club) and place the views expressed by the meeting before him.

The annual meeting of members of the Literary and Debating Society was held in St. Patrick's Hall on Tuesday, May 9. Mr. A. H. Casey (vice-president) presided over a fair attendance of members. The annual report on the work of the past session was read and approved. The report, *inter alia*, referred to the loss the society had sustained by the removal of the Rev. Father Quinn, S.M. (president of the society) to Christchurch to join the staff of St. Bede's Collegiate School. A vote of thanks for his appreciated and generous services was ordered to be forwarded to the Rev. Father. The election of officers resulted as follows:—Committee, Messrs. M. O'Kane and G. Dee; hon. secretary, Mr. J. McGowan; delegates to Debating Societies' Union, Messrs. O'Kane and Dee; official reporter, Mr. C. J. Pfaff.

The first of a series of monthly euchre parties was held under the auspices of the club on Wednesday evening, 17th inst. The room was comfortably filled, seventeen tables being occupied by the several players. Play was indulged in till 10 p.m., when refreshments were served and the prizes allotted. The gentleman's prize was won by Mr. Hansbery and the lady's by Miss Burrows. Before dispersing Mr. J. McGowan (vice-president) thanked the members of the social committee for their services, and intimated that the next gathering would be held on June 14.

On May 12, Mr. A. H. Casey (vice-president and chairman of the executive) was felled prior to his departure to England. A representative muster of members together with the officers of the Federated Catholic Clubs extended cordial wishes for a pleasant trip and safe return. On behalf of well-wishers Mr. H. McKeown handed to Mr. Casey a suitable parting gift.

ASHBURTON.

(From the club correspondent.)

May 28.

The usual weekly meeting of the Catholic Young Men's Club was held in the club room on Tuesday evening last, the Rev. Father O'Hare (president) presiding over a good attendance of members. A vacancy on the club executive through the departure of Mr. J. O'Grady was filled by Mr. M. J. Moriarty being unanimously elected to the position. An impromptu debate formed the programme for the evening, and was the means of providing a couple of hours' interesting and enjoyable discussion on the question—'Whether it would not have been better for Ireland to content herself with the rule as meted out to her by the English Government than the continued agitation for Home Rule?'

TEMUKA.

(From our club correspondent.)

May 27.

On Sunday last the members of the Catholic Club approached the Holy Table in a body.

The club's football team (Athletic), playing at Temuka on Thursday, defeated Star-Pirates by 6 to nil. The match places Athletic on top in the junior grade, with Temuka second and Celtic close up third. The second round will begin on June 8.

On Thursday evening about forty members of the Catholic Club and Athletic footballers assembled to bid farewell to one of their most prominent and popular members, Mr. Percy Gillespie. Mr. John Scott (vice-president) occupied the chair, and, in presenting Mr. Gillespie with a handsome travelling bag, referred to the great loss suffered by athletics in South Canterbury through their guest's removal from the district. A short toast list was gone through. Mr. J. Tangney proposed that of the guests of the evening. Mr. Gillespie suitably replied, and extended a hearty welcome to any of those present who might happen to go to Palmerston North. The toast of the Athletic Football Club was proposed by Mr. Fitzgerald, and replied to by Mr. R. Gillespie. During the evening songs and recitations were given by the following:—Messrs. Farrell, Fitzgerald, Burke (2), Coughlan, and Keen. Mr. Keen presided at the piano. Mr. Gillespie left for his new home, Palmerston North, on Friday, taking with him the best wishes of his many friends.

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Ashburton

On the eve of his departure to take charge of the Geraldine police district, Constable J. O'Grady, who has been stationed at Ashburton for five years, was invited on the evening of May 22 to the Police Station by Sergeant Fouhy and other members of the local police staff, where he was presented with an enlarged framed photograph of the staff and a set of gold sleeve-links suitably inscribed (says the local *Guardian*).

Sergeant Fouhy, in making the presentation, referred to Constable O'Grady's capabilities as a police officer and to his sterling qualities as a man. Sergeant Fouhy concluded an appropriate speech by congratulating Constable O'Grady on his promotion, and wishing him the fullest measure of success in his future career.

The sentiments of Sergeant Fouhy were endorsed in appropriate terms by Constables Martin, Kidd, and Turner.

In responding, Constable O'Grady thanked Sergeant Fouhy and the staff for their gifts, which he said he would value very highly. He had spent a pleasant five years in Ashburton, and, as far as he knew, the relationship between his comrades and himself had been of a most cordial nature, and he was pleased to recognise that he was leaving Ashburton accompanied by the best wishes of those with whom he had worked. He assured his comrades that it would always be his aim to make himself in every respect worthy of all the kind things they had said of him that evening.

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"I've an affection," said the youth,

The maiden fluttered, coy—

"This is so sudden, Mr. Snookes,

But Ma will jump for joy!"

He stammered, Woods' Great Peppermint Cure,

She fell upon his breast,

He braced himself—"It's only an

Affection of the chest!"

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