

missioned officers, is permitting lads over eighteen to become non-commissioned officers. The members of the senior corps will not be called out for drill until next January, by which time the officers will be all well forward. Registration closes on June 17, so it behoves all Catholic parents to see that their boys are registered in the Catholic corps. The South Dunedin corps numbers about 55, and the Hibernian about 85, so that, with the members still not enrolled, each corps should have no trouble in enrolling the maximum. The junior cadets at the Christian Brothers' School are drilling steadily, and have the advantage of a staff sergeant-major. The Brothers have gone into the work in earnest, and the drill is carried out in school hours.

Twelve members of the St. Joseph's Harriers, under Captain Swanson, took part in the run from the Santa Sabina School, North-East Valley, to their club rooms in Rattray street, on Saturday. From the school the pack struck up on to the Pine Hill road, which was followed for some distance, when a change was made to the paddocks, which were in a very slippery condition, falls being numerous. The pack then struck along the top of Pine Hill and down to the Leith Valley road, which was followed to the bullock track, where the members had a stiff climb. A handicap race along the Queen's drive to home was arranged, and resulted in an easy win for J. Mace, with L. Kennedy second.

Invercargill

(From our own correspondent.)

June 12.

On Saturday, the 6th inst., the Marist Brothers' football team defeated the South School team by six points to nil.

The last quarterly collection in aid of the funds for the decoration of the church realised £54. The church committee, recently appointed by the Very Rev. Dean Burke, V.F., intend organising some function (probably a bazaar) to help to raise additional funds for the decoration of the church.

Greymouth

(From our own correspondent.)

June 12.

A highly-respected old resident of the district passed away in the Grey River Hospital on June 7, in the person of Mr. Thomas Bletcher. Born in Waterford, Ireland, Mr. Bletcher came out to Queensland about forty years ago, but shortly afterwards left Australia for New Zealand, where he resided until his death. During his long sojourn on the West Coast Mr. Bletcher made a host of friends. Mr. Bletcher was a most devoted son of the Church, and he died comforted by those consoling rites which she alone can give her children. A Requiem Mass for the repose of his soul was celebrated at St. Patrick's Church by Very Rev. Dean Carew on Thursday. The funeral took place on Thursday afternoon, and was largely attended by members of the St. Columba Catholic Club, of which deceased was an esteemed member. Very Rev. Dean Carew also officiated at the graveside.—R.I.P.

NEW PUBLICATIONS

Marriage and Parenthood: The Catholic Ideal. By the Rev. Thomas J. Gerrard. Joseph F. Wagner, 9 Barclay street, New York. Of making books about marriage there is no end, and of these we think we may safely say we have read our share. But we have never read any one volume in which all that needs to be said on this important subject is so concisely, so delicately, and so clearly set forth as in Father Gerrard's admirable work. The intensely practical nature of the book may be gathered from the following summary list of contents: Institution and Purpose; The Sanctity of Marriage; Choice of a State; Choice of a Mate; Mixed Marriages; Between Husband and Wife; Conjugal Restraint; Before and After Child-birth; The Blessing of Many Children; Between Parents and Children; Sexual Instruction for the Young; Catholic Education; The Catholic Family. In dealing with the difficult question of sexual instruction for the young, the author does not put the reader off with vague generalities, but states definitely, precisely, and with detail when and how such knowledge may be imparted; and to parents who have to face this problem, this chapter alone is well worth the price asked for the whole volume. As we have said, the work is written throughout with the utmost delicacy. To those who are married, to those who are about to be married, and to priests who are so often called upon to offer guidance and counsel on the subject, we unreservedly commend this book. The work may, of course, be ordered through any bookseller. In ornamental cloth, with frontispiece, suitable for presentation, one dollar.

Eternity: A Lenten Course of Seven Sermons, Including a Sermon for Good Friday. By the Rev. Celestine, O.M.

CAP. Same publisher. Lent is over; but the subjects brought before us in this little booklet are of perennial interest. The subjects treated are:—Eternity, What is it? 2. The Eternity of Hell. 3. The Folly of Sin. 4. Penance and Eternity. 5. On the Threshold of Eternity. 6. The Impenitent Sinner on the Threshold of Eternity. 7. The Judgment from the Cross. Each theme is dealt with simply yet impressively; and the reader cannot fail to profit from the perusal. Paper cover, 40 cents.

Little Sermons on the Catechism. From the Italian of Cosimo Corsi, Cardinal-Archbishop of Pisa. Same publisher. In this interesting publication we have a series of some thirty-five sermons, constituting a complete course of Christian Doctrine. The sermons are cast in very simple form—the Cardinal evidently believing that 'genuine oratory is simplicity, but simplicity wrought out with the highest art.' The sermons furnish an excellent frame-work for young priests, the outlines admitting of easy expansion. As they are, they cannot fail to be of use to all who wish to have at their disposal brief and clear expositions of the truths of our holy faith. Cloth, one dollar.

Easy Catechetics For the First School Year. Primary Instruction in the Chief Truths of Religion. Same publisher. This is a little book of simple instruction for children in the rudiments of the Catholic Faith. The author has done his work admirably. He realises the necessity of getting the mind of the child fixed on the matter explained; and this he does by simple stories, anecdotes, and illustrations. Father Urban is already most favorably known by his previous catechetical works, and teachers will find this new book most suggestive and helpful. Cloth, 60 cents.

THE IRISH ENVOYS

Auckland.

(By Telegraph from our own correspondent.)

The Irish delegates, who have been conducting meetings in the province, met at Rotorua on Saturday last. Messrs. Redmond and Donovan address a meeting at Rotorua to-night, Mr. Hazleton in the meantime carrying on the Home Rule propaganda in the adjacent townships. The delegates are accompanied by Mr. Sheahan, general secretary of the committee for the Auckland province.

Invercargill

(From our own correspondent.)

A meeting of the committee who have in hand the arrangements in connection with the forthcoming visit of the Irish delegates was held in St. Joseph's Schoolroom on Friday evening last. There was a representative attendance, and Mr. James Collins occupied the chair. It was decided that Friday, July 7, was the most suitable date for the Invercargill meeting. Collectors were appointed to canvass the town and suburbs, and it was decided to call a public meeting of sympathisers with the Home Rule movement at an early date.

Dunedin

A meeting of the executive committee, in connection with the visit of the Irish delegates to Otago and Southland, was held in St. Joseph's Hall on Monday evening, the Hon. J. B. Callan, M.L.C., presiding. A considerable amount of routine business was transacted. The Oamaru meeting has been fixed for June 30, and that at Dunedin for July 3. The following are the dates for the other centres:—Mr. Hazleton: Lawrence, July 4; Milton, July 5; Gore, July 6; Invercargill, July 7; Otautau (probably), July 10. Messrs. Redmond and Donovan: Ranfurly, July 4; Omakau, July 5; Waikaiti (probably), July 7; Queens-town (probably), July 10.

Oamaru

(From our own correspondent.)

Preparations are now well advanced for the reception of the Irish delegates in Oamaru, and their advent is looked forward to with more than ordinary interest. The collectors have been successful in this district, and it is hoped to have a substantial sum to hand over to the funds.

Christchurch

(From our own correspondent.)

Mr. E. O'Connor, local secretary, has the balance sheet of the recent Irish envoys' meeting now prepared and duly audited. A sum of £400 was collected, and after deducting the expenses, which include those incurred in organising meetings for all Canterbury from the Waitaki to the Hurunui, over £360 is available for handing over to the fund. This is a record for Christchurch, and is due in a great measure to the liberality of a good many friends of the cause other than Irishmen.