

Delany, Corcoran, Liston, P. J. O'Neill, C. Morkane, and Rev. Brothers Brady and Moore.

The following is a synopsis of the report of Messrs. Richardson and Robertson, the Education Board inspectors, on St. Joseph's primary school, which was inspected by them on June 6:—Number on roll, 139; present, 133; classification and organisation, satisfactory; registers suitably marked; the attendance during the last few months was affected by epidemics; time-tables, suitable; the schemes of work have been well arranged, and are comprehensive in their scope; good methods of work are adopted, and are applied with commendable skill; the pupils respond readily to the demands made upon them; written work is marked by neatness and care; order, etc., excellent; supervision, suitable; manners, etc., excellent; buildings, accommodation, cleanliness, and furnishing of rooms, satisfactory. Nine children were presented in Standard VI., and all gained proficiency certificates.

Judged by the attendances St. Joseph's Men's Club promises this year to eclipse all previous records, and the enthusiasm that is being displayed by the members in the work of the various branches is certain of good results. On Monday evening the club room was packed with a large attendance, the programme being a mock banquet. Toasts were proposed and responded to in excellent speeches, more than usual care having evidently been exercised in the preparation of the toast list. The musical programme was also of a high order, and showed that the musical branch of the club is fulfilling the purpose for which it was instituted. There was a plentiful supply of light refreshments, and the function was unanimously voted one of the most successful held by the club for some time. Rev. P. O'Neill presided over the gathering.

The most successful retreat ever given to the Children of Mary, South Dunedin, was brought to a close on Sunday evening in St. Patrick's Basilica, when twenty-eight members received badges and twenty-two aspirants were admitted to the Sodality. The earnest and eloquent conferences given by Rev. Father Creagh, C.S.S.R., who conducted the exercises, created great enthusiasm and were listened to with deep attention by the sodalists who, despite the inclement weather, filled the chapel of the Convent of Mercy each morning and evening. During the week 467 persons approached the Holy Table, and at the 9 o'clock Mass on Sunday morning those who had made the retreat received Holy Communion in a body. This retreat was particularly distinguished by the establishment of a special guard of honor for the Blessed Sacrament formed by a large number of the Children of Mary who will assist at Mass and receive Holy Communion daily. In his beautiful concluding discourse Rev. Father Creagh, C.S.S.R., congratulated the members on the flourishing state of the sodality. He said without hesitation that never in his life had he worked for a better body of young women. He urged them to imitate still more closely their Immaculate Mother, especially by the practice of the virtues which the rules of the association require to be the characteristic virtues of the members, and to renew their zeal for the preservation of the fervent spirit which so happily characterises the Children of Mary of South Dunedin. Then indeed they would continue to be the edification of the parish, and draw down untold blessings upon themselves and their friends.

The quarterly summoned meeting of the Dunedin branch of the Hibernian Society was held on the 13th inst., a very large number of members being present. Correspondence from the Coronation celebration committee was read, and it was decided that the members take part in the celebration and march in the procession. Bros. Rev. Father Coffey, Adm., and J. O'Connor (secretary) were appointed to attend the celebration committee meetings. Correspondence from the district secretary re the district half-yearly meeting was read, and it was resolved to support notices of motion, numbered 8, 9, and 10. Bro. James Smith, P.D.P., was appointed delegate to represent the branch at the district half-yearly meeting. On behalf of the branch, the president (Bro. James Deehan) presented Bro. James M. Casey with a past president's collar and Bro. James O'Connor with a barometer for bringing the most number of members to the branch during the year 1910. In doing so he eulogised those members for the energy they had displayed to increase the membership. Bros. Casey and O'Connor suitably replied. It was decided to entertain the Irish envoys in St. Joseph's Hall on their arrival, if their arrangements will permit. One member was initiated, and two candidates were proposed. The following officers were nominated for the next six months:—President, Bro. G. Purton; vice-president, Bro. J. Dougherty; secretary, Bro. J. O'Connor (re-elected); treasurer, Bro. J. Hally; warden, Bro. P. Fennessy; guardian, Bro. P. Sheehan; sick visitors—Bros. T. Boyle (re-elected), J. Ford (re-elected), J. Mulrooney; judicial committee—Bros. G. Bevis, T. J. Hussey, James Deehan, J. M. Casey, J. Hally, W. Butler, W. Carr, T. Brown, and C. Cornish; delegates to Dispensary and Friendly Societies' Council, Bros. James Deehan, W. Butler, and J. O'Connor. Rev. Father Coffey, Adm., announced that a general Communion of the members would take place at the Sacred Heart Church, North-East Valley, on Sunday, June 25, at the 8.30 o'clock Mass, and expressed the wish to see a large attendance of members on this occasion. The receipts for the evening amounted to £190.

OPENING OF A NEW CHURCH AT BROOKLYN

(From our Wellington correspondent.)

It was raining steadily and heavily on Sunday afternoon, June 11, and the streets of Brooklyn were running little rivulets of muddy water, but nevertheless every seat in the new Catholic Church at Brooklyn was filled at the opening ceremony. The church stands prominently on the Brooklyn hills, and overlooks the city and the harbor. Across the valley of the city can be seen the little sister edifice above Oriental Bay (St. Gerard's Redemptorist Church). On the left again is the new St. Brigid's Catholic churchroom, and the tune of their circle of bells will now be heard echoing round the hills.

His Grace Archbishop Redwood, the Ven. Archdeacon Devoy, Very Rev. Father O'Shea, V.G., the Rev. Father Hickson, Adm., and many others of the Wellington clergy were present.

A brief address was then given by the Vicar-General. He expressed the pleasure it gave them to have his Grace with them, and he apologised for the absence of the Very Rev. Father Murray, Superior of the Redemptorist Order, who had sent a donation to the building fund. A few years ago, continued the Vicar-General, it had been considered advisable to purchase for a church a piece of land in Washington avenue, Brooklyn; and very soon about £500 was raised by socials, etc. The cost of the land they had purchased was £600. They had paid off £300 of that, and had £200 in the bank. Then they had found that the site was not central enough, and they decided on the present one, of about half an acre. Its cost was £625. The sum of £200 had been paid on deposit, and a contract was let for the church at £707. With architect's fees, etc., the amount reached £740. There was, altogether, a debt on the property of £1165, but they also had, as an asset, the property in Washington avenue, for which they hoped eventually to get £600. The Vicar-General continued that the Brooklyn people were deserving of every thanks for their work in connection with the obtaining of the church, and also friends in the city. The altar was the gift of Mr. N. Crombie, Mr. Healy, and a few friends; the set of vestments had been made and presented by the Ladies' Guild of the Sacred Heart Convent, Island Bay; the names of several other donors were also mentioned. His Grace had given five guineas towards the cost of the church. The building, continued the speaker, was built by Mr. Brownman, and Mr. Swan was the architect. An appeal was made to the congregation for assistance towards paying off the debt.

His Grace Archbishop Redwood expressed his thanks to all who had contributed so generously towards the purchase of the land and the building of the church. He felt sure that before long the debt would be completely wiped off. The building had been dedicated to St. Antony. His grace wished to say that the church was a credit to the locality and to those concerned in it. It would be the means of bringing down upon the district and families the choicest blessings and happiness. He felt sure the congregation appreciated the advantages they had in possessing the church. They would now be able to participate in the two greatest gifts brought into the world by the Divine Master—gifts pointed to by St. John in the beginning of his gospel where he said 'The Word was made flesh and dwelt amongst us full of Grace and Truth.' Grace and truth were the two blessings. Truth enlightened a man as to what to believe and gave him the principles on which to guide his conduct. In the church they would hear expounded, explained, and when necessary, defended, those truths which Christ Himself came into the world to teach. In the church also they would receive grace in the Sacraments. What a blessing they had in being Catholics; in having the Truth as taught by Christ, which could never be overcome or destroyed, no matter what enemies might rise in the guise of science, corruption, or tyranny of State—nothing would be able to extinguish the Truth which Christ taught. Christ had said: 'Heaven and earth may pass away, but My Truth shall never pass away.' What a blessing to belong to the Church and have such a Truth and have it brought home in a familiar and efficacious manner. He hoped they would appreciate the church and the great blessings it would bring to them in the Sacrifice of the Mass. In conclusion, his Grace hoped that as they would appreciate the church so highly they would contribute largely and generously to pay off the debt.

The collection taken up totalled £110. The ceremonies ended with the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, the music being supplied by the choir of St. Mary of the Angels', Boulcott street, under Mr. E. J. Healy.

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