

narrow margin of 2 goals to 1. The Christian Brothers' team were royally entertained by the members of the Oamaru Club.

There was a very large attendance of the members of St. Joseph's Men's Club in St. Joseph's Hall on Monday evening, when Mr. M. Rossbotham, who is leaving for South America, was entertained at a smoke concert. Mr. E. W. Spain, on behalf of the members of the club, presented Mr. Rossbotham with a gentleman's companion as a slight mark of the esteem in which he is held and in recognition of his valued services on behalf of the club. During his membership of the club Mr. Rossbotham was unsparing in his efforts to further its interests, and his marked ability as a speaker and writer went far with popularising the institution with the young men of the parish. The lectures which he delivered from time to time gave evidence of his wide and varied learning, and never failed to draw large audiences; while his keen sense of humor added further to his popularity. Apart from his work as a member of the club, Mr. Rossbotham's genial and unassuming manner won him the sincere affection of his fellow-members, and his departure was keenly felt by those who had the privilege of his friendship. During the evening songs were contributed by Messrs. H. Poppelwell, A. Graham, H. Moynihan, G. Hayden, and C. Hannagan. Mr. F. Heley played the accompaniments.

DIocese OF AUCKLAND

(By telegraph, from our own correspondent.)

September 4.

There was Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Cathedral yesterday from the last Mass until Vespers. The usual procession took place in the evening.

Mrs. Catherine Mulkere, widow of the late Captain Mulkere, of the British Army, died at Onehunga on Friday, aged 75. Deceased was widely respected, and is survived by a grown-up family of sons and daughters. She was attended in her illness by the Right Rev. Mgr. O'Reilly. The funeral took place at St. Mary's Cemetery, Onehunga, yesterday, and was largely attended. Very Rev. Father Mahoney officiated.—R.I.P.

The Children of Mary, Devonport, held a successful social in the Masonic Hall, when there was only a moderate attendance, owing to the inclemency of the weather. Mesdames Hogan and Oxtan supervised the supper arrangements. Concert items were given by Misses Hogan, McCallum, Messrs. Kavanagh, O'Connor, and Master Molloy. The next social will be held in May, when it is hoped the parish priest, Rev. Father Furlong, will be present.

Palmerston North

(From our own correspondent.)

September 3.

The ladies of the congregation are unusually busy in preparing goods for the bazaar in November, and another social in aid of the stall funds is to be held in the Empire Hall towards the end of the month.

To-day being the first Sunday of the Month the women's branch of the Sacred Heart Sodality approached the Holy Table in large numbers at the 7.30 and 9 o'clock Masses. The 11 o'clock Mass was celebrated by Rev. Father Costello, who announced special sermons for each of the Sunday nights throughout the month. After Mass there was Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until the evening devotions, when the usual procession took place.

A most successful smoke concert was held at Dustin's Rooms on Wednesday last under the auspices of the Friendly Societies' Council, the occasion being the presenting of the shield in the recent card tournament to the successful winners, the H.A.C.B. Society, who have won it now for the third time, and it therefore becomes their property. The Mayor (Mr. J. A.

Nash) in presenting it said it gave him much pleasure to have to perform the ceremony for the third time during his term of office. Bro. H. F. McLean (president) suitably replied. Several toasts were honored during the evening, which was very pleasantly spent.

Ashburton

(From our own correspondent.)

September 5.

Affairs in connection with the Catholic Young Men's Club have been very quiet of late. The programmes formulated by the council have repeatedly lapsed for want of attendance, and it is only too evident that some radical change will have to be made so as to bring the club back to its flourishing condition.

The annual meeting of the St. Mary's Tennis Club was held on Friday evening in the Catholic boys' school-room. There was a large attendance of members, and Mr. J. F. Pritchard—in the unavoidable absence of the president (Mr. S. Madden)—presided. The report and balance sheet were read, and the chairman, in moving their adoption, congratulated the club. During the evening the Rev. Father O'Hare addressed the members on various matters concerning the welfare of the club, and congratulated them on the success attained. He also promised to donate a handsome trophy, to be competed for by the ladies. The following officers were elected for the year:—Patron, Very Rev. Dean J. J. O'Donnell; president, Mr. S. Madden; vice-presidents, Rev. Father O'Hare, Messrs. W. J. Cunningham, M. J. Burgess, H. P. Madden, T. Buckley, T. Staunton, J. Farrell, D. McDonnell, T. Dowling, W. Soal, E. Langley, D. Fitzgerald, and J. McQuilkin; captain, Mr. J. F. Pritchard (re-elected); vice-captain, Mr. H. Walsh; treasurer, Mr. T. L. Brophy; hon. secretary, Mr. M. O'Brien; committee, Messrs. T. Berry, J. McCormick, E. Findlay, T. Pucell, A. and N. Fitzgerald; auditor, Mr. T. M. Brophy. Votes of thanks were accorded the president, captain, and retiring secretary, who briefly replied.

Timaru

(From our own correspondent.)

September 4.

Rev. Father Taylor, who was at one time stationed in Timaru, arrived here to-day to preach a retreat to the Convent boarders.

At the invitation of Mr. Kennedy, manager of Fullers' Pictures, about eight hundred Catholics viewed a cinematograph film depicting the funeral of the late Cardinal Moran.

The Children of Mary gave one of their successful euchre parties in the girls' school hall on Wednesday evening last. There was a good attendance, and the evening passed off most enjoyably. The prizes were won by Messrs. T. Lynch and B. Rennell, and Misses Fitzgerald and S. Kane. Some nicely played musical items were given by the Misses Venning, McGrath, and Dennehy, and Messrs. Clarkson, McKennah, and J. Quelch. The refreshments were on a liberal scale, and were much appreciated. Rev. Fathers Tubman, Smyth, and Murphy were present during the evening.

Invercargill

(From our own correspondent.)

September 4.

On Tuesday evening, August 29, at the Invercargill Catholic Club rooms the Very Rev. Dean Burke, V.F., delivered a most instructive and interesting lecture on the French Revolution to a very large audience. At the conclusion of the lecture a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Dean, on the motion of Messrs P. Brogan and J. McNamara.

WANTED, by a Lady, another, to share Comfortable Home; arrangements made convenient if suitable person; mutual attention.—'Companionship,' Tablet Office.