

opportunity of expressing the thanks and appreciation of the club to his Lordship for his continued kindness. Speaking of the clergy, Mr. Hayward enlarged on the sacrifices they had made at all times and places for the faith. Our local clergy were no exception to the rule, and as regards the spiritual director of the club, he had made himself a member in the true sense of the term, and shown an excellent example by his co-operation with the executive committee. The club possessed an extensive library, the greater part of which was given by the Bishop, and added to by the Rev. Dr. Kennedy. In conclusion, he hoped the happy condition of the club, now only practically at its beginning, would soon double its scope of usefulness.

His Lordship the Bishop said he was exceedingly pleased at the reference made by Dr. O'Brien to the club's title, which should be preserved not only in name but in reality, and thus continue an honor to all the clergy, and a source of great consolation to himself. He was very grateful for the personal congratulations. He thanked them for the cordiality with which the toast was received, and was most anxious to see theirs and other Catholic clubs prosper. Although theirs was first in the diocese, there was also a fine one at Grey-mouth, and others at Ashburton, Timaru, and Temuka, all of which he would like to see increase in strength and influence. We should be proud of the name Catholic, which was indeed an honorable one, and with so much unrest and indifference in the world, with Catholicity as the only effective safeguard, it was not unusual to find our name borrowed by other denominations, whilst a respectful portion claim it without justification.

The Very Rev. Father Price thanked on behalf of the clergy the gathering for the way the toast was honored. He was, he said, very pleased to be present at such a splendid assembly of the young Catholic manhood of Christchurch. The priests could conceive no work more useful to the Church and State than that which tended to promote their spiritual and temporal advantages. The future is for young men, and they should lose no opportunity of cultivating their intellect

and developing their faith. In this the club was engaged, and whilst strictly insisting on a due observance of their religious duties, provided legitimate recreation for members. He congratulated the club on its successful efforts of the past, and trusted the good work would prosper, and the club become a distinct power in the future.

Mr. E. L. McKeon proposed the toast of 'The Vice-presidents,' and incidentally remarked on the happy choice in their selection of prominent Catholic men of the city. With his considerable club experience in many centres, he knew of none where so many prominent citizens were associated with them as here. This was very much appreciated, and all were proud of the present privilege of repaying in a small way this fine helpful influence.

Mr. E. T. Harper, in responding, said that after the splendid ideal unfolded he would undertake to do very much more in the future for an institution which does such an immense amount of good. He would be of practical assistance, and not only a figurehead.

Mr. M. Donnelly, in proposing 'Kindred Societies,' said that owing to his strenuous life he had not become acquainted and associated with the various Catholic societies as he would have wished. However, during his earlier life in Dunedin he had the honor of membership with the H.A.C.B. Society. Journalistic duties, in which he was then engaged, so claimed his attention and occupied his time that in the course of events he fell out of connection with it. He instanced by his own experience and observation the great benefits the society conferred. Incidentally, he spoke of the immense benefit to be derived by young Catholic speakers in a study of the orations of Irish leaders of past generations, and by applying them as models. For the Society of St. Vincent de Paul he had a great admiration. The day may come to any one necessitating the seeking of assistance from other people, and many a poor one would be cheered by receiving from the hand of co-religionists rather than accept the cold charity of outside sources. His reference to the Marist Old Boys' Association resolved itself into an eloquent

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