

There was a well-attended meeting of the congregation in the Rolland Hall on May 4 to bid farewell to Rev. Father O'Beirne, who has been transferred from here, to the charge of the parish of Inglewood, and to present him with a purse of sovereigns from the congregation of New Plymouth, together with a special souvenir from the members of the Hibernian Society. Mr. W. T. Jennings presided, and made each presentation in complimentary and graceful terms. A letter was read from Very Rev. Dean McKenna, expressing regret at his unavoidable absence, and conveying his hearty approval of and sympathy with the object of the meeting. Father O'Beirne suitably acknowledged both gifts, and Rev. Father Kehoe made a short speech before the proceedings closed.

Oamaru

(From our own correspondent.)

May 12.

On Wednesday evening a very enjoyable social was held in St. Patrick's Hall, under the auspices of the social committee of the Hibernian Society. There was a large attendance of young people, and keen competition for the euchre prizes offered. The president of the society (Mr. M. F. Cooney), in a brief address, welcomed the visitors, and trusted that they would spend a pleasant hour or two, which he hoped might be the forerunner of many similar functions before the end of the winter. The Hibernian Society have now taken over the control of the clubrooms and table, and intend to make the rooms attractive to the young men of the parish, as a place of meeting and social intercourse.

St. Patrick's Men's Literary Club, South Dunedin

The annual meeting of St. Patrick's Men's Literary Club was held on Monday evening, May 5, in the presbytery. The following was the annual report:—The last annual meeting was held on May 12, 1912, in the schoolroom, and owing to the kindness of the president (Rev. Father Delany), meetings were held regularly in the presbytery on each Monday night up till October 14—a most successful season of five months eventuating. The members on the roll totalled 24, the majority taking an active part in the proceedings. From a literary point of view the season was highly satisfactory. During the winter three debates were held with St. Joseph's Club, St. Patrick's winning one senior and the junior competition, thus showing that our members are well able to hold their own. A special feature of the debates was the number of young speakers who took part in them with great credit to themselves. The club also gave an invitation concert to the congregation, and this function proved an undoubted success. The members, with those of the young ladies' club, held a picnic at the Maori Kaik, and the weather proving fine, a most enjoyable day was spent. During the season lectures were delivered by the Rev. Fathers

Delany, D. O'Neill, and Liston, all of which were of great educational value to members. The thanks of the club are due to Messrs. Darling, J. E. Stephens, and Rev. Father Collins for officiating as judges in the inter-club debates.

On the motion of the Rev. Father Delany the report was adopted.

The election of officers resulted as follows:—President, Rev. Father Delany (re-elected); vice-presidents—Rev. Father O'Neill, Messrs. C. A. Shiel and J. J. Marlow (all re-elected); secretary, Mr. F. Murphy.

The members desired that last year's secretary, Mr. Carr, should still keep on the position, but the nomination was declined owing to business reasons.

Rev. Father Delany proposed a special vote of thanks to Mr. Carr for his past services to the club, and this was carried by acclamation.

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