

Pioneer, Albion, and Excelsior Football Clubs, the E.D.S.U. and the Hockey Association were also present. Mr. Poppelwell (president of the Hibernian Football Club), who presided, stated that in the departure of Mr. Columb, not only his club but the town was losing a good sport. He congratulated Mr. Columb most heartily on his well-merited promotion, and on behalf of the members of his club presented him with a handsome travelling rug. Messrs. O. Kelly, A. Borley, J. D. Forbes, G. Wallen, M. Green, T. Holland, M. Francis, H. Sullivan, T. Keating, W. Scott, and R. Stevens also spoke in laudatory terms of the guest of the evening. Mr. Columb feelingly responded. A toast-list suitable to the occasion was duly honored, and several songs added considerably to the enjoyment of the evening.

The quarterly meeting of the Hibernian Society was held in Holland's Buildings on Thursday evening. Bro. Aeneas H. Smith (president) occupied the chair, and there was a large attendance of members. The nomination of officers for the ensuing term was as follows:—Past president, Bro. Aeneas H. Smith; president, Bro. Michael A. O'Neill; vice-president, Bro. Frederick W. Bayley; secretary, Bro. Martin T. Francis; treasurer, Bro. Bernard Kelly (re-elected); warden, Bro. Horace F. Sullivan; guardian, Bro. William O'Neill; sick visitors (for the men)—Bros. Adam Hoffman, Joseph W. Kelligher, and Edmund F. McGowan; sick visitor (for the women), Sister Sarah T. Francis; auditors, Bros James Hoffman, P.P., and Joseph Howard; management committee—Bros. Michael A. O'Neill, F. W. Bayley, H. F. Sullivan, B. Kelly, Owen Kelly, P.P., R. Ferris, P.P.; judicial committee—Bros. Bayley, V.P., H. F. Sullivan, Adam Hoffman, A. Hugh Harvey, T. Hoffman, P.P., Joseph Howard, Richard Ferris, P.P., Owen Kelly, P.P.

Invercargill

(From our own correspondent.)

July 7.

A number of girls made their First Communion at the 8 o'clock Mass yesterday morning. They were prepared by Misses Waterston and Hannan, teachers at the North Invercargill Sunday School.

The Children of Mary, under their president (Miss Katie Kane), have instituted a series of social evenings for the winter months. The first of these took place in St. Joseph's Schoolroom on Wednesday of last week. There was a splendid attendance of members and aspirants, and the Very Rev. Dean Burke, V.F., and the Rev. Father Foley were present. During the evening items were contributed by Misses Shea, Neave, McCarthy, Kelly, and Collins. The accompaniments were played by Misses Barrett and McGrath. Several interesting musical competitions were held, the successful competitors being Misses Berry, Ross, K. Shepherd, and Barrett. At a suitable interval a dainty supper, supplied by some of the ladies, was handed round.

CATHOLIC MEN'S CLUB, AUCKLAND

The bi-monthly general Communion of the Auckland Catholic Men's Club and Marist Brothers' Old Boys' Association took place at the Cathedral on Sunday, June 29, at a special Mass celebrated by the Right Rev. Mgr Brodie (writes the club correspondent). About 100 members approached the Holy Table, after which, all assembled at the schoolroom for breakfast. Mr. R. B. Long (president) occupied the chair. After the toast of the 'Pope and King' had been honored, Mr. F. Adeane was called on to propose the toast of the 'Clergy.' In reply, Monsignor Brodie, who was enthusiastically applauded, congratulated the members on the large attendance, and referred at some length to the good work done by the club in various directions. He made special reference to the Marist Brothers, who had always assisted in every possible way in furthering the interests of the association.

The Rev. Brother George, in proposing the toast of the 'Club,' thanked Monsignor Brodie for his kind remarks, and mentioned that the present occasion was the first at which the club's chaplain (Rev. Father Holbrook) was unable to attend, owing to his absence in the Old Country on holiday. He also stated that no one recognised better than he, the necessity of new rooms for the club, and suggested that efforts be made to combine all the Catholic societies for the purpose of erecting a large building containing a hall and rooms for each society, which was badly needed by the Catholics of the city.

Mr. T. Buxton (president of the football branch), speaking in reply to the toast of the 'Football Club' proposed by Mr. McKenna, remarked that his branch recognised the need of new clubrooms, and guaranteed to support the club in any efforts they might make in this direction. Mr. Buxton then handed Monsignor Brodie a donation of £5 from the footballers towards the fund for the new orphanage. Monsignor Brodie thanked the members for their generosity.

Replying to the toast of the 'Junior Club,' the president (Rev. Brother Phelan) stated that the juniors were grateful to the club for the invitation extended to them to be present on this occasion. Further, he wished to convey the sincere thanks of the juniors to the executive and members of the parent body, for their kindness in admitting them into the association as a junior branch, and allowing them the full use of the clubrooms.

Mr. B. O'Brien proposed the toast of the 'Ladies,' and thanked them for the excellent breakfast they had provided. He also wished to express to the ladies the gratitude of the members for their valuable assistance to the club in the past, and their kindly interest in its welfare. In a few well-chosen remarks, Mr. J. Shanaghan responded on behalf of the ladies.

A word of praise is due to the secretary, Mr. F. Sellers, and the treasurer, Mr. J. Shanaghan, for the able manner in which the arrangements were carried out.

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