

DIOCESE OF DUNEDIN

The parish schools re-opened after the mid-winter holidays on Monday.

Two fine statues—the Sacred Heart and the Immaculate Conception—which were erected last week in the Church of Mary Immaculate, Kaikorai, were blessed in Sunday morning. The former was presented by Mesdames Cornish, Mowat, and Culling, and the latter by Mrs. Kennedy.

A very successful euchre tournament, in aid of the local stall at the forthcoming bazaar, was held in the Sacred Heart School, North-east Valley, on Friday evening, when there was a large attendance. The lady's prize was won by Miss Collins, and the gentleman's by Mr. Gallien.

On Monday evening St. Joseph's Men's Club held a mock parliamentary election. There was a fair attendance, and much amusement was created by the various speeches. The evening was most enjoyable, and on the whole the candidates acquitted themselves very well. On next Monday evening a smoke concert will be held.

A goodly number of Hibernians from St. Joseph's branch, Dunedin, journeyed to Mosgiel last Sunday. They were met at Holy Cross College by Rev. Father Liston (Rector) and about thirty ladies and gentlemen of the district, including the Mayor (Mr. A. F. Quelch), who were in favor of the formation of a branch. The meeting took place in the college library, and Rev. Father Liston, who presided, explained that owing to one important matter having been overlooked, the branch could not be opened that day. He expressed his regret at the disappointment of all, especially of the Dunedin visitors, and asked the district deputy (Bro. J. J. Marlow) and the officers of St. Joseph's branch to address the meeting. Bro. Marlow delivered a very able address. He pointed out the benefits resulting from membership, making special reference to the fact that it was a Catholic society as well, and although founded by Irishmen, it welcomed to its ranks all nationalities, asking them only in return to cherish the memory of Ireland. He especially welcomed the ladies, and strongly exhorted them to join also. The ladies in other places, especially in Wellington, had done remarkable work in the cause of Hibernianism, and he trusted the Mosgiel ladies would emulate their good example. Bros. T. J. Hussey (president), Geo. Bevis (vice-president), and J. Dougherty (past-president) also addressed the meeting. Rev. Father Liston then announced that another meeting would probably be held on July 27, and also that some parents of the college students were already favorable towards their sons becoming members. The others would be communicated with, and he believed a considerable number of replies favorable to the idea would be received. The Rector then graciously invited all present to partake of some light refreshments, after which the visitors were shown over the fine college and grounds.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS

RITA.—Allen Doone is at present in the Auckland province. We are making inquiries, and may have the information you desire in about a fortnight.

AJAX.—The full title of the Marist Fathers is Members of the Society of Mary; the full title of the Marist Brothers is Little Brothers of Mary. The former are a Religious Order; the latter a teaching confraternity. The Brothers do not themselves adopt the title you mention, and you will do well to follow their own usage. If you are in any doubt, why not apply direct to Brother Basil? In regard to the question of the Schools' Union's action, we are in communication with the authorities as to whether they desire further ventilation of the subject.

MARIST BROTHERS' OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION, CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

The Marist Brothers' Old Boys, to the number of 230, approached the Holy Table at the 9 o'clock Mass last Sunday. Mass was celebrated by Rev. Father Murphy, and two senior cadets acted as servers. A dozen senior cadets, under Lieutenant Thoms, lined both sides of the sanctuary. After Mass the Old Boys, headed by the school cadets, to the number of 80, marched to the school, where breakfast had been prepared by Mrs. Rodgers and a numerous band of very willing lady workers. Among the visitors were Sir George Clifford, Mr. McKeown (Catholic Club), Mr. R. O'Brien (Hibernians), Mr. R. Hayward (City Councillor), Mr. J. McLaren, and Dr. Morkane.

The president (Sir George Clifford), who received an ovation on rising, said he was greatly edified at the splendid exhibition of faith given by the Old Boys that morning. He congratulated them on the good work they were doing, and wished them ever increasing prosperity. He then proposed the toast of the 'Pope and King.'

The toast of the 'Bishop and clergy' was in the hands of Mr. R. Hayward, who said that the Catholics of Christchurch were indeed fortunate in having such a devoted band of priests in this district. He exhorted his hearers to assist them in every way, and to help in the preservation and spread of the faith in our midst.

Rev. Father Murphy, in the unavoidable absence of Very Rev. Chancellor Price, responded. He thanked all for the enthusiastic manner in which they honored the toast, and told them how pleased the clergy were with the work done by the Marist Brothers' Old Boys.

Mr. P. Amodeo, who proposed the toast of the 'Marist Brothers and the School,' said that the real sacrifices for education were made by those devoted bands of Sisters and Brothers who gave their whole lives to the work. He referred to the successes of the school, and was proud to be able to say that in every competition for which they had entered, whether in the scholastic or the athletic field, they had secured first honors. Two football banners, the cricket banner, the 'Wood Shield' for athletics, the Literary Society and Navy League essays, and the Sacred Heart College and St. Patrick's College scholarships were won by the lads during the past twelve months.

Brother Calixtus responded on behalf of the Brothers and the boys. He said that if he had not had good, hard-working assistants, the school could never have attained the successes it had attained during the past three years. In the sports a great deal of credit was due to the boys, amongst whom there was a splendid spirit of loyalty and an intense love for their school. This year's football team, though the smallest physically that had represented the school for a great number of years, had put up a great record. He paid a fine tribute to the splendid sporting qualities of the N.C.P.S. teachers, who showed such broadmindedness, and contrasted so favorably with their brethren in Wellington.

The captain and vice-captain of the cricket team then asked Sir George Clifford to present a framed photograph of last year's champions to Mr. O. McGough, who had done much to encourage sports among the boys.

Mr. O. McGough, who was loudly cheered, in a happy speech thanked the boys. He expressed his willingness to help them whenever they asked him.

The Marist Brothers' Old Boys' Association was proposed by Mr. Grimes. He referred to the loss sustained by the club in the death of Brother Charles, complimented them on their good performances in the field against great odds, and gave them some very useful advice regarding their dealings with one another.

Mr. L. Corbett responded.

'Kindred societies' was proposed by Mr. F. Smith, and responded to by Mr. McKeown (Catholic Club), Mr. O'Brien (Hibernian and St. Vincent de Paul Societies). 'The ladies' was proposed by Mr. C. Baker, and responded to by Mr. J. Currie.



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