

and the school responded with 39. McGlashan's second innings reached 54. Requiring 56 to win, the Christian Brothers' obtained the necessary runs with the loss of three wickets, and continuing the innings, reached 128 (H. Baker 72 not out, E. Collett 26). The bowling honors were shared by T. McCarten (3 for 6), E. Collett (12 for 31), and H. Baker (5 for 40).

The members of St. Patrick's Sodality of Children of Mary, South Dunedin, mourn the loss of one of their most faithful sodalists, by the death at the early age of 24 years, of Miss Katie Anderson, youngest daughter of Mrs. Anderson, of Musselburgh Rise, who passed away on March 3. She was attended by Rev. Father Delany during her last illness, and constantly visited by the Sisters of Mercy. Many of the Children of Mary attended at the graveside for the interment. — R.I.P.

Members of St. Joseph's and St. Patrick's branches of the H.A.C.B. Society assembled in large numbers at St. Patrick's Basilica, South Dunedin, on last Sunday, and, in regalia, approached the Holy Table at the nine o'clock Mass. Addressing the congregation, Rev. Father Delany (who was celebrant of the Mass) complimented the Hibernians on the splendid manifestation of their faith witnessed that morning. He referred to the aims and objects of the society, and exhorted every young man of the parish to join, and participate in the benefits and privileges which the Hibernian Society offered as distinct from any other friendly society. After Mass the members of both branches were guests of the ladies of the St. Vincent de Paul Society to breakfast, nicely laid and served in the adjoining schoolroom. Before dispersing, Bro. Ling (president of St. Joseph's branch), on behalf of all present, thanked the ladies for their hospitality, and expressed deep appreciation of the trouble they had taken in providing so generously for the occasion. Father Delany replied for the ladies, and incidentally referred to the helpfulness of the Hibernian Society in every parish where it was established. He again expressed the hope that the numerical strength of so beneficial an organisation should continue to increase.

HOLY WEEK AT ST. JOSEPH'S CATHEDRAL.

The observances of Holy Week at St. Joseph's Cathedral will be as follows:—On Wednesday evening the Solemn Office of Tenebrae at 7 o'clock, and continued at the same hour on Holy Thursday and Good Friday evenings. Commencing at 7 o'clock on Holy Thursday morning there will be Solemn Pontifical Mass, Blessing of the Holy Oils, and procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the Altar of Repose. On Good Friday morning Mass of the Presanctified will be celebrated at 9 o'clock, followed by veneration of the Cross. In the afternoon at 3 o'clock there will be devotions of the Stations of the Cross at the Cathedral and Sacred Heart Church, North-east Valley. The ceremonies of Holy Saturday will commence at 6 a.m. After Tenebrae on Holy Thursday evening a sermon on the Holy Eucharist will be preached by Rev. Father Collins (Holy Cross College, Mosgiel). On Good Friday morning, Very Rev. Father O'Donnell (Gore) will preach on "The Sacred Passion of Our Divine Lord," and after Tenebrae on Good Friday evening Rev. Father Andersen (Holy Cross College) will preach on "The Seven Dolors of the Blessed Virgin Mary." Confessions will be heard after devotions each evening and on Saturday afternoon and night. The collection on Good Friday will be for the Maori Missions. Besides the early Masses on Easter Sunday there will be Solemn Pontifical Mass, commencing at 11 o'clock, at St. Joseph's Cathedral, and Masses at the Sacred Heart Church, North-east Valley and suburban churches of the parish.

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THE IRISH QUESTION.

TO THE EDITOR.

Sir,—As an Englishman,—a fact of which I am not at present particularly proud,—and, as a non-Catholic, I admire the attitude you take up on the above question. It goes to show that you at least have the courage of your convictions in demanding as you do in such outspoken terms justice for that poor unfortunate country; but I cannot say I admire the attitude of the great majority of the Catholics, at least those of Irish birth or extraction, in this country. Contrast their attitude with that of those of the same religion and extraction in Australia. Here, especially in the little place in which I vegetate, they won't discuss the question, or if they do, it is with bated breath, as if they were fearful of being dubbed disloyal or unpatriotic, both of which terms to-day "stink in the nostrils" of decent, honest people. Apropos of this, I read an article published, I think, in one of your issues of December last year, in which you stated that the only religion which was non-materialistic was the Catholic religion. I regret to state, sir, that my experience has been the opposite. I have no wish to criticise any religion, but I do contend that the Catholics here have displayed, and do now display, a lamentable lack of that grand attribute, *moral courage*, inasmuch as they, as well as people of other denominations, refrain from discussing this most important matter of a full measure of justice to Ireland, so fearful are they that in so doing they might injure themselves from a material and pecuniary point of view. Such cowardice and lack of moral courage are to me, as one who has suffered much for my outspokenness on this as on other matters, most deplorable.—I am, etc.,

JOSEPH GOSS.

Waitara, N. Island, March 10.

M.B.O.B. FOOTBALL CLUB, CHRISTCHURCH.

The annual meeting of the above club was held last week. Rev. Brother Justin presided, and there was a large attendance. His Lordship Bishop Brodie and Rev. Father T. Haurahan, Adm., were among those present.

The 11th annual report stated that the last season had been a most successful one for the club. For the second year in succession the first fifteen had annexed the Canterbury Rugby Union Championship, and had beaten the rest of Canterbury in a game at the end of the season. The team had made a successful tour of the West Coast, the success being due in a great measure to the enthusiasm and activity of the manager, Mr. G. P. Payne, a vice-president of the club. Seven members of the club had gained representative honors. The junior teams had all had a successful season, and the third and fourth grade teams had been runners-up in their respective competitions, while the sixth grade team had secured the championship. The school teams had won both the senior grade and lightweight championships. The report referred with gratitude to the interest taken in the club by his Lordship Bishop Brodie, who had generously offered to provide a training ground, lighted by electric light, for the club, which had proved a distinct boon.

The annual balance sheet showed a cash balance of £12 15s.

Mr. G. P. Payne said that the match against the rest of Canterbury had been projected by the club for patriotic purposes, and the sum of £122 had been realised for the war memorial.

Office-bearers for the ensuing year were elected and general business transacted.

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