

A meeting was held in St. Patrick's Schoolroom, South Dunedin, on Monday evening, for the purpose of forming a junior social and debating club. About thirty members were enrolled. His Lordship the Bishop is patron of the club. The following officers have been elected:—President, Rev. Father Howard; vice-presidents, Rev. Father Geary, Messrs. M. Tynan, M. McKey, C. A. Shiel, W. Carr, J. J. Marlow, and James McCurdy; hon. secretary, Mr. H. McAuley; committee, Messrs. J. Atwell, J. Keys, A. McLean, R. Brown, and W. Toner. The weekly meetings will take place on Monday evenings.

On Wednesday evening of last week the members of St. Joseph's Ladies' Club opened their session with a most successful eulchre and musical evening, when the hall was well filled. Very enjoyable musical items were rendered by Misses Bryant, Davis, McFigue, and Mr. Torchon. The members regret very much that one of their most esteemed and useful members, Miss Hannigan, is leaving for Wellington. She will be much missed in the club, for she had always been ready to help and make the club a success, and give enjoyment to others. On behalf of the members Rev. Father Coffey, Adm., presented Miss Hannigan with a gold brooch. He spoke very highly of her many good qualities, and wished her every success. Mr. H. Miles responded.

The usual weekly meeting of the Boys' Club was held on Monday night last, when there was a good attendance. The Rev. Father Corcoran (president) occupied the chair. The programme was a lecture by Father Corcoran, who took for his subject 'Life of Daniel O'Connell, the Irish Liberator.' The lecture, which was listened to with the closest attention throughout, was most instructive and interesting. A vote of thanks to the Rev. Father Corcoran concluded the business of the evening. It was announced that the gymnasium would be open to the members from Tuesday night, May 7. Seeing the advantages to be gained from an institution of this kind in our midst, it is the duty of Catholic parents to see that their boys attend the club, and thus help to increase its usefulness.

There was a good attendance at the usual weekly meeting of St. Joseph's Men's Club on Friday evening, when the Rev. Father Coffey occupied the chair. The evening was devoted to a debate, 'Should legislation be introduced against extravagance in dress?' Mr. J. B. Callan, jun., who was supported by Mr. T. J. Hussey, led in the affirmative, and was opposed by Mr. E. W. Spain, who had the assistance of Messrs. Deehan, Columb, Sims, Hartstenge, and Cowan. The speaking was of a very high order, and some excellent speeches were made on both sides. A pleasing feature was the part taken by some of the younger members, who give every promise of developing into good debaters. At the conclusion of the debate the Rev. Father Coffey expressed his pleasure at the excellence of the speaking, and complimented the younger members on the manner in which they had acquitted themselves.

A few of the friends of Dr. J. P. Hastings met on Tuesday evening at the Christian Brothers' School to wish him bon voyage on his departure for London to pursue his studies. In a few well-chosen remarks, Rev. Father Coffey eulogised the industry of Dr. Hastings, which had enabled him to go through his examinations with great credit. Since matriculating from the Christian Brothers' School in 1902, Dr. Hastings passed every examination without exception, and came out splendidly in the final results. In asking the doctor's acceptance of a few presentations, Father Coffey expressed the hope that he would meet with success in his further studies at Home, and come back to New Zealand in due course, with the highest honors. After other gentlemen had endorsed the chairman's remarks, Dr. Hastings thanked his friends for the compliment they had paid him, and hoped that he would prove himself worthy of their esteem, and looked forward to being among his friends once more. Dr. Hastings leaves Wellington by the 'Morayshire' as surgeon on Friday next.

HOKITIKA.

(From our own correspondent.)

May 4.

The Rev. Father O'Connell, of Christchurch, who is at present engaged in making a collection on the Coast in aid of the Cathedral debt, has been in Hokitika for the past fortnight. He is well satisfied with the results of his mission so far, and his tour should result in the collection of a considerable sum.

The recent mission, conducted in Hokitika by the Redemptorists, Fathers Bannan and Lowham, has been productive of excellent results, the League of the Sacred Heart formed by them here having now a large membership.

At a meeting of the parishioners held on Friday evening, 3rd inst., at which Rev. Father Aubry presided, it was decided to establish a circulating library in Hokitika for the use of the congregation, and Messrs. H. Burger, M. Daly, T. G. Green, B. Cox, F. Groufsky, Mrs. Toomey, and Misses E. Ward, Mandl, M. Burke, and J. Foster were appointed a committee to make the necessary arrangements.

The annual meeting of St. Mary's Catholic Club was held in St. Mary's schoolroom on the 16th ult., there being a good attendance of members. The annual report referred to the past year as having been highly successful, and to the one just entered upon as likely to be even more so. The balance sheet showed a very satisfactory credit balance of £25 9s 6d. The election of officers resulted as follows:—President, Mr. J. Toomey (re-elected); vice-president, Mr. M. Daly; spiritual director, Rev. Father Aubry; secretary and treasurer, Mr. B. Cox (re-elected); auditor, Mr. J. J. L. Burke (re-elected); reporter to 'Catholic Magazine,' Mr. M. Daly; committee, Messrs. L. Dwan, T. J. Green, T. Daly, W. A. Dixon, and G. Wormington. It has been decided to form a dramatic society in connection with the club, and a play is now being rehearsed, which will be produced on June 4. It was decided at the annual meeting, in accordance with a resolution adopted at the late conference of the Federation, to alter the name of the society to that of the St. Mary's Catholic Club. At the first ordinary meeting of the club a debate on the subject, 'Should women be allowed to take up public positions?' was held, Mr. M. Daly leading in the affirmative and Mr. M. Lampe in the negative. The leaders were supported by Messrs. J. Hanrahan, McCarthy, F. Sellers, Wormington, J. Toomey, Shafrey, and the Rev. Father Aubry, and at the conclusion a vote of the meeting was taken, which favored the negative contention.

OAMARU

(From an occasional correspondent.)

The Oamaru Catholic Club opened its winter session on Friday night, when there was an excellent attendance. The Right Rev. Mgr. Mackay and the Rev. P. O'Neill were present. The following are the officers for the current year:—Patron, Right Rev. Mgr. Mackay; president, Mr. J. Cagney, sen.; vice-presidents, Sergeant O'Grady, and Messrs. L. McDonald, J. Gallagher, and J. Waterson; spiritual director, Rev. P. O'Neill; secretary, F. Mulvihill; treasurer, J. Maxwell; executive, Messrs. M. Hanley, John Griffith, W. Veitch, and F. Cooney. On the conclusion of the formal business a eulchre contest was held, and an enjoyable evening was spent. The programme for the next meeting night is a debate.

TIMARU

(From our own correspondent.)

May 7.

The Sacred Heart choir gave a most enjoyable concert to the Hospital patients recently. Songs were contributed by Mesdames Lynet and Skinner, and Misses Jefferson and Jordan. Mrs. Mangos organised the entertainment, and presided at the piano.

The Forty Hours' Adoration commenced at the eleven o'clock Mass on Sunday. In the evening Very Rev. Dean Regnault, of Waimate, preached an impressive sermon on 'Indifferentism' to a crowded congregation. Rev. Father Hoare preached on Monday night, and Rev. Father Tubman gave the Papal Blessing. During the devotions large numbers approached the Holy Table. The devotions were brought to a close this morning.

Mrs. Mangos, who for many years has occupied the position of organist in our parish church, owing to pressure of work, handed in her resignation some twelve months ago. Great difficulty was experienced in getting a successor, and it was only within the past month that the position was filled. Mrs. Mangos is an organist of exceptional ability, and ranks perhaps as the leading musician of this town, and her loss will be severely felt by the choir and congregation. She has always been ready to sacrifice herself for everything that helped towards the welfare of the parish, and it is a matter of congratulation that she is not severing her connection with parochial work.

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