

and to bring its knowledge and use into the lives of others. There is no devotion which teaches the Incarnation so profoundly as does the Rosary, or which nurtures so perfect a Catholic tone and mind, besides enabling us to give Our Lady that regular and constant devotion which is due to her as our Queen and our Mother.'

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The Christian Brothers' Association football teams had a day out on Saturday, the result being a win in each case. In the second grade they beat Mornington—6 goals to 3. In the third grade they beat High School—2 goals to 1. In the fourth grade they beat O.B.I.—4 goals to 2. The senior school team beat Mornington—6 goals to 2.

The St. Joseph's Harriers had a good muster for their run on Saturday, which was held at St. Clair. The hares went up past the Castle, along the water's edge for some distance, and, making a large circuit in the direction of Green Island, returned home along the hills overlooking St. Clair.

St. Patrick's Ladies' Club, South Dunedin, held its weekly meeting on Thursday evening. It took the form of a musical evening, and there was a large attendance. The following contributed items:—Duet, Misses Tonar and McGowan; recitation, Miss M. Brennan; song, Mr. W. Walsh; recitation, Miss S. Mullin; song, Miss Reid; piano solo, Miss Cunningham; recitation, Mr. W. Mulrooney; dance, Misses Dunford (2), Brennan, and Marlow.

St. Patrick's Young Men's Club, South Dunedin, held its usual weekly meeting in the schoolroom on Monday evening, the programme consisting of a euvre tournament. There was a large attendance, and a very pleasant evening was spent. The lady's prize was won by Miss V. Marlow, and the gentleman's by Mr. A. Heffernan. The proceedings were brought to a close with musical items by Miss M. Brennan, recitation by Mr. J. Atwill, and a song by Mr. R. Walls.

News has reached London to-day (writes the correspondent of the *Otago Daily Times* under date April 2) that the Pope received in private audience yesterday Rev. Brother Hennessy, of Dublin, Assistant Superior-General of the Christian Brothers, who has been engaged during the past year in inspecting the educational establishments of his Order in South Africa, Australia, New Zealand, and India. His Holiness, who was greatly interested in Brother Hennessy's report of his work, and of the progress of the schools and colleges conducted by the Brothers in the British colonies, showed an intimate knowledge of the educational problems of those countries.

The weekly meeting of St. Joseph's Men's Club, held on Friday evening, was largely attended, when the Glee Club gave a concert. The following programme was presented:—Songs, Messrs. Jos. Swanson, A. Graham, T. Hughes, R. Devaney, O. Swanson, J. V. Quelch; vocal quartet, Messrs. F. Heley, T. Deehan, L. Coughlan, and Jos. Swanson; and the part songs, 'Comrades in arms' and 'The village blacksmith,' by the Glee Club. Mr. Heley acted as accompanist. Since last season the members have made rapid strides of improvement. The programme was highly appreciated.

A branch of the H.A.C.B. Society is to be opened in Otautau on Saturday, May 29. The success of the movement is assured by the number of eligible men who have signified their intention of joining the branch. This is due in a great measure to the untiring efforts of the Rev. Father Murphy, Riverton. The Catholic young men of the district should avail themselves of the opportunity offered of joining what is both a sound benefit society and a sterling Catholic organisation. As many as possible should be in attendance on the 29th inst., when Mr. J. J. Marlow, district deputy for Otago and Southland, will open the branch.

An adjourned meeting of the Catholics of South Dunedin for the purpose of forming a Men's Club was held on Sunday evening, Mr. J. J. Marlow in the chair. Upwards of forty names were handed in, and it was decided to meet on Thursdays, the initial meeting to be held on May 27. The following are the office-bearers for the current year:—Patron, his Lordship Bishop Verdon; president, Mr. C. A. Shiel; vice-presidents, Rev. Father O'Malley, Messrs. J. J. Marlow, W. Carr, and J. Donlan; secretary and treasurer, Mr. J. Saunders; spiritual director, Rev. D. O'Neill. A committee was appointed to draw up rules, etc., and to report to the meeting on the 27th inst.

The annual meeting of St. Joseph's Ladies' Club was held in St. Joseph's Hall on Wednesday evening. The Rev. Father Coffey, Adm., presided, and there was a large

attendance of members and intending members. The secretary (Miss K. Hannagan) read the report and balance sheet. The committee in their report stated that the past year's work had been very satisfactory. The financial members numbered 71, which was a large increase on the previous year. The weekly meetings were well attended. The wood-carving and fancy sewing class proved a great success, as could be judged by the splendid display of work which was exhibited at the final social evening, this being due to Mrs. T. Hussey. Many musical evenings were held, and the committee take this opportunity of thanking all those who contributed towards making those evenings so enjoyable. On behalf of the members, the committee return their sincere thanks to their president (Miss Staunton) for her generosity and kindness in devoting so much of her time to make the club so successful, and in her recent sad bereavement she had the sincere sympathy of all the members. The Rev. Father Coffey complimented the president (Miss Staunton) on the careful and painstaking manner in which she had looked after the interests of the club, and for having left nothing undone during the past year which would tend towards its success. The election of officers resulted as follows:—President, Miss Staunton (re-elected); secretary and treasurer, Miss K. Hannagan (re-elected); committee, Mrs. Jackson, Misses O'Reilly, Bryant, and Flannery.

Oamaru

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

May 17.

The first school football match of the season, played on Takaro Park on Saturday last between St. Patrick's and North schools, resulted in a win for the latter.

St. Patrick's Dramatic Club is at present actively rehearsing for their production of a popular comedy at the Opera House on July 22 and 29.

The grand bazaar, for which all members of the congregation and their friends have been busily working for months past, will eventuate in August next. The Town Hall has been engaged for twelve nights. Signor Borzoni's engagement as superintendent of entertainments is a sufficient guarantee that patrons will get only the best novelties in the way of amusements.

The formal re-opening of St. Patrick's Club, under its new title and much improved conditions generally, took place on Friday evening last, in the presence of a large and enthusiastic gathering of members. Mr. T. O'Grady (president) occupied the chair, and was supported by Right Rev. Mgr. Mackay, V.G., Rev. Father Farthing, and Rev. Father O'Brien.

The chairman, in his opening speech, said it gave him great pleasure to see such a large muster of young men, including all the old members and a very gratifying number of new ones. To the latter he tendered the most cordial welcome, and hoped they would be as constant in their attendance at the various functions as were many of the original members, and that they would derive much benefit from their association with the club. He spoke of the strides made by the club during the year just ended, and trusted that the coming session would see a vast improvement in all directions. The room was now in capital order and up-to-date in every respect, and it only rested with the members to make St. Patrick's Club second to none in the Dominion. As the members knew, they owed a debt of gratitude to Rev. Father Farthing for his untiring energy in the interests of the club since his arrival in Oamaru, and it was to his efforts that they owed the wonderful improvements in the room, its furnishings, and appearance. He then called on Monsignor Mackay to declare the club open.

Monsignor Mackay, in a happy and instructive address, endorsed the president's remarks concerning the immense advantages to be gained by belonging to such an institution. It was very gratifying to him to see such a large attendance. Most of those present had passed through their school curriculum, but they must not think that their education was finished. It was but commencing, so to speak. It required considerably more than the 'three R's' to carry a man successfully through life, and when they joined a club of this kind they were afforded an opportunity of enlarging their minds and fitting themselves mentally, morally, and physically for life's battle. He could not conclude his remarks without mentioning a matter which caused much indignation. He referred to a paragraph, appearing in all the papers, in which the highest judicial authority in the Dominion was credited with a statement at once baseless and untrue, and which as a prominent Nonconformist had stated, was absolutely improbable. He hoped the matter would, at an early date, be taken up by the club, and he would have great pleasure in being present to hear their views of the question.