

For a poet wrought in Panama
 With a continent for his theme,
 And he wrote with flood and fire
 To forge a planet's dream,
 And the derricks rang his dithyrambs
 And his stanzas roared in steam.

Where old Balboa bent his gaze
 He leads the liners through,
 And the Horn that tossed Magellan
 Bellows a far halloo,
 For where the navies never sailed
 Steamed Goethals and his crew.

So nevermore the tropic routes
 Need poleward warp and veer,
 But on through the Gates of Goethals
 The steady keels shall steer,
 Where the tribes of man are led toward peace
 By the prophet-engineer.

DIOCESE OF DUNEDIN.

The Rev. Father Buckley will celebrate Mass on Sunday at the casual camp at Matarao.

An entertainment in aid of the reduction of the debt on the Catholic Church, Kaikorai, will be given in the Wakari Hall on Friday evening.

The Very Rev. Dean Regnault, S.M. (Provincial), and the Very Rev. Dr. Kennedy, S.M. (Rector of St. Patrick's College), two of the delegates from the Province of New Zealand to the General Chapter of the Marist Order to be held in Belgium, are expected in Dunedin towards the end of the week. From here they proceed to Melbourne on their way to Europe.

On Sunday, the feast of the Patronage of St. Joseph, there was Solemn High Mass at 11 o'clock at St. Joseph's Cathedral. Rev. Father Collins (Holy Cross College) was celebrant, Rev. Father Kavanagh deacon, Rev. Mr. Riordan (Holy Cross College) sub-deacon, and Rev. Father Coffey, Adm., master of ceremonies. There was Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from High Mass until after Vespers, when the usual procession, followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, took place. The high altar and our Lady's altar were beautifully decorated with choice flowers.

ST. JOSEPH'S MEN'S CLUB, DUNEDIN.

The annual meeting of St. Joseph's Men's Club was held in St. Joseph's Hall on Monday evening. Rev. Father Buckley (president) occupied the chair, and there was a representative attendance.

The following was the annual report read by Mr. J. Airey (secretary):—

Seventeen meetings were held during the season, three being devoted to debates among members, four to lectures, one to a debate with the Ladies' Club, and the remainder to musical and social evenings. The debates were most successful, and the junior members who took part in these displayed a good deal of ability. The following delivered lectures during the year: Rev. Fathers Buckley and Morkane, Messrs. Gallagher, O'Sullivan, and J. Atwill. The lectures proved most instructive, and were attended by interested audiences. The musical evenings were much appreciated, and the thanks of the club are due to the following, who contributed to the programmes: Messrs. W. and J. Atwill, D. and B. Fogarty, Gallagher, O'Brien, Haydon, A. Dunne, Poppelwell, F. Kelleher, and F. Yule. The debate with the Ladies' Club was most interesting, and proved to be one of the most popular items on the syllabus. The committee trusts that the Glee Club will be revived this season. The billiard room, under the supervision of Messrs. Fogarty Bros. and Wilson Bros., was kept in the best of order, and every courtesy was shown to members. The special prizes given by the rev. president for the most improved senior and junior members were awarded to Mr. J. Atwill (senior) and Messrs. F. Yule

and A. Clements (juniors). The report would not be complete without a special reference to the work of our president (Rev. Father Buckley). His untiring energy on behalf of the club, and his unflinching interest in the members deserve their heartiest support. He was constant in attendance, and he proved to be an ideal president. In conclusion, the committee thanks members for the support accorded during the year, and trusts that the coming season will be most successful, and that members will take advantage of the many benefits to be derived from connection with the club.

The report was adopted, after which a general discussion took place with regard to improvements which would be required to make the club more popular with our young men. Some valuable suggestions were made, and the general opinion of the speakers was that a more comfortable meeting room would tend greatly to augment the membership.

His Lordship Bishop Verdon is patron of the club, and the following are the officers for the current year: President, Rev. Father Buckley; vice-presidents, Rev. Father Coffey, Adm., and Mr. E. W. Spain; secretary, Mr. F. Yule; auditor, Mr. J. Fogarty; committee—Messrs. B. Fogarty, A. Clements, J. Dunne, H. Gallagher, and J. Atwill.

CATHOLIC FEDERATION

DOMINION EXECUTIVE.

(From our Wellington correspondent.)

The Dominion Executive met last Wednesday evening at the Catholic Federation offices, Cuba street, Mr. J. J. L. Burke presiding. The resignation of Mr. F. K. Reeves, the president, was received with genuine regret by the members, and eulogistic references were made to the able manner in which he carried out the duties of his position. It was resolved: 'That the Dominion Executive, in accepting the resignation of their esteemed and popular president with feelings of extreme regret, desires to place on record its deep appreciation of the conspicuous ability with which he discharged his duties, and trusts that at some future date he will again undertake the duties he so successfully carried out during his first term of office.'

ST. BRIDE'S CLUB, WELLINGTON.

A pleasant little function took place on Thursday evening, April 30, when the new clubroom for Catholic girls, living away from their homes, was formally opened by his Grace Archbishop O'Shea. Mr. B. Ellis, of the Catholic Immigration Committee, in welcoming his Grace, briefly outlined the work of the C.I.C., and the reasons which had prompted his committee to establish St. Bride's Club. It had been found, he said, that there were many girls in Wellington, employed in work of various kinds, and especially domestic work, who had few friends, and no opportunity of meeting Catholic girls of similar tastes, and faith, and especially was this so in the case of girls coming from the Old Country. The committee had been able, thanks to the generosity of Mr. Martin Kennedy and his family, and of other friends, to comfortably furnish the large room next to the Federation offices in Lower Cuba street as a clubroom, and that night to hand over the management of the club to the committee of girls and C.I.C. members already elected.

His Grace, who was greeted with applause, said it gave him great pleasure to be present at the opening of the first club of the kind in New Zealand. He paid a tribute to the great work of the Federation, of which the C.I.C. is a committee, and exhorted the girls to take an interest in its work and progress. He had much pleasure in declaring the club open, and wished it every success and blessing.

Miss Reichell, vice-president of the C.I.C., and president of the club, then addressed the girls, pointing out that their duty was to help one another, to welcome