

The annual meeting and reunion of the Sacred Heart College Old Boys' Union was held at the college on Monday evening, May 26. A large number of members attended. Mr. J. Donovan, who presided, welcomed the returned men as guests to the reunion. The election of officers resulted as follows:—President, Mr. J. Donovan; vice-presidents, Rev. G. M. Colgan and Brother Benignus; treasurer, Mr. A. Tobin; secretary, Mr. M. Flynn; committee, Messrs. G. Ricketts, B. Cahill, E. Buckler, E. Burns, B. Goldwater, and J. Molloy. The remainder of the evening was devoted to a smoke concert, at which several toasts were honored. Musical items were contributed by the college orchestra and Messrs. T. Harris, Ford, Forte, H. Manning, A. McElwain, Beresford, Finer, Rae, and F. Poore.

Ormond

A mission, to be conducted by Fathers Ainsworth and McCarthy (Marist Missioners), will open in the parish on Sunday, June 8.

On Easter Monday, the Patutahi division of the parish organised a fete and sports in the Domain, which proved most successful, realising £112 towards the parish fund, exclusive of expenses. The race and sports section was ably supervised by Messrs. Atkins, Wilmott, and Downey. The stalls were in charge of Mesdames Atkins, Angland, Ellis, Gallaher, Moloney, and Walls, and Misses Angland, Gallagher, McLoughlin, Tuohy, and Walls. Much credit is due to the capable secretary (Mrs. C. Atkins), and to Mrs. and Miss Walls for their valuable assistance in procuring prizes and trophies. Sincere thanks are due to non-Catholic friends who gave such timely aid in making the undertaking so marked a success.

On May 15 the Ormond Catholic Ladies' Guild held a very successful sale of work in the local hall, kindly lent by Mr. Clements for the occasion. The president, Mrs. T. Quirk, assisted by the other members and willing workers, showed by the display of work on the stalls to have spared neither scissors nor thread upon their various fabrics, producing in a few weeks such a fine assortment of articles suitable for the requirements of young and old. Mr. and Miss Griffin, of Makauri, and Catholic ladies of Kaitaratahi, also rendered valuable assistance. The proceeds of the sale of work amounted to £83.

The churches at Makauri and Patutahi, and the presbytery, are undergoing repairs and renovation.

THOMAS MOORE ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

DUNEDIN.

The concert given in St. Joseph's Hall on Wednesday evening, May 28, by St. Joseph's Glee Club, in celebration of the anniversary of Thomas Moore, bard of Ireland, was entirely successful, and the rendition of the lengthy programme was most creditable to the members of the Glee Club, and to their indefatigable conductor, Mr. T. J. Anthony. The hall was filled to overflowing, and the large audience thoroughly enjoyed the feast of Irish national melody so generously provided. Each number on the programme was a selection from Moore's works, and recalls were numerous. While the singing of the various items was, on the whole, praiseworthy, the part-singing was really admirable. As in the Glee Club's initial concert some months ago, a pleasing feature of the evening's fine entertainment was the avoidance of tiresome delays between each item. The following is the programme submitted:—Part song ("Let Erin Remember the Days of Old"), St. Joseph's Glee Club; song ("Oft in the Stilly Night"), Mr. D. Fogarty; song ("Rich and Rare Were the Gems She Wore"), Miss K. Leonard; duet ("Believe Me, If All Those Endearing Young Charms"), Miss C. Dillon and Mr. M. Coughlan; song ("When Daylight Was Yet Sleeping Under the Pillow"), Mr. R. A. Power; song ("She Is Far From the Land"), Miss M. Carter; quar-

ter (" 'Tis the Last Rose of Summer"), Misses G. Davis and A. McCready and Messrs. D. Fogarty and L. Forrest; song ("The Meeting of the Waters"), Mr. F. Fogarty; song ("The Young May Moon"), Mrs. W. Murdoch; part song, female voices ("When Through Life Unblest We Rove"), Mesdames M. Coughlan and L. Forrest and Misses L. Holden, A. McCready, J. Toomey, M. McKenzie, M. Campbell, and B. Meade; part song ("Has Sorrow Thy Young Days Shaded?"), St. Joseph's Glee Club; song ("The Minstrel Boy"), Mr. M. Coughlan; song ("Oh, Breathe Not His Name"), Miss C. Dillon; duet ("What the Bee Is to the Flow'ret"), Miss K. Leonard and Mr. D. Fogarty; song ("Love's Young Dream"), Mr. J. Higgins; song ("Erin, the Tear and the Smile in Thine Eye"), Miss A. McCready; double quartet ("I'd Mourn the Hopes that Leave Me"), Mrs. W. Murdoch, Misses A. McCready, C. Dillon, and J. Toomey, and Messrs. M. Coughlan, R. A. Power, F. Fogarty, and W. Olson; song ("Fill the Bumper Fair"), Mr. W. Olson; song ("The Harp that Once"), Miss K. Burk; part song ("Go Where Glory Waits Thee"), St. Joseph's Glee Club. Mr. T. J. Anthony was the musical director, and Mrs. C. Fennell accompanist. The business arrangements were efficiently carried out by Mr. M. Coughlan (secretary).

At an interval, Father Ardagh, in thanking the crowded audience for the generous and encouraging support extended to the Glee Club on the occasion, very warmly complimented the members of the club on their spirited enterprise in inaugurating the Thomas Moore celebration in Dunedin, and in presenting and artistically rendering so comprehensive a programme of Moore's melodies. The Glee Club (he said) deserved the warmest thanks of all lovers of Irish national music, and such a talented performance would assuredly attract an audience which would fill the largest local theatre, and next year's celebration, he trusted, would be given under such conditions.

At the conclusion of the concert, the members of the Glee Club presented the conductor (Mr. T. J. Anthony) with a gold-mounted walking-stick, the mounting bearing an inscription appropriate of Dunedin's first celebration of Thomas Moore's anniversary. Mr. Anthony, who was greatly surprised at this mark of appreciation on the part of the club members, made suitable acknowledgment. A gift was also made to Mrs. Fennell (accompanist), who was heartily thanked for the very efficient discharge of her arduous and exacting duties.

WELLINGTON.

The Thomas Moore anniversary celebrations in this city were a great success (writes our Wellington correspondent). The competitions amongst the pupils attending the Catholic primary schools were held on Saturday, at the Sydney Street schoolroom, and the talent displayed reflected much credit on the devoted teachers, both Marist Brothers and nuns, who patiently, and at considerable sacrifice of leisure time, trained them. Mr. Frank J. Oakes, conductor of St. Gerard's Choir, was adjudicator for the musical section, and Mr. P. J. O'Regan acted in a similar capacity for the elocutionary section. Both judges, in announcing their decisions, expressed themselves as agreeably surprised at the excellent standard which the children had reached. The fine total of 78 entries were received for the various sections. The following was the result:—Choirs—Begg Challenge Shield: Test pieces, "Erin, the Tear" (unaccompanied), "The Valley Lay Smiling Before Me" (accompanied)—Marist Brothers, Tasman Street, Newtown, 1st; Marist Brothers, Hawkestone St., Thorndon, 2nd; St. Patrick's Convent School, Kilbirnie, 3rd. Girls' Special Challenge Shield: Test pieces, "Oft in the Stilly Night" (unaccompanied), "Love's Young Dream" (accompanied)—Petone Convent School, 1st; Guildford Terrace Convent School, 2nd. The Bristol Challenge Shield: Test pieces, "I Saw from the Beach" (unaccompanied), "Canadian Boat Song" (accompanied)—Marist Brothers, Hawkestone St., Thorn-

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