

assuredly be realised if each member does his share in promoting the well-being of his club, and shows an active appreciation of the advantages which spring from concerted action, and if each member labors to preserve in his club a spirit of unity, mutual improvement, comradeship, and charity. With these objects kept steadily in view the Federation will flourish, and become a more powerful factor for good in promoting the cause of Catholicity and good citizenship. The Executive wishes to thank the clubs generally for the assistance and support given to it during the past term, and trusts that the ensuing year will be one of greater enthusiasm and activity.

CHRISTCHURCH.

(From the Club correspondent.)

April 5.

During the past two weeks, owing to the mission, conducted by the Redemptorists Fathers, the club rooms have been practically closed. Arrangements have been made to hold a social evening in the rooms on Easter Monday evening in honor of the delegates attending the Conference.

Messrs. D. Edmonds and C. Lafferty, prominent members of the literary section of the club, are candidates for the Municipal Council. Mr. Lafferty made a very good impression at a public meeting at Sydenham one evening last week, as did Mr. Edmonds at the Alexandra Hall this evening. Of the five speakers that spoke at the latter place, Mr. Edmonds was undoubtedly the best.

At the Christchurch musical and elocutionary competitions, Mr. E. McKeon gained first place for the impromptu speech, out of nine competitors, the subject being 'The pleasures of a vacation.' Mr. Booth complimented the competitors on the manner in which they had overcome their difficult work, and added that he would like to hear the winner in a prepared speech. Out of eleven competitors in the oratorical display, Mr. P. McNamara was one of three recalled, and was placed second in the final.

GREYMOUTH.

(From the club correspondent.)

April 7.

The usual weekly meeting of the St. Colomba Catholic Club was held last Monday evening. The president (Mr. A. P. O'Donoghue) occupied the chair, and thirty members were present. The president announced that the executive had accepted Schaefer and Sons' tender (£55) for furnishing the new reading room. Messrs. M. Keating and M. Moriarty were appointed to represent the club at the conference of the Federated Catholic Clubs to be held in Christchurch during Easter week. The subject on the syllabus for the evening consisted of impromptu speeches. Several of the junior members made their maiden efforts, and showed that the club has some very good talent amongst the junior members. A camera club has been started in connection with the club, and is being supported most enthusiastically by members. Our worthy president has offered to give lessons to the younger members. The St. Colomba Hockey Club have also held their annual meeting, and intend competing in the senior and junior competition.

Diocesan News

ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

April 8.

The Redemptorist Fathers will conduct a mission at St. Anne's, Wellington South, commencing on April 26.

The Rev. Father Gilmartin, C.S.S.R., left for Sydney by the Warrimoo yesterday, en route for the Philippines.

The children attending the schools of the city are being prepared for their First Communion, which takes place on Easter Sunday.

The Rev. Father Taylor, lately of Greymouth, is assisting at St. Joseph's Church, Buckle street. Father Taylor will take up duties at Leeston, in the Christchurch diocese, after Easter.

His Grace Archbishop Redwood has returned to Wellington from Western Australia, where he assisted at the consecration of the Right Rev. Dr. Clune as Bishop of Perth.

Now that the Marist Novitiate at Island Bay is closed the parishioners of that district are being attended to by the Fathers of St. Anne's. Mass is celebrated every Sunday at 8.30 a.m.

Mass will be celebrated for the first time in the new church-schoolroom, now being completed at Brooklyn, on Easter Sunday. The date of the formal opening has not yet been fixed.

At the Island Bay Home of Compassion, conducted by Rev. Mother Mary Joseph Aubert, several young ladies were yesterday received into the Order. Two of those received are Wellington ladies—viz., Misses Crombie and O'Sullivan.

The Rev. Father Bartley, S.M., M.A., of St. Patrick's College, concluded his course of Lenten sermons at St. Joseph's Church, Buckle street, on last Sunday evening, the subject being 'Explanation of Modern Unbelief.' There was a large congregation present, amongst whom were a fair sprinkling of non-Catholics.

The monthly meeting of the Particular Council of the St. Vincent de Paul Society took place on last Wednesday, when Mr. W. Perry, the well-known solicitor, was appointed secretary in succession to Mr. Alfred Jackson, who resigned through pressure of private business.

Mr. J. W. Callaghan, District Deputy of the H.A.C.B. Society, is in communication with Mr. W. White, of Foxton, a past secretary of Wellington branch, with a view of establishing a branch of the Society in that town. With the whole-hearted support of the Rev. Father Kelly, who is very keen on the establishment of a branch, and the experience of Mr. White, a successful branch should be started before many weeks.

A pleasant function took place at Trentham on last Saturday afternoon, when the members of the St. Anne's Defence Cadets shot off for the rifle belt presented for the championship of the corps. The conditions were ten shots at 500 and 600 yards. Three qualified for the final—Sergeant Turner, Q.M.-Sergeant Carrol, and Bugler Hopkins. Sergeant Turner eventually won the championship belt and gold medal. Q.M.-Sergeant Carrol was runner-up, and carried off the trophy given for second place. Bugler Hopkins came third, and received a gold medal. Captain R. E. Martin, in presenting the belt, said, in addressing the boys, that the occasion was a memorable one in the history of the company, inasmuch as it was the first time the corps had held a championship meeting. In congratulating the winner, Captain Martin said that Sergeant Turner had shot well and consistently throughout the year, and the win, besides being well deserved, was a popular one. Captain Whittaker gave the boys some good advice, and the meeting concluded with cheers and chairing the champion off the ground.

A smoke concert was held by the Catholic Young Men's Cricket Club at Mawson's Rooms, Cuba street, last Friday evening, to mark the occasion of their winning the third-class cricket championship. The attendance was large, and the proceedings of a very enjoyable kind. Templars Cricket Club (runners-up) forwarded a very graceful letter, in which they congratulated the club on its success, and on the gentlemanly manner in which they had contested their games. In proposing the toast of the 'Catholic Young Men's Cricket Club,' the chairman (Mr. S. Moran) warmly congratulated members on the season's work. They had always pulled together, both on and off the field, and they thoroughly deserved their success. In replying to the toast of 'The Runners-up' (proposed by Mr. Carroll), Mr. Wright, captain of the Templars' Club, also paid a tribute to the conduct of members of the C.C.C. They had, he said, proved themselves good sportsmen, and worthy opponents, and he looked forward with pleasure to meeting them when the cricket season came round again. During the evening songs were contributed by Messrs. Kearney, F. Eller, G. Reade, O. Foote, P. J. McGovern, and Gamble. W. Warne was presented with a gold medal for the highest batting average, and P. Toms with a silver cigarette case for the next best average. J. O'Dowd and L. Carroll also received presentations for obtaining the best bowling averages.

The Wellington branch of the Newman Society met in St. Patrick's Hall on last Sunday, there being a good attendance of members; Mr. S. J. Moran, LL.B., being in the chair. The following officers were elected:—Patron, His Grace the Archbishop; president, Mr. S. J. Moran, LL.B.; vice-presidents, Very Rev. Dr. Kennedy, S.M., B.A., and Mr. M. J. Crombie, LL.B.; hon. secretary, Miss Mellsop; hon. treasurer, Mr. P. Verschaffelt; members of management committee—the officers, with Rev. Father Bartley, S.M., M.A., Miss Casey, and Mr. Boyce; delegates to the New Zealand Society, Rev. Father Bartley and Mr. P. McNamara. A syllabus is being arranged which will include several interesting papers from the clergy and prominent members of the laity. The first meeting will be devoted to an address on Cardinal Newman, by the Rev. Father Bartley. Several members have signified their intention of visiting Auckland at Easter, to hold a reunion with the Auckland branch, and discuss matters of importance. As the society is a young one, and as its constitution is perhaps not yet understood by our Catholic people, it would be as well to enlighten them on the subject. The Newman Society has been formed to promote higher Catholic education, and to refute calumnies on the Church, such objects being attained by the preparation, reading, and discussing of papers dealing with history, literature, science, and art, by the delivering of lectures, holding of debates, the establishment of reading circles, interchange of articles with other branches of the society, and by social reunions. All Catholics are eligible for membership, but the necessary qualification for holding office is the passing of a Matriculation examination of any University or any examination which, in the opinion of the committee, is at least equal to the standard of the Matriculation of the New Zealand University. There is plenty of scope for this society in Wellington.