

Thus ended the procession. The King has received a special blessing from the Pope congratulating him on the faith of his subjects.

The Queen.

The next night there was a splendid procession in the Escorial, with Midnight Mass and procession of the Miraculous Host, which is kept there from the time of the war with Flanders, from where it was sent, after having been trodden upon on the battlefield, and the print of the nails remain from which blood oozes out. The Queen was so enthusiastic over the procession in Madrid that she begged her husband to let her go to the Escorial for the Midnight Mass. He consented on condition that the members of the Night Adoration (7000) would take her in their charge. Imagine their joy at this honor. She arrived quite by surprise, and it was most touching to see her walk up the aisle of this church between two immense lines of workmen of the Night Adoration. She went to Communion at 3 a.m., and everyone was delighted at her doing this, and still more so at seeing for themselves that she is such a good and fervent Catholic. They say she is an angel. I remember the Bishop of Nottingham saying how sweet and innocent she was, and she has remained so.

—London Tablet.

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CHRISTCHURCH CATHOLIC CLUB

(From the club correspondent.)

August 30.

For some few weeks club matters have been on the quiet side. Last evening the members entertained the Marist Brothers' Old Boys' Association at a smoke concert, the attendance of both club and association members being excellent. A really first-class programme of songs, recitations, etc., was given, those contributing being Messrs. Beveridge, Howker, Hollow, Joll, Newton, Hemus, Fotherill, Laurensen, McNamara, Healey, O'Connell, and Rowe. The singing certainly reached a high standard, and the same might also be said of the elocution. An item by Mr. Hemus entitled 'Lightning photography' was both interesting and instructive. Messrs. Beveridge and Rowe are to be complimented on the arrangement of the programme, which was easily the best put before club members this season. During the interval refreshments were served, and the president (Mr. J. R. Hayward) in an appropriate speech welcomed the members of the association, to which Mr. Corbett suitably replied.

The club's senior debating team have issued a challenge to the Lyttelton Literary and Debating Society for a return debate in the club rooms on September 7, and submitted three subjects. The Lyttelton society replied, and suggested another subject, which it transpired they had debated but a few evenings before, thus very materially giving themselves an advantage, as they wished to take the affirmative (the side with which they won). We were therefore asked to debate a subject at a few days' notice which they had already debated. Of course our team, through the president, took exception to their proposal. We have now given them a further subject, 'Should England adopt a preferential tariff?' which neither society has yet debated.



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