

CHRISTCHURCH CATHOLIC CLUB

ANNUAL BANQUET.

The second annual banquet of the Christchurch Catholic Club, held on Wednesday evening of last week, was in many respects one of the most important and enjoyable functions held in this city for a very considerable time. The speech-making on the whole was of a very high order, and things essentially Catholic were treated with a candor so refreshing and emphasised in so thorough a manner that left no doubt as to the sincerity of the speakers, and of that moral and intellectual power, the sure outcome of organisation on true and proper lines.

Upwards of one hundred active members and invited guests sat down to a repast laid in excellent and generous style, and waited upon by a large party of the club's young lady friends. The president, Mr. R. Beveridge, presided, seated on his right being his Lordship Bishop Grimes, and on his left the Very Rev. Father Price, Adm. Others of the clergy present were the Rev. Dr. Kennedy, the Rev. Fathers Graham, S.M., and McDonnell. The toast of 'The Pope and King,' proposed by the president, was enthusiastically received and accorded musical honors.

In proposing the 'Christchurch Catholic Club,' Dr. A. B. O'Brien said the subject was one of extreme importance. The prefix of 'Catholic' to its title was a happy one, especially as it was that in very fact—and thoroughness. In this connection, although in matters social it was similar to other clubs, yet in the one essential feature it was different in being strictly and practically Catholic. The time was now happily past, however, when the name Catholic was unjustly, owing to religious rancor, deemed a term of opprobrium. It was not felt then as it is now, an honor to be a Catholic. The dominant note nowadays was indifference,

and the world was fast reaching that stage when the sole religious state to combat that insidious foe was Catholicism. Clubs generally have their uses and temptations, but we alone of all people preserve religion as the chief thing in our lives. The good seed has been planted by our clergy, in the schools, and from the pulpit, and it was for the young men to see to it that no choking weeds were to be allowed to grow. The club had the grandest tradition any society could have, and the true Catholic would cultivate the best intellects; and no more effective force could be employed towards the young people than that of example.

The president thanked Dr. O'Brien for so eloquently outlining what a Catholic club should be, and incidentally gave a few details regarding the flourishing condition of his club, morally, socially, and financially. Regarding the objects of the banquet, Mr. Beveridge said it was mainly to give non-active members—patrons and vice-presidents—an opportunity of joining with the regular members and gaining an insight into their pursuits. It was, too, to show honor and respect due to those busy and influential men whose very duties precluded any possibility of frequent intercourse with the club; to show also the members' appreciation of their guests' connection, if only honorary, with the club and to foster their life-long friendship. He trusted the club would keep up to the very high standard pointed out.

Mr. J. R. Hayward, in proposing the toast of the 'Bishop and Clergy,' congratulated his Lordship on the recent recognition of his nearly quarter of a century's arduous labor in the diocese, and hoped in the succeeding years kind fates would deal as propitiously with him in health and strength as in the past. His Lordship had always taken a deep and lively interest in the club, encouraged the officers, and whenever possible attended their functions. The position of the club to-day was largely due to his Lordship's help and influence and he (the speaker) availed himself of the



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