

the great attacks made on our holy religion during the past year, there was still a great living faith among the men of the parish. Anyone who witnessed the number of men receiving Holy Communion, and at Adoration through the day, would receive a sufficient reply to the statement that the Church and the working man had parted company.

Rangiora

The devotion of the Forty Hours' Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament commenced on Sunday, December 3, in the Church of St. Mary and St. Francis of Sales, Rangiora. A Missa Cantata was celebrated at 11 o'clock by the Rev. Father Hyland, who preached an appropriate sermon on the nature and object of devotion. The church was crowded, large numbers having come from Kaiapoi, Loburn, and Cust. After Mass there was a procession of the Blessed Sacrament, in which the Children of Mary and the members of the other parochial confraternities took part. In the evening an impressive sermon on the 'Second Coming of Christ' was preached by Rev. Father Richards, of Hawarden. The sermon on Monday evening was preached by the Rev. Father Quinn, S.M., of St. Bede's College, who gave an instructive discourse on the necessity and the advantages of frequent Communion. The clergy from the adjoining parishes helped in the confessionals, and at the Masses on Monday and Tuesday large numbers approached the Holy Table. It was a most edifying spectacle to see the great numbers that were constantly present as adorers during the devotion, many of whom came from remote parts of the parish. The choir, under the conductorship of Mr. Herbert Dix, sang in a faultless manner Turner's 'St. Cecilia's Mass in B.' Mrs. H. Dix presided at the organ throughout the Adoration. The altar was most tastefully and artistically decorated by the Sisters of the Mission. A word of praise is due to Mr. and Mrs. Dix for the manner in which they have brought the choir up to their present standard of efficiency.

St. Joseph's Harriers, Dunedin

The annual presentation of prizes in connection with the St. Joseph's Harriers was held at the residence of Mrs. M. A. Jackson (one of the club's vice-presidents) on the evening of December 5. There was a full attendance of members, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. Musical items and recitations were rendered by Messrs Treacy, Coughlin, O'Gorman, J. Swanson, O. Swanson, and A. V. Dunne. Afterwards the members and ladies sat down to an excellent supper provided by Mrs. Jackson.

The following is the prize-list:—

One and a-half Mile Novice.—M. Hughes 1, W. Bryan 2.

Five-mile Club Championship.—James Swanson 1, R. Metcalf 2.

Sealed Handicap.—D. O'Connell 1, P. J. O'Gorman 2.

Mr. Hussey's Special Trophy.—J. A. MacKenzie.

Attendance Badges.—Swanson, Butcher, Metcalf, O'Connell, and Kennedy.

Interclub Teams' Race.—W. Bryan.

After the prizes were handed out by Mrs. Jackson, Mr. J. Swanson (captain) referred in eulogistic terms to the esteem in which Mrs. Jackson was held by the club and to the successful year the club had just completed, both in attendance and running. He pointed out that all present constituted a record for attendance at her house that evening, which went to show how highly they appreciated her efforts for the success of the club. Mr. A. V. Dunne replied on behalf of Mrs. Jackson, and gave expression to Mrs. Jackson's regard for the club. Mr. W. Butcher spoke at length on Mr. J. Swanson's success as club captain. After Mr. J. Swanson referred in high terms to the capable manner in which Mr. J. A. MacKenzie had carried out the duties of hon. secretary-treasurer, a very pleasant evening closed by giving three ringing cheers for Mrs. Jackson and singing 'Auld lang syne.'

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