

Delany and Ardagh being among those present. The principal business of the gathering (as explained by the president) was the formation of a social club, to meet weekly for the purposes implied in its title. Brother Bowler stressed the point that the association did not restrict membership of the club exclusively to ex-pupils of the Christian Brothers' School, but was open to Catholic men generally. The association exacted a nominal membership fee of 2s 6d yearly, which provided associates with all the privileges of the club, but the sports and other sections of the association held the right to make their own financial arrangements. Any extraordinary expenses entailed by the club would be met by a small levy or other approved methods, including donations to a reserve fund. Mr. P. Walsh was elected club secretary and treasurer, and a representative committee, consisting of Messrs. F. Fogarty and D. Murphy (Cathedral), Messrs. J. Noonan and W. Fox (South Dunedin), Mr. J. Cassidy (North-East Valley), and Mr. B. Cantwell (Mornington and Kaikorai) was elected. The rest of the evening was devoted to the rendering of a musical programme.

#### H.A.C.B. SOCIETY

##### ST. JOSEPH'S BRANCH, DUNEDIN.

There was a large attendance of members of St. Joseph's branch of the Hibernian Society, Dunedin, at the ordinary meeting on Tuesday evening. Bro. W. Carr, B.P., presided, and Very Rev. Father Coffey, Adm. (chaplain), was among those present. A considerable amount of routine business was transacted. Two candidates for membership were initiated, and five nominations were received. A letter was read by the secretary (Bro. J. O'Connor) from SS. Peter and Paul's branch, Lower Hutt, accompanying a past president's collar, requesting St. Joseph's branch (of which he has become a member by clearance) to present same to P.P. Bro. J. Cotter, in recognition of valued service rendered to the former branch. Bro. Carr, in making the presentation, expressed the pleasure it gave him to do so in regard to such a worthy brother. He eulogised Bro. Cotter's lengthy and much appreciated connection with the society at Gore, Wellington, and Lower Hutt, and warmly welcomed him to Dunedin. Bro. O'Connor also paid tribute to the recipient's services in the interests of Hibernianism, and complimented the Lower Hutt branch in showing such a fine spirit by thus honoring its late president. Bro. Cotter expressed his gratitude to the branch with which he was recently associated for its handsome gift. It came as a great surprise to him to receive it, and he would treasure it among his most valued possessions. He thanked the officers and brothers of St. Joseph's branch for the kindly welcome accorded to him, and he would, he said, continue, to the best of his ability, to advance the interests of the society wherever he might be. Bro. T. J. Hussey was re-elected trustee to the branch, and expressed his thanks for the renewed confidence of the members. A motion was unanimously carried to the effect that the committee of management, together with the Very Rev. Father Coffey, be appointed to arrange a reception to the Right Rev. Dr. Whyte, Bishop-elect of Dunedin. The president, after expressing gratification at the fine attendance of members at the Church of the Sacred Heart, North-East Valley, on Sunday, to participate in the devotions of the Forty Hours' Adoration, intimated that it was intended to have a social gathering after the business of each branch meeting, including that evening.

The Scottish national pilgrimage to Lourdes has been fixed for July of this year. It is now some eight years since the last pilgrimage of the kind took place.

#### CATHOLICITY IN SCOTLAND.

A certain Bishop, long since gone to a good reward I am sure, once said, that the Catholics would never convert the Scotch but would eventually, flood them out (writes a correspondent to the *Catholic Herald of India*). His words were very prophetic. The fact is being accomplished, and from where I now write I can see it every day. Forty years ago this parish did not exist, and a Catholic was as rare as a Brontosaurus. To-day we have one of the finest churches in Scotland, an immense school, parochial halls, and 5000 excellent Catholics, all of Irish stock. The neighboring parish is estimated at 10,000. *Prosit*. This has brought about a remarkable change of attitude, and now it is no longer asserted that Catholics eat babies, pay for the forgiveness of sins, and worship idols wholesale. We are not such terrible people after all. Our social status is splendid, and fair play is more in evidence, for unity is force, and in Glasgow the unit is no less than 459,000 . . . a terrifying figure for the agitationist to gaze upon. And such Catholics too. Last year in this parish of mine, the Communion was 95,000 for 5000 faithful. Truly a wonderful people.

Our losses in priests have been heavy in recent times, and we can ill afford to lose any. Our Coadjutor-Archbishop, the Very Rev. D. A. Mackintosh, died after a long and weary illness and left us sorrowing orphans. He was indeed one of the truest of "Heather Priests." Undaunted and fearless, he built up the very finest parish in all Scotland. At the outset, he was indeed a despised and rejected man. Bigotry was rampant in those days and every step had to be fought. He carried the truth and the truth won, bitter and all as it ever is to the antagonist. Three of his old colleagues died about the same time, and the old school of Apostles now numbers but a few. They were wonderful men, those who endured the hardships of scorn and bigotry, deceit and cunning.

Their humility makes them silent, but the very buildings cry out in praise of them. Their work was no small one, and the coming generations will be ever taught to revere their holy memory.

#### AUSTRALIAN SEAMEN AND DEPORTATIONS.

Deportations from Australia were discussed at a meeting of the Sydney branch of the Federated Seamen's Union, held on Monday night (says the *Advocate*, Melbourne, under date June 3). The following resolution was unanimously passed:—"That this meeting of seamen emphatically protests against the deportation of any person or persons from this country without a trial; and, further, we take this opportunity of giving the Government of this country to understand that, as far as the seamen of New South Wales are concerned, we unconditionally refuse to man any ship which may be used for the deportation of any person or persons from this country."

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