

**CUMANN NA N-GAEDEAL**

(Wellington Gaelic Society.)

The weekly meeting of An Cumann was held on Thursday night week, when the membership was found to have trebled itself since last meeting; an embarrassing result being that the hall secured is now too small to accommodate the members, and a larger hall will have to be secured for the next meeting.

The services of Miss Eustace, a prize-winner at last year's Feis Ceoil in Dublin, has been secured as instructor of Irish dancing.

In the hall at last meeting there was a Cumann Na M-ban stall displaying Irish manufactured articles, charge of stall being in the hands of Mrs. Bourke and Miss Eileen Duggan.

A noticeable feature in the Gaelic classes was the spoken knowledge of the language displayed by a great number of the members.

Leaflets containing aims and objects of the society, and making an appeal for support of Irish manufactures, were printed for distribution at St. Patrick's Day sports.



**Invercargill**

(From our own correspondent.)

March 24.

The notice "To Correspondents" in this week's issue of the *Tablet* is encouraging. Your Invercargill correspondent endeavors to send along only items of interest, and invariably avoids the "learned and eloquent sermon," although in very truth many such could be reported from these parts.

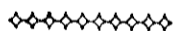
The quarterly Communion of the members of the Hibernian Society will take place at the eight o'clock Mass on Sunday, the 2nd April.

The Rev. Father E. Lynch is a welcome addition as an assistant to the Very Rev. Dean Burke, V.F., and we now have three Masses on Sundays—at 8 a.m., 9.30 a.m., and 11 a.m.

St. Patrick's Night Concert, which was organised by the Marist Brothers' Old Boys' Association, was a decided success. The profits were devoted to the Bursary Fund in connection with the Marist Brothers' Novitiate.

The St. Mary's Tennis Club intend holding a social gathering in the Victoria Hall on Wednesday evening, April 5.

The Marist Brothers' Old Boys' Association are busy organising a farewell function to Rev. Brother Anselm, who is leaving shortly for the north. Brother Anselm, besides being an efficient and successful teacher, has endeared himself to all by his genial and kindly manner, and everyone wishes him well in his position as director of the new Marist Brothers' Novitiate.



**Ashburton**

(From our own correspondent.)

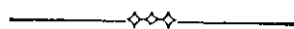
March 26.

The executive of the Catholic Club met on Wednesday evening last, Mr. L. Ryan presiding. It was decided to reopen the club on Wednesday, April 5, when the programme for the evening will be an "editor's box." After Easter the monthly socials for members are to commence.

A meeting of the executive of the Self-Determination League was held in Mr. Devane's hotel on Tuesday last, the president (Mr. John Farrell) presiding. It was decided to enquire from the centre whether any steps are being taken to cable to Ireland, approving of the treaty or otherwise, and if not, the president and secretary were empowered to forward a cablegram to Mr. Griffith approving of the treaty on behalf of the Ashburton members.

Mr. A. T. Robertson, of the local branch of the Bank of New Zealand, has received advice of his transfer on promotion to the position of manager of the Bank N.Z., Lyttelton. Mr. Robertson has been a prominent member of the Celtic Football Club since its inception, and an active attendant at the meetings of the Catholic Club. All wish Mr. and Mrs. Robertson and family a happy sojourn in their new home.

The first annual general meeting of the Celtic Football Club took place last evening, the president (Mr. E. A. O'Malley) presiding over a record attendance of members. The annual report and balance sheet were adopted unanimously. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—President, Mr. E. A. O'Malley (re-elected); vice-presidents, all re-elected; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. L. Ryan; club captain, Mr. Val Cullen; auditor, Mr. E. J. O'Brien; delegate to Rugby Union, Mr. L. Ryan; committee—Messrs. Barry, Daly, D. Fitzgerald, F. McCormick, J. McCormick, M. O'Grady, and M. Rooney. After the business portion of the evening was finished, the meeting resolved itself into a smoke concert. Among the many and varied toasts were "The Celtic Football Club," proposed by Mr. D. McCormick (captain Canterbury fifteen), and responded to by Messrs. O'Malley and Ryan. The "Vice-Presidents" was proposed by Mr. Val Cullen, and responded to by several present.

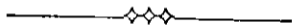


**Christians in the Near East**

Thirty thousand Christians, so we are told on reliable authority, have already fled from Cilicia for Cyprus, fearing that under the pact that has been concluded between the French Government and the Kemalists there will be a fresh outbreak of persecution against the Christians (writes Stephen Balabanoff in an exchange). The Armenian Archbishop of Cilicia, Mgr. Sarajian, has sent out an urgent telegram predicting that fresh massacres of Armenians in Cilicia by the Turks will take place immediately after the withdrawal of the French troops.

This fear that the so-called safeguards will be insufficient to protect the Christian minorities, is felt not in Cilicia alone. It is felt in Paris also, and M. Emil Bure in the *Eclair* gives expression to this fear when he writes in that journal:

"It must be admitted that it is not easy to see how France is going to continue to protect the religious minorities in Syria. Although the Kemalists have promised M. Franklin-Bouillon to be good, religious fanaticism knows reasons to which reason itself is often a stranger. In days gone by the misfortunes of the Armenians brought together in common commiseration men like Clemenceau, Jaures, Anatole France, Longuet, and Denys-Cochin, who published in Paris the newspapers *Pro-Armenia*. It is to be feared that these misfortunes will be repeated.



A sinner can weep, pray, fast, mortify his flesh; this only he cannot do—be faithful to his Lord.—St. Francis of Assisi.

**The "Tablet" Library**

We beg to draw our readers' attention to the following books, some of which are just to hand from the publishers:—

"Jock, Jack, and the Corporal," "Joyce's Old Celtic Romances," "A Light on the Broom," "Four Winds of Eirinn," "Shan Van Vocht," "Forge of Clohogue," "Knockragow," "Moy O'Brien," "Carroll O'Donoghue," "Seadna," "Niamb," "Evening Memories," "From the Land of Dreams" (Poems), "St. Patrick's Purgatory," "Around the Boree Log," (Poems).

"Catholic Who's Who for 1922," "The Irish Year Book," "The Ways of War," "Secular versus Religious Education," "The Church in New Zealand," "The Spanish Armada" (Hull), "Occasional Verses" (by J. K.), "Eileen Duggan's Poems," "The Church and the World," "Catholic Marriages."

"New Ireland," "Story of Ireland," "Christian Brothers' Irish Grammar," "Christian Brothers' Irish Grammar" (large), "Simple Lessons in Irish," giving the pronunciation of each word, by Rev. Eugene O'Growney, 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, Mitchel's "Jail Journal."

"New Testament" (cheap binding), "New Testament" (good binding), "The Missal" (in English), "The Book" (for Holy Week and Easter Ceremonies), "Books" ("Garden of the Soul," "Key of Heaven," "Treasury of the Sacred Heart" (a very good book), "Imitation of Christ," "Hound of Heaven," "Visits to the Blessed Sacrament," "Medals for Every Day in the Year" (Bishop Challoner), "The Sacred Heart" (Petrovits), "Man's Management of Life," "Stations of the Souls."

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