

The visitors winning the toss, the locals kicked off, and right away kept their opponents on the defensive, which, however, proved effective for a long time. The attack was sustained with vigor until Mason, kicking the ball high in air and following up fast, smothered the full back, giving Edmunds a chance to secure the ball, which he did very cleverly, and making a dash for the line registered a try for Christchurch. Mason was entrusted with the kick, but failed to add the major points. Half-time sounded soon after, leaving Christchurch 3, Timaru nil, though Burns for Timaru might have made the points even, had he not been cleverly tackled by Woodham, the local captain, when making for the line. Soon after play was resumed Burns received a pass from Mason at half-back, and running for the line, managed to beat his opponents and scored, he essaying the kick at goal, but failed to increase the points. For a time the visitors showed some vigorous attack, but the local forwards, among whom Cummins, Bermingham, O'Connor, Poff, and Dunne showed to advantage, again put the Timaruvians on the defensive almost continuously till the call of time, without, however, succeeding in adding to their score. For the visitors Burns, Gillespie, Sullivan, Doyle, Bergen, and Cunningham did good work, whilst for the locals, Woodham, Dwyer, Edmunds, Joyce, Moran, and Boswell, played sound and reliable football. In the evening the visitors were entertained at supper in the Royal Cafe, Cathedral Square, when a pleasant time was spent.

Timaru

(From our own correspondent.)

July 24.

The Timaru Marist Brothers' football team speak in the highest terms of the hospitality extended to them during their visit to Christchurch last week for the annual football match.

The last quarter's balance sheet of the local branch of the Hibernian Society was, from a financial point of view, one of the best yet presented, showing a remarkable increase in the sick and funeral fund.

The newly-established branch of the St. Vincent de Paul Society is making solid progress both in numbers and scope of work. The members celebrated their patronal feast on Sunday morning by approaching the Holy Table in a body at the 7.30 o'clock Mass.

His Worship the Mayor, although in the midst of an exciting contest over the Drainage Bill, has found time to cater for the aesthetic requirements of the burgesses by laying out and presenting to the town an avenue on the Town Belt, which will be henceforth known as 'Craigie's Avenue.'

The report of the Government Inspectors on the examinations recently held in our schools makes very satisfactory reading, as both boys' and girls' schools even did better than in preceding years, and received special mention for their order, discipline, and good moral tone. The boys in the sixth standard did particularly well, out of 15 presented 10 securing proficiency, three competency, and one other passed in all the subjects he took.

Temuka

(From our own correspondent.)

July 21.

His Lordship Bishop Grimes, having concluded his visitation of the parish, left to-day for Geraldine.

The Ven. Archdeacon Devoy informed the congregation at the last Mass on Sunday that Dean Binsfeld would replace Father Peoples at Temuka for a few months, or until it was possible to send a young priest to assist Father Kerley in the work of the district. The Archdeacon also pointed out the necessity of improvements to the presbytery, chiefly with regard to more accommodation for visiting priests. A large amount was already in hand for the work, and he hoped the matter would be started very soon.

At the conclusion of the programme at the last weekly meeting of the Catholic Club Mr. J. Moriarty asked Rev. Father Kerley to make a presentation to one of the club's most active supporters who was about to leave the parish. The Rev. Father Kerley, in making the presentation, felt sure that he voiced the feelings of all present when he said how much he regretted Father Peoples' unavoidable departure. He would be greatly missed by the club, and it would not be an easy thing to find another to fill his place. The chairman then presented Father Peoples with a handsome travelling case, suitably inscribed, and a beautiful rug of colonial manufacture. Eulogistic speeches were made by Messrs. Fitzgerald, Barry (2), Clarke, O'Halloran, Tarrant, M. Moriarty, Beri,

Moore, and Reilly. In a touching reply Father Peoples thanked the donors for their kind gifts, and expressed his great regret in parting from Temuka. He would always be pleased to hear of the club's advancement, and urged the young men to take a great interest in it. In conclusion he wished them all every happiness. The meeting then terminated amidst prolonged and enthusiastic applause.

The usual weekly meeting of the Catholic Young Men's Club was held on Tuesday evening. The Rev. Father Kerley occupied the chair, and there was a record attendance of members. One candidate was proposed and one member elected. The chairman apologised for the unavoidable absence of his Lordship Bishop Grimes and Father Regnault. Arrangements for the club banquet, which will be held in a fortnight's time, were reported to be well in hand. After other business had been transacted the programme for the evening was proceeded with, and the judges (Rev. Father Kerley and Mr. J. Moriarty) announced their award in connection with the essays. The first prize was awarded to the essay by Mr. J. Reilly, who was presented with a handsome framed work of art, which had been given by Mr. W. Barry as first prize. The judges' decision (which had only been arrived at after considerable trouble, owing to the uniform merit of the essays) was received with loud applause, and the winner was called upon to read his paper. Other essays by Messrs. P. Clarke, T. Knight, Z. Beri, and J. Fitzgerald were read by Mr. J. Moriarty. A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. W. Barry for his generosity in presenting so handsome a prize to the society.

Greymouth

(From our own correspondent.)

July 20.

On last Friday evening the members of the St. Columba Club held a social gathering. During the evening songs were contributed by Miss E. Hannan, and Messrs. Fraser, Guthrie, and McCarthy, and Mr. P. Smyth gave a recitation. The programme at the last meeting of the St. Columba Club consisted of a Parliamentary election. The following members were proposed as candidates, and gave their views on political matters generally.—Messrs. M. Hansbery, T. Doherty, J. Discacciali, W. Geoghegan, M. Fogarty, P. Power, F. McCarthy, and W. Packer. Some of the speeches were very interesting, and most of the members showed themselves proficient in their knowledge of the burning questions of the day.

On Wednesday evening the members of the St. Columba Club met to bid farewell to two of their members, Messrs. J. Ryan and T. Heffernan, who are leaving Greymouth to join Messrs. Eason and Co.'s staff in Wellington. The president, in the course of his remarks, referred to the keen interest both young men had taken in the welfare of the club, and said it could ill afford to lose such valuable members. He concluded by wishing them every success in their new home, and presented each with a gold mounted albert, as a slight token of the esteem in which they are held by the club. Several members spoke in complimentary terms of both gentlemen. Messrs. Ryan and Heffernan suitably replied.

The annual meeting and election of officers of the H.A.C.B. Society was held in the society's rooms on Thursday evening. There was a large attendance of members, and much enthusiasm was shown in the election. During the past two months over twenty new members have been initiated, bringing the total up to about forty-five members. The balance sheet showed the society to be in a very flourishing condition. A long discussion took place in reference to celebrating in a fitting manner next St. Patrick's Day. Eventually it was decided to hold a fete on Victoria Park, and a grand social in the evening at the Opera House. The election of officers resulted as follows:—President, Bro. W. Packer; vice-president, Bro. Oscar Egden (re-elected); secretary, Bro. M. J. Fogarty; vice-secretary, Bro. J. Tymons; treasurer, Bro. T. P. O'Donnell (re-elected); warden, Bro. T. O'Brien; guardian, Bro. M. Conway; sick visitors, Bros. P. O'Doherty and T. P. Fogarty; auditors, Bros. T. McCarthy and E. M. Sheedy.

DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

(From our own correspondent.)

July 20.

Rev. Father Duffy is, I regret to say, again confined to the Mater Misericordiae Hospital.