

On Thursday last the Catholic and Main School football teams met to decide the senior championship for this season. The game was a willing one, but our school suffered defeat by 8 points to nil. The victory of the Main School made them equal with their opponents, and consequently a final test was played on Saturday afternoon on the Athletic Grounds. The event had aroused a great deal of interest, and in consequence a very large number of spectators was present at the match. From the kick-off it was seen that both sides had determined to make it a fight to a finish, and the barracking of the boys of the various schools led—and indeed surpassed—by ex-pupils and otherwise dignified adults kept the excitement at fever-heat. The Marist boys excelled in their forwards—a splendidly-drilled combination, and the Main School showed superiority in their backs. For the former Roper put in some splendid work, and on the other side Duncan was the hero of the occasion. The final result was a win for the Catholic School by 6 points to 3. The victorious boys were loudly cheered at the call of time, and Mrs. Darcy hospitably invited them to afternoon tea.

Greymouth

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

July 31.

The Hibernian Society's annual social took place in St. Columba Club rooms last Wednesday evening, and proved most enjoyable. The first part of the programme took the form of a progressive euchre tournament, when upwards of one hundred members and their friends took part. The prizes were won by Misses Bowman and H. Deere and Messrs. J. Buckley and A. O'Donoghue. The second part of the programme was devoted to musical items, which were much appreciated by the large audience. During the evening refreshments were handed round by the ladies' committee. The thanks of the society are due to the members of the St. Columba Club, who placed their commodious club rooms at the disposal of the society and helped in every way to make the social a success.

The St. Columba Club rooms were crowded last Monday evening, the occasion being an 'Irish National Evening.' Mr. W. H. Duffy (vice-president) occupied the chair, and announced that the first part of the programme would be a lecture on 'The Patriots of Ireland,' by the president (Mr. E. Casey). The lecture was an oratorical treat, and was attentively listened to by the large audience. The speaker was frequently applauded, and was accorded a hearty vote of thanks. The second part of the programme was devoted to Irish national songs and recitations. The following ladies and gentlemen contributed items:—Misses Burger and K. Boyle, Messrs. Bertie, Mackie, Rutherford, King, and Smyth. Miss Priest and Mr. Buckley played the accompaniments on the piano.

DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

(By Telegraph from our own correspondent.)

August 3.

The examination of our schools by the Government inspectors is now proceeding.

Rev. Father Williams has been transferred to St. Benedict's from Waihi.

The Marist Brothers Old Boys' Football team play against the Catholic Young Men's team at Wanganui and Napier at the end of this month. The local team is a fairly sound combination, and should render a good account of itself.

Several members of the visiting South Canterbury Football team are old pupils of the Marist Brothers, and were delighted to discover here two of their old teachers in Brothers George and Martin, whom they called upon.

It was decided at a meeting of the executive of the Grand Dominion Fair and Art Union, held after Vespers on Sunday night, Rev. Father Meagher presiding, to draw for the prizes on Wednesday evening, August 19, in St. Patrick's Convent School. Subsequently it was decided to hold the annual social on Wednesday, September 16.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament took place on Sunday at the Cathedral from the last Mass until Vespers. Yesterday Father Meagher preached after Vespers, on the Transfiguration of our Blessed Lord, before a very large congregation. There was a procession of the Blessed Sacrament, in which the Rev. Fathers Meagher, Murphy, Wright, the Marist Brothers, and confraternities took part. The choir, under Mr. Hiscocks, rendered the music appropriate to both morning and evening services.

Oamaru

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

August 3.

At the recent examination in rudiments of music, held in connection with the Associated Board of the R.A.M. and the R.C.M., Miss Mary Maher (pupil of the Dominican Convent) passed with distinction, gaining 82 marks out of a possible 99.

The Catholic Club held a very enjoyable social in St. Andrew's Hall on Tuesday last, there being a large gathering of members and their friends present. The evening passed off very successfully. Miss E. O'Donnell contributed a recitation which was much appreciated. The arrangements were in the hands of Mr. J. Wallace.

There was a fair attendance at the Catholic Club rooms on Friday evening, when the programme took the form of an editor's box. All present took part in the entertainment, which proved one of the most interesting and instructive yet held, many younger members making capital replies to their questions. The president (Mr. T. O'Grady) occupied the chair, and congratulated the members on their marked progress in impromptu speaking. During the evening the following programme was gone through:—Song, Mr. Diver; reading, Mr. John Griffiths; song, Mr. W. Griffiths; recitation, Mr. J. Wallace; song, Mr. J. Cagney; recitation, Mr. R. Griffiths. A hearty vote of thanks to the chair concluded the evening.

The Catholic Paper

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