

At the first important amateur sports gathering of the season, which was held on Saturday, 12th inst., at Athletic Park, under the auspices of the Wellington Amateur Athletic Club, the following members of the Wellington Catholic Club acquitted themselves creditably:—M. Mulcahy was first in the Mile Handicap, P. J. Fitzgerald first in the One-mile and Three-mile Walk Handicaps, D. Casey, first in the 440yds Handicap; P. McGrath, second in the 220yds Hurdle Race and third in the Half-mile Handicap. The 100yds St. Patrick's College Handicap was won by M. Maher, J. Ryan 2, and Coakley 3. Mulcahy's time in the three-mile race was only four-fifths of a second outside the club's standard time, and there is every prospect of his representing the Wellington Amateur Union at the next Championship meeting.

There passed away on December 16, at the Victoria Hospital, Mr. Maurice Ready, at the age of seventy-two years. The deceased was a native of Ireland, and before coming to New Zealand he was a member of the Royal Irish Constabulary, but he left that force to join the Papal forces against Garibaldi in Italy. During the campaign he received a decoration for conspicuous bravery. He came to New Zealand in the sixties, and joined the police force. He retired from the police force in 1893, and took up his residence on the West Coast, where he had lived up to a short time before his death. The deceased was a much esteemed and popular officer in the force. He leaves a son (Mr. Henry Ready, in the R.N.Z.A.) and three married daughters (Mesdames Dovey, of Palmerston, and

Grey and Fordyce, of Wellington). The funeral took place on December 18 at the Mount Street Catholic Cemetery, and was attended by a large number of friends. The Rev. Father S. Mahony, S.M., officiated at St. Joseph's Church, and the Rev. Father Schaefer, S.M., at the graveside. R.I.P.

The membership of the newly-organised Confraternity of the Sacred Heart in the Sacred Heart Basilica has become so large that the Rev. Administrator has had to establish special confraternity Masses for both the men's branch and the women's branch. On Sunday, December 6, the members of the latter branch approached the Holy Table guild by guild, the guilds, or circles, occupying the whole of the nave of the church. Last Sunday the men had their first confraternity Mass, and it was most edifying to see all present without exception receiving Holy Communion. At 10.30 Mass in the same church last Sunday the St. Patrick's College Cadets held a church parade. In their march through the city the lads, by their carriage and military bearing, excited favorable comment. The outsiders present at the Mass had the pleasure of witnessing the unusual sight of a military salute given to the Most Blessed Sacrament at the Elevation. A guard of honor of eight, under Captain Mark Devoy, stationed within the sanctuary, carried out this portion of the function. The Very Rev. Father Keogh, S.M., Rector of St. Patrick's College, was the special preacher on this occasion.

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