

Table, and, considering the short existence the society has had; the members are to be congratulated on their display, which augurs well for the future of the branch.

On Wednesday evening, March 17, the Gore branch of the H.A.C.B. Society held a concert in their club rooms, Holland's Buildings. The entertainment was well attended, and the directing spirits may congratulate themselves on the success of their efforts. Father O'Donnell in his address to the audience drew their attention to the utility and necessity of such entertainments, than which there is no more suitable way to keep before their minds remembrance of Ireland. Mr. Owen Kelly, president of the Gore branch, urged upon all Catholic young men the necessity of joining the Hibernian Society, which was a powerful means of uniting and solidifying the ranks of the Catholic youth of New Zealand. Vocal items were contributed by Mrs. Owen Kelly, Miss Hynes, Misses Annie and T. Hanneff, Messrs. O'Connor, Walders, Sweeney, and Simpson, and Mr. James Hoffman danced an Irish reel.

Temuka

(From an occasional correspondent.)

At a meeting of the South Canterbury Rugby Union held in Timaru on Thursday last, the Athletic (Temuka Catholic) Football Club applied for affiliation to the union, which was granted. Several members present spoke in terms of praise of the energy displayed by the Catholic Club in entering for three competitions the first season.

There was a good attendance at the adjourned special meeting of footballers held in the Catholic Club rooms on March 23. It was decided to apply for affiliation to S.C. Rugby Union, and to enter three teams (senior, junior, and third grade) for the competitions. The name adopted for the club was 'Athletic,' and colors to be green and white. The election of officers resulted as follows:—President, Mr. W. Jeffries; vice-presidents—Ven. Archpriest Le Menant des Chesnais, Messrs. J. P. Kalaugher, P. Wareing, M. Crammitch, J. M. Twomey, P. Mitten, T. Quinlin, John Brosnahan, W. D. Fitzgerald, W. Barry, John Fitzgerald, M. O'Loughlin, John McCabe, W. Halley, Wm. Fitzgerald, M. Gaffaney, T. Rooney; club captain, Mr. D. Horgan; vice-captain, Mr. J. Cunnamard; committee—Messrs. R. Gillespie, Jas. Spillane, J. Tangney, Gus. Spillane, M. Sullivan; delegates to union, Messrs. E. B. Gillespie and Jas. Spillane.

Thames

At nine o'clock yesterday morning (says the *Thames Star* of March 18) about 300 picnickers left St. Francis' Church bound for Mr. Mitchell's paddock, Puru, which had been kindly lent for the occasion of the annual festival of St. Francis' schools. The gathering was pronounced the most successful held for many years. Ideal picnic weather prevailed, not one unwelcome shower falling to dampen the spirits of those present. An army of enthusiastic workers kept the ball rolling without a moment's cessation, and with sports, races, bathing, etc., a most delightful day was spent. Like all good things, however, the day had to come to an end, and it was with reluctant steps, as the sun was setting, the people wended their way to, and filled the brakes ready to proceed homewards. A happy reunion was effected in St. Joseph's Hall in the evening, where a pleasant social gathering was held. Several instrumental and vocal items were rendered in finished style, the demonstrative audience showing their appreciation by pronounced encores, nearly all the performers being thus honored. The following is the programme: Solos, Misses McEnteer, McPike, Messrs. Kenny

and Pope; recitations, Miss B. Mellett, Father Carran, and Master Cooney; instrumental duet, Messrs. McIntyre and Bryant; pianoforte solo, Miss C. Martin; pianoforte duet, Misses R. Dunbar and Roche. Misses Fortune, McEnteer, and Miller played the accompaniments. Father Carran thanked all those who had assisted in any way in making the day the enjoyable one it had been.

Masterton

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

March 27.

The annual swimming competitions of St. Patrick's schoolgirls were held in the public baths on Thursday, and were largely attended. The principal results were as follow:—Last year's swimmers' race, 25yds, Nellie O'Dowd 1, Mary Olsen 2; this year's swimmers' race, Mary Diggins 1, Florence Russell 2; diving, Mary Olsen 1.

Mr. J. O'Leary, well known in athletic circles and a member of the Hibernian Society, has decided to accept a position in Auckland, and will leave for that city shortly. As captain of the Masterton Football Club he will be greatly missed. Mr. O'Leary is one of Masterton's most popular young men, and there are many who will regret extremely his departure for the north.

St. Patrick's Church is being repainted, and when finished will present a very neat appearance.

April 3.

The boys attending St. Patrick's school held their swimming races yesterday in the Borough Baths, the use of which was kindly given by the Council. Very Rev. Dean McKenna acted as starter, and Rev. Father T. McKenna and Messrs. M. E. O'Connell and Falls were judges. The following are the results:—55yds race (over thirteen years), J. Connell, 1; D. Welch, 2. 25yds (under thirteen years), J. O'Dowd, 1; Leo Welch, 2. This year's swimmers, 15yds race, E. Haughey, 1; A. Cameron, 2. Diving—Neat diving, quickest in picking up plate and long dive, John O'Dowd, 1; J. Connell and D. Welch tied for second place. Rescue race, J. Connell, 1; D. Welch, 2. Obstacle race, A. Haughey, 1; D. Welch, 2. Cork race, Des. Welch, 1; D. Welch, 2. Challenge race, J. Connell, 1; J. Ramsey, 2. Before separating cheers were given for Mr. and Mrs. Falls, in recognition of what they had done towards the successful carrying out of the competitions.

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