

CHRISTIAN BROS.' FOOTBALL CLUB, DUNEDIN

The annual meeting of the Christian Brothers' Association Football Club was held in the schoolroom, Rattray street, recently. About 30 members attended. Mr. E. W. Spain (vice-president) occupied the chair.

The secretary presented the annual report, from which the following extracts are made:—Owing to a record membership the club was enabled to place six teams in the field. In the cup competition the first grade team played 16 matches—won 5, lost 10, and drew 1. This apparently poor record is considerably modified when it is considered that, in spite of successive victories scored against them by narrow margins, the players in this grade kept well together, and improved their play in such a manner that they qualified for the finals of the cup tie competition and charity banner. The second grade performed creditably, and secured third place in the competition. They played 12 matches—won 6, drew 1, lost 5. The third grade B team won the five-a-side competition. The fourth grade teams had some fine individual players, but lack of combination told the inevitable tale. The committee hope that some of the senior players will take a more active interest in the players of this grade during the coming season. Considering the splendid material sent on from the school team during the past few years, the committee are of the opinion that the fourth grade record is not quite satisfactory. Last season the school teams established the best record since their entrance into Association football. The A and B grade boys won the cups in their respective grades, and also the medals in the five-a-side competition. The D team won the C grade banner, and were runners-up for the five-a-side medals. The proudest achievement of the school team was, however, their victory over the St. Bede's boys, the winners of the third grade competition in Christchurch. The committee are proud of the fact that the club is represented in the Expeditionary Force by the following members: T. J. Laffey, E. Salmon, R. Rendall, J. Cassidy, M. O'Brien, J. Marlow, J. O'Connor, P. O'Connor, G. McCormack, T. Fitzpatrick, and H. Wilson. The thanks of the club are due to his Lordship the Bishop, the Cathedral clergy, and the Christian Brothers for the interest they have taken in the club; also to various friends for donations, to the Referees' Association, and to the press.

The chairman moved the adoption of the report and balance sheet. It was promising to read of the success of the school teams. These boys had trained regularly and systematically, and had set a standard which the seniors would do well to emulate. The first grade team must be complimented on the splendid recovery made towards the end of the season. This showed there was any amount of 'grit' in the team, and what was wanted to bring the team to the top was a regular attendance at the training gymnasium. Mr. B. Connor seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

The election of office-bearers resulted thus: Patron, Very Rev. Father Coffey; president, Rev. Brother O'Ryan; vice-presidents, Rev. Fathers Buckley, Corcoran, Delany, Liston, Morkane, Collins, and Kavanaugh; Rev. Brothers Moore and Geraghty, Messrs. E. W. Spain, W. Wood, W. Coughlan, T. P. Laffey, L. F. Casey, J. Smith, J. Collins, J. A. O'Brien, J. Carroll, D. M. Beard, J. Spiers, and J. McCaughlan; secretary, Mr. P. Spiers; treasurer, Mr. J. Dunn; general committee—Messrs. L. F. Casey, D. Keys, S. McAllen, J. Walsh, and J. Newman; delegates to O.F.A., Messrs. B. Connor and J. Dunn; auditor, Mr. E. W. Spain; practice captains, Messrs. P. Spiers and D. Keys; grading committee—Messrs. J. Newman, S. McAllen, and P. Spiers.

It was decided to open the season on Saturday, April 10.

Ten new members were elected.

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OBITUARY

MR. THOMAS CORCORAN, WESTPORT.

The death occurred on March 1 of Mr. Thomas Corcoran (writes a Westport correspondent). The deceased, who had a long colonial career, was born in Tipperary, and came out when a young man to Australia. Taking a keen interest in politics, he was elected a member of the Victorian Parliament for a Ballarat constituency, and sat for a full term, having just missed being appointed to the Ministry. He was also associated with Ballarat local bodies. It is over forty years since he came to New Zealand, first settling in Otago, whence he came to Westport, where he had lived for a considerable time. The deceased, who leaves a widow to mourn her loss, passed away fortified by the rites of the Church. Rev. Father Long officiated both at the church and graveside.—R.I.P.

Kaikoura

(From an occasional correspondent.)

March 29.

The St. Patrick's Day sports were held in Mr. J. W. Harris's picturesque grounds on March 20. The weather was perfect, and there was a large attendance. Nothing was left undone by the committee that would ensure success. Several guessing competitions were conducted on the ground, and the juveniles were well catered for. Mr. J. J. Mackle, a most energetic secretary, was ably seconded by a hard-working committee. The handicapping of Mr. A. S. Robinson gave every satisfaction, and the decision of the judges (Messrs. J. W. Harris, and E. Wallace), gave general satisfaction. Mr. J. Gallagher was an efficient starter. As in the past, the ladies of the church were to the fore in looking after the catering, and they deserve every credit for their efforts. A sweets stall, under the management of Mrs. P. McSwigan, assisted by Misses F. and M. Hailes and M. McSwigan, was well patronised, and the goods left were auctioned by Mr. J. Robertson at the conclusion of the sports. The results of the different events were as follow:—100yds Maiden—H. Stanlake. Boys' race (under 16)—H. Smith. 200yds handicap—H. Stanlake. Sheaf-tossing—J. J. Mackle. 130yds St. Patrick's Handicap—H. D. Minnis. Quoits competition—B. Stevens. Throwing the hammer—D. H. Stone. Long jump—H. D. Minnis. Married men's race—D. H. Stone. Spar boxing competition—P. M. Mackle. Stepping competition—F. Godfrey, G. Chapman, and J. Sweeney (equal). 220yds bangle handicap—H. Stanlake.

Hokitika.

From our own correspondent.)

March 27.

The Rev. Father Clancy, who has been in Christchurch, assisting at the obsequies of the late Bishop Grimes, returns to Hokitika to-day.

Mr. George Girdling-Butcher, organiser and general secretary of the Catholic Federation, delivered a lecture here on Monday evening. The large and appreciative audience displayed a keen interest in the speaker's eloquent address on the work of the Federation. At the conclusion of the address a committee was set up. A vote of thanks to the lecturer was carried with acclamation.

The usual fortnightly meeting of the local branch of the H.A.C.B. Society was held on Thursday evening last, the president (Bro. J. Pickering) being in the chair. One new member was initiated and three candidates were proposed. A strong committee was formed to work in the interests of Miss M. Keller, who has already been nominated as the society's candidate as queen of the carnival. Mr. H. Williams was appointed secretary, and Mr. L. Dwan chairman of the committee. It was also decided to hold the postponed St. Patrick's Day social on Wednesday, April 14.

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