

Marist Brothers' Old Boys' Association CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

The first annual meeting of the Marist Brothers' Old Boys' Association was held in the boys' school-room, Barbadoes street, Christchurch, on last Monday evening. The Rev. Brother Calictus (principal of the Marist Brothers' School) and 105 members were present. Mr. C. Lafferty was elected chairman. The meeting was honored by the presence of the Right Rev. Mgr. Fowler and Very Rev. Father Price, Adm., who were accorded a most enthusiastic welcome. The Right Rev. Mgr. Fowler, after a brief introduction by the chairman, gave an address in the course of which he urged his hearers to apply themselves not only to athletics, but to the more important duty of becoming loyal and patriotic to their country, good citizens, and practical Catholics. The Very Rev. Father Price, Adm., in a happy speech encouraged a close combination of the members, wished the association every success and prosperity, and promised it his financial support. On their retiring from the meeting Monsignor Fowler and Very Rev. Father Price were accorded hearty cheers.

The Secretary (Mr. H. Fitzgerald) read the annual report and balance sheet, which were received and adopted.

The following was in part the annual report:—In presenting this, our first annual report, your committee take the opportunity of congratulating the members for their united efforts in making the club the great success it has been, for which you have won our esteem and appreciation. The club competed in four competitions during the past season, which, being its first, practically establishes a record in football. It was no light task to send out four teams regularly each week-end. Though not at the top of the pole with regard to the championships, your performances were highly creditable, and with new training quarters which you will have in the near future, we feel sure you will improve on last season's achievements. A number of enjoyable socials were held during the season, the success of which was due mainly to Mr. H. Fitzgerald. Your committee undertook, on behalf of the club, to give a concert in aid of the M.B. School renovation fund. It was a thorough success, £84 being realised and handed to the Administrator for that purpose. They also undertook on your behalf the management of the Catholic picnic and sports on Boxing Day. This undertaking also proved successful, and a further £19 was added to the Boys' School fund. Your committee regret to report the loss of prominent members, in the Rev. Brother Walter. Mr. P. Amodeo, H. St. A. Murray, and Mr. C. Brown, all of whom have left for other parts of the Dominion. A trophy presented by Mr. C. Lafferty, to be awarded the player who trained the most consistently during the past season, was drawn by Mr. C. Meecham. A further presentation will be made of a trophy, by Mr. A. F. Donoghue, to the member of the senior team who proved himself the best, being awarded to Mr. J. Mahoney. He showed consistent form throughout the season, and was the only member to gain representative honors in Interprovincial football. The annual Church parade and general Communion of the members took place in June last, and members to the number of 122 marched in regalia to and from the school to the Cathedral. After Mass the members were entertained at breakfast in the Boys' Schoolroom, and we cannot sufficiently thank the ladies who, at so much inconvenience to themselves, officiated at the breakfast. In conclusion, we must thank the Very Rev. Father Price, Adm., who, besides being our chaplain, has been a willing and untiring helper in our cause. Knowing he has our interests at heart we feel sure he will assist us in the future as in the past, and hope he will be long spared to us.

The receipts for the year amounted to £94 13s 10d, and the expenditure to £81 13s 10d, leaving a credit balance of £13.

Mr. L. Corbett, in encouraging terms, referred to the club's performances on the football field, and expressed his belief that in the near future, with assiduous training, and a keen interest by members, this combination would be found disputing, and even securing, the highest honors held out by the Canterbury Rugby Union. His Lordship the Right Rev. Dr. Grimes, S.M., is patron, Sir George Clifford, president; Very Rev. Father Price, Adm., chaplain; Very Rev. Father Price, Adm., Rev. Dr. Kennedy, Messrs. C. Lafferty, J. Power, W. Rodgers, G. Dobbs, T. Cahill, M. Mannix, A. F. Donahue, E. O'Connor, S. Flood, R. O. Duncan, and A. J. Malley are vice-presidents of the association. The following other officers were elected: Club captain, Mr. L. Corbett; hon. secretary, Mr. H. Fitzgerald; assistant secretary, Mr. C. Baker; treasurer, Mr. Jas. Power; committee—Messrs. G. Mahony, J. McQuillan, E. O'Connor, E. Kennedy, and A. Watkins; delegates to Rugby Union—Messrs. L. Corbett, C. Lafferty, G. Mahony, and H. Fitzgerald; auditors, Rev. Bro. Calictus and Mr. M. Mannix; delegate to Sports Protection Association, Mr. H. Fitzgerald.

The formal opening of the season was fixed for Saturday, March 25. The arrangements regarding the proposed visit to Timaru at Easter were left to the executive committee with a recommendation that the junior players should be considered in the matter. Arrangements for a training room were, after discussion, also referred to the

executive committee. Rev. Bro. Calictus presented Messrs. C. Meecham and J. Mahoney with a medal each as trophies won, being gifts to the club by Messrs. A. F. Donoghue and C. Lafferty. Several rules having been amended and new ones adopted, and thirty new candidates nominated, this very successful first annual meeting was brought to a close with a vote of thanks to the chairman.

Palmerston North

(From our own correspondent.)

On Sunday last the women's branch of the Sacred Heart Society approached the Holy Table in unusually large numbers at the 7.30 o'clock Mass. There was Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from the 11 o'clock Mass until the evening devotions, after which there was the usual procession.

At the usual weekly meeting of the St. Vincent de Paul Society on Thursday last, a letter was read from the late president (Bro. J. O'Donovan), now at Invercargill, nominating, according to custom, Bro. F. Oakley as the president of the Conference. I need hardly add that the selection was a most suitable one and met with the hearty and unanimous approval of the Conference.

At a meeting of the combined committee who have in hand the national concert and the parish picnic, which met after Benediction to-day, everything was reported to be in a most forward state. The concert will be held in the Opera House on St. Patrick's night, and the picnic will be held on the following Wednesday, and will take place at the seaside resort of Paekakariki. Each child attending the parish school will be taken free on the train, and adults at a considerably reduced fare. The Rev. Fathers Costello, Qucaley, and Dore will be present, and with the existing weather conditions a red-letter day is assured.

Napier

(From our own correspondent.)

A welcome that took the form of a smoke concert was extended by the Hibernian Society to Rev. Father McDonnell, who has been appointed to the charge of the Napier parish, last Tuesday evening, when St. Patrick's Hall was crowded by members and their friends. The following was the toast list of the evening:—"The Pope and the King," by the chairman (Bro. B. J. Dolan); "Our Guest," proposed by Bro. B. J. Dolan and responded to by Rev. Father McDonnell; "H.A.C.B. Society," proposed by Bro. T. Cunningham, and responded to by the chairman; "The Clergy," proposed by Bro. J. Higgins and Dr. Leahy, and responded to by Rev. Fathers McDonnell and O'Connor. Songs were contributed by Bros. M. Treston, F. O'Shanessy, A. Scott, J. P. Kenny, T. G. Liddle, F. O'Connor, and J. Flanagan. Miss Scott played the accompaniments. The tables were nicely arranged and tastefully decorated. An enjoyable evening was brought to a close by the singing of "God Save Ireland."

MARIST BROTHERS' LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY, AUCKLAND

(From the club correspondent.)

The annual general meeting of the Marist Brothers' Literary and Debating Society, Auckland, was held in the club rooms on March 6. The Rev. Brother Fergus presided over a good attendance of members. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—Mr. F. Carrington, vice-president; Mr. C. McDevitt, secretary; Mr. J. T. Dwyer, editor of the Journal. These, with Mr. J. Gleeson, to form the executive committee of the society. Mr. J. McKenna was re-elected as the society's representative to the Auckland Literary and Debating Societies' Union. Mr. Gleeson has very kindly donated a gold medal for competition in the literary work of our society. Mr. Gleeson's magnificent offer is very highly appreciated by our members. Great enthusiasm was shown, and the coming year promises to be even more successful than last. Votes of thanks to the outgoing officers, and to the chairman for presiding brought a very successful meeting to a close.

OBITUARY

MRS. JULIA O'MAHONEY, VICTORIA.

Mrs. Julia O'Mahoney died in the local hospital, War-ragul, Victoria, at the beginning of this year, after an illness lasting about a month (writes a Marlborough correspondent). During her illness she was constantly attended by the Rev. Father Roche, who administered to her the last Sacraments. Her husband, who was well known in the Marlborough district, predeceased her by a few months. They were among the early pioneers of Gippsland, and were held in the highest esteem. Mrs. O'Mahoney's funeral was largely attended, the interment taking place after a Requiem Mass for the repose of her soul. The deceased was a sister of Mrs. Cornelius O'Dwyer, of Spring Creek, Marlborough.—R.I.P.