

CATHOLIC CLUBS

WELLINGTON.

The twenty-sixth half-yearly general meeting of the Wellington Catholic Club was held in St. Patrick's Hall on Thursday evening of last week. In the absence of the president of the club (Very Rev. Father O'Shea, V.G.), Mr. J. McGowan, vice-president, occupied the chair. The Rev. Father Venning was also present.

The half-yearly report and balance sheet were adopted. The report indicated that the affairs of the club were in an encouraging condition. There had been a remarkable increase in membership. The cricket branch had been successful in annexing the third-class championship. The finances of the club were also in a healthy state. After disbursing the sum of £75 19s 1d, a credit balance of £27 1s 6d was being carried forward to current account.

The election of officers for the ensuing half-year resulted as follows:—Patron, his Grace Archbishop Redwood; president, Very Rev. Father O'Shea; vice-presidents, Very Rev. Dean Regnault, Rev. Fathers Venning, Hickson, and Quinn, Rev. Brother Justin, and Messrs. M. Kennedy, M. O'Connor, C. P. Skerrett, A. H. Casey, and J. McGowan; hon. secretary, Mr. W. C. Thomas; hon. treasurer, Mr. J. G. Leydon; executive, Messrs. G. Dee, J. Webb, E. Dunne, B. Leydon, W. Tiller, J. McDonald, W. Keeney, G. Carroll, and W. Smith; auditors, Messrs. G. J. Moran and J. F. O'Leary.

It was decided to enter for the crystallate cup billiard competition, and Mr. B. Leydon was appointed to represent the club on the management committee.

The position in regard to the new Catholic Hall and Club was reviewed, and Messrs. J. W. Callaghan, R. Butcher, C. Gamble, F. McDonald, and M. O'Kane were elected as a committee to formulate a scheme to further the erection of the building.

Messrs. B. Leydon and J. McGowan were elected to the management committee of the St. Vincent Boys' Guild.

GORE.

There was a good attendance of members at the weekly meeting on August 28 of the Gore Catholic Club, over which Rev. Father Tobin presided. The secretary of the Invercargill Catholic Club wrote regarding the proposed football match, intimating that a team would be sent to Gore on Wednesday, September 6, if suitable. This was agreed to, and the secretary was instructed to make the necessary arrangements for the match. The business for the evening was a debate, 'Government versus Opposition.' Messrs. C. Carmody and T. Daly were the leaders for the respective sides, and Mr. Francis also spoke. Owing to the lateness of the hour and the number of speakers, it was decided to adjourn the debate until next Monday evening.

The following is the team to represent the Gore Catholic Men's Club in the match with the Invercargill Catholic Club on Wednesday:—Leon, Carmody, Low, Bushbridge, Keenan, F. O'Kane, Boswill, Green, Hoffman, W. O'Kane, Windle, A. O'Kane, Gibbons, Ferris, and Smith (captain); emergencies, Hanley, R. Ferris, and Sweeney.

MARIST BROTHERS' OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION
AND CATHOLIC MEN'S CLUB, AUCKLAND.

(From the club correspondent.)

Our literary and debating branches continue to have good attendances at the weekly debates, and competition promises to be keen for the various trophies to be competed for at the end of the year. In the inter-club contests our representative team (Messrs. Dwyer, Nevin, and Carrol) defeated the Unitarian representatives on August 10 by a considerable margin. On August 24 the University team defeated our team

(Messrs. Dwyer, McKenna, and Carrol) by one point. The judge (Mr. T. U. Wells) remarked that this was the closest debate he had ever been called on to adjudicate on. Messrs. McDevitt, McKenna, Carrol, and Egan journeyed to Otahuhu on August 28 to debate the subject, 'Would national prohibition be beneficial to New Zealand?' with the Otahuhu club. On the motion being put to the audience they gave their verdict in favor of the Marist Brothers' Old Boys' team. It is satisfactory to observe the prominent position our football club is occupying in the club championship, being now in the satisfactory position of having to play off with the City Club for the cup. This is very gratifying, as at one stage our club appeared to be hopelessly out of the running. Much credit for this marked improvement is due to our captain and vice-captain—Messrs. F. Herring and J. Grace. Great interest was centred in the game M.B.O.B. v. University on August 26, which had a distinct bearing on the championship. Our boys, however, proved too superior, and won the game in the final stages by 8 points to nil, thus creating rather a great surprise for the public. Tries were scored by Herring and Curran, the latter's try being converted by Little. Messrs. Herring, J. O'Brien, and Barrett are to be congratulated on their inclusion in the Auckland touring team. This is the first year that Messrs. O'Brien and Barrett have been selected. Mr. Herring, however, is an old rep.

WEDDING BELLS

(From our Wanganui correspondent.)

MORTON—HEARN.

A wedding, which attracted considerable interest, took place in St. Mary's Church, Wanganui, on August 31, when Mr. John Selby Morton, second son of Mr. John Morton, of Turakina, was united in the bonds of Matrimony to Miss Mary Hearn, second daughter of the late Mr. N. Hearn, of 'Buenos Aires,' Moumahaki. The popularity of the bride and bridegroom was attested by the large number present at the ceremony. Nuptial Mass was celebrated by Rev. Father Holley, Rev. Fathers McKenna (Pahiatua) and Moloney being also present. The 'Wedding March' was played by the Rev. Father Moloney as the happy couple left the church. The bride was attired in white satin, with spangled net robe, cap and veil, and wore a wreath of orange blossoms. The bridesmaids were Misses Gertie Hearn, Minnie Kennedy, Gertie Cullinane, and Jean Cameron. Mr. J. Morton acted as best man, and Mr. James Todd was groomsmen. Mr. Martin Hearn (brother of the bride) gave her away. After the ceremony a wedding breakfast was held at the Naumai Tea Rooms, the near relatives of the bride and bridegroom being present. The very many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Morton unite in wishing them a long and happy wedded life.

Sir Joseph Ward on Tuesday afternoon informed the House that the Hon. Mr. Fowlds had resigned his position in the Ministry, and that his resignation had been accepted by the Governor. He said he regretted the severance of an esteemed friend. Mr. Fowlds had been in the Ministry for five years, and on no occasion had a cross word taken place between any of them. He acknowledged the ability and great public spirit manifested by Mr. Fowlds. 'As friends we met, as friends we part, and friends we will always be,' concluded the Prime Minister.

The revenue of the Post and Telegraph Department of New Zealand, remarked Sir Joseph Ward at the letter carriers' social at Wellington on Saturday night, was the highest of any country in the world in proportion to population. It exceeded £1,000,000 last year—equal to £1 per head of the population. Ninety-six and a-half million letters were posted in New Zealand last year, and over 100,000,000 delivered. In addition to nearly 8,000,000 post-cards, 24,000,000 newspapers were delivered.