

for the formation of a strong branch in Greymouth, and he felt sure that such would be the case.

Mr. T. Keenan, president of the H.A.C.B. Society, in moving that a branch of the Federation be formed in Greymouth, dwelt at length on the need of a Catholic Federation. He felt sure the Catholics of Greymouth would not be behind in a matter, which of late has been so fully and splendidly explained in the columns of the *N.Z. Tablet*.

The motion was seconded by Mr. P. Smyth and agreed to. Mr. T. Keenan was elected president and Mr. McGilligan secretary of the branch.

ITEMS OF SPORT

GENERAL.

On Saturday (writes our Timaru correspondent) the Celtic Football Club tried conclusions with the Christchurch Marist Brothers Old Boys on the Athletic Grounds. A strenuous but sportsmanlike game resulted in a victory for the home team by 14 to 3. The visitors were hospitably entertained by the Celtic Club.

The Plunket Shield match between Canterbury and Otago was played on Saturday and Monday at Lancaster Park, Christchurch. Otago made only 110 in their first innings, against 242 by their opponents. Otago's second innings was very disappointing, their score being only 81.

ST. JOSEPH'S HARRIER CLUB, DUNEDIN.

The annual general meeting of St. Joseph's Harrier Club was held in St. Joseph's Hall on Wednesday evening, there being a large attendance of members and intending members. Rev. Father Buckley occupied the chair.

Mr. W. Butcher made a few remarks in support of the annual report, and Mr. A. Ahern also spoke at length, eulogising the work of the secretary for the past season, and calling attention to the more important clauses in the report, which was adopted.

The satisfactory state of the balance sheet, which was also adopted, did not call for any suggestive remarks.

A revision of the rules was submitted and adopted.

It was decided to award as an extra trophy a merit badge for the highest number of points made up by attendance, irrespective of position in a race.

It was agreed, after a lengthy debate, to change the name of the club to the Shamrock Harriers.

The election of office-bearers resulted as follows:— Patron, Rev. Father Coffey; president, Hon. J. B. Callan, M.L.C.; vice-presidents, Rev. Father Buckley, Rev. Father Delany, Dr. E. J. O'Neill, Messrs. C. A. Shiel and J. J. Marlow; captain, Mr. W. Butcher; vice-captain, Mr. A. B. Treacy; committee, captain, vice-captain, secretary, treasurer, delegate, J. Kelly, A. Ahern, C. Collins; delegate to O.C., N.Z.A.A.A., Mr. E. W. Spain; timekeeper and starter, Mr. L. J. Coughlan; hon. handicapper, Mr. J. Kelly; secretary and treasurer, Mr. J. A. McKenzie; auditor, Mr. E. W. Spain.

A number of new members were elected.

It was decided to accept the invitation to run from the Y.M.C.A. Rooms on April 5, and the official opening was fixed for April 12.

Timaru

On Thursday evening, Rev. Father O'Boyle delivered an impressive sermon on the Blessed Eucharist to a crowded congregation. The Holy Week ceremonies were well attended; on Good Friday evening the congregation was a particularly large one.

On Easter Sunday morning the early Masses were well attended by large numbers of communicants. The Rev. Father Murphy celebrated a Missa Cantata at 11 o'clock and preached on the day's festival. The choir sang Wiegand's Mass in C, with Gounod's 'Credo.' Miss E. Dennehy presided at the organ. At the Offertory the solo was taken by Miss Telfer, of New South Wales.

Tapanui

The Mayor (Mr. John Fleming) presided over a presentation to Constable Thos. Dwan in the Town Hall on Saturday evening, March 15, when the building was well filled with townspeople and country residents (says the local *Courier*). The Mayor said that Constable Dwan well deserved his promotion to the rank of sergeant, after sixteen years of a clean record in the force. Mr. Dwan, the speaker said, had not only performed his multifarious official duties in a very able manner, but had taken a keen interest in the welfare of the people and in the promotion of good sport. The guest of the evening had been ever ready to do his share as a citizen as well as a constable for the district. In the exercise of his duties he had displayed commendable tact, and his many friends here would be pleased to hear of his future success. Dr. Robertson, Mr. J. A. Moyle, solicitor (who represented the Heriot subscribers), and Mr. Felix Murney spoke in similar strain of regret at Mr. Dwan's departure, and extended to him congratulations on his promotion to the well-deserved rank of sergeant. Constable Dwan suitably replied.

At the local Court sitting on March 18, the Magistrate referred to the departure of Sergeant Dwan, stating that he had performed his duties as Clerk of the Court in a most capable manner. He had been efficient and impartial in carrying out his duties to the full satisfaction of the Court. Mr. Wm. Quin (as Coroner and senior Justice) endorsed the Magistrate's remarks, and Mr. W. Sinclair also confirmed the statements.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwan were also farewelled by members of the Catholic Church at Tapanui, whose good wishes were accompanied by a tangible mark of esteem in the form of a presentation to Mrs. Dwan.

Paeroa

March 22.

The missionary labors of St. Patrick in Ireland was the subject of a very eloquent and impressive sermon, preached by the Ven. Archdeacon Hackett at St. Joseph's Church, Paeroa, on Sunday evening, March 16. During the course of his sermon the Archdeacon dealt with St. Patrick's extraordinary success in the conversion of the country, which obtained for him the name of the Apostle of Ireland. Ireland, said the Archdeacon in his concluding remarks, holds the unique position of having embraced Christianity without the shedding of one drop of blood. Ireland, also, while embracing Christianity without bloodshed, was itself destined to pass through the ordeal of the most relentless persecutions ever recorded in history in defence of that religion implanted by St. Patrick.

On Monday, March 17, the children attending St. Joseph's School held their annual picnic at Te Aroha. Many of the children were accompanied by their parents. The whole of the children assisted at Mass, and then marched from the church to the railway station in processional order. The boys were under the care of the Archdeacon and Mr. I. Wall, and the girls were under the guardianship of the Sisters. The weather was all that could be desired, and a very enjoyable day was spent.

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