

ITEMS OF SPORT

FOOTBALL.

Owing to bad weather all football fixtures for Saturday in Invercargill were postponed.

On the King's Birthday (writes our Christchurch correspondent) a team from St. Anne's Club, Wellington, played a team picked from the M.B.O.B. junior grades. After a fine game, the visitors won by 8 points to 3.

In Christchurch the football (senior) results on Saturday were as follow:—Albion (6 points) drew with Old Boys, Christchurch (3 points) beat Canterbury College (nil), Merivale (16 points) beat Linwood (9 points), Sydenham (13 points) beat Marist Brothers (12 points).

Playing third-class Rugby (writes our Wellington correspondent), St. Patrick's College beat Wadestown by 14 to 3, Redmond and Barry being conspicuous among the St. Patrick's players. Playing in the fifth class, St. Patrick's College A team were defeated by 14 to nil. The B team also suffered defeat from Wellington College A by 20 to nil.

The weather was fine in Auckland on Saturday for field games, and the attendance was large at all the games. Following are the Rugby results:—Marist Brothers (3 points) drew with City; Ponsonby (15 points) beat University (8 points), College Rifles (13 points) beat Parnell (8 points). Ponsonby and Marist Brothers are now level for the championship.

In senior football the Marist Brothers' Old Boys met Celtic on the Heretaunga ground, Hastings, when a splendid game resulted, the scores being—Old Boys 14, Celtic 11. Celtic's forwards played a dashing game, and overran their opponents in the loose, Shamrock, Peter, and Brooking being responsible for most of the work. Old Boys excelled in the open play and apparently were in fine form.

The second round of the Rugby championship was commenced in Wellington on Saturday in glorious weather. The football was not of a particularly bright character, but the public had one surprise sprung on them. Athletic, who were leading on the first round with an unbroken record, went under to Melrose by 8 points to 6. The other results were as follow:—Petone (19 points) beat St. James (13 points), Oriental (14 points) beat Victoria College ((6 points), Ponake (3 points) drew with Wellington.

There were between 3000 and 4000 spectators on the Caledonian Ground, Dunedin, on Saturday to witness the Rugby game between Union and University, which resulted in the former scoring 8 points to 6 by their opponents. Zingari defeated Port Chalmers by 8 points to 5, and Southern beat Pirates, the score being 21 points to 9. Although the score might lead one to imagine that it was a one-sided game, this was not the case, as Pirates put up a very good fight, and had to lower their colors to a really superior team. Dunedin drew with Alhambra, each side scoring 3 points.

In Association football in Dunedin Mornington A defeated Christian Brothers by 4 goals to 1. Up to half-time neither side had scored, and the second spell had proceeded some time before a goal was registered on either side. Northern beat Maori Hill by 4 goals to 1, Ravensbourne defeated High School Old Boys by 2 goals to 1, Mornington B drew with Northern B (3 goals each), and Kaitangata scored 3 goals to 1 by Roslyn-Wakari. In the second grade Christian Brothers defeated Green Island by 5 goals to 4. Green Island were regarded as invincible, but after a great struggle, with plenty of goal-getting on either side, Christian Brothers led home by a goal. Hitherto neither team had sustained a loss. Salmon (2), Walsh (2), and Newman scored for the winners. In the third grade Roslyn-Wakari scored 5 goals against 3 by Christian Brothers A, and Southern 9 goals against nil by Christian Brothers B. In the fourth grade Mornington defeated Christian Brothers by 2 goals to nil.

Mr. W. Curran, of Oamaru (writes our Oamaru correspondent), is distinguishing himself in the Home-land, as the following item from the *Wigan Examiner* proves:—'Wigan A put up a good performance by easily defeating Warrington A, at Wilderspool, by 18 points to 2. Of course the home side were not so powerful as in former days, when they were greatly feared by the Wiganers. A feature of the match was the brilliant work of Curran, the colonial, who served up by far the best exposition of the game that we have seen from him since his arrival. Though Curran complains of feeling the effects of the weather and also that he is handicapped by the soft grounds, he was evidently in his element at Warrington, and fairly took the eye of the home crowd. Several of Curran's runs were sparkling items, and he registered three brilliant tries, two efforts being from his own half. He showed a fine turn of speed, and was clever in every respect.'

CRICKET.

An Ottawa message states that the Australian cricketers defeated a local eleven at Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, scoring 472 for seven wickets against Prince Albert's 78 for two innings.

His Lordship Bishop Grimes

The Continental edition of the London *Daily Mail* of April 25 says:—'The Right Rev. J. J. Grimes, Bishop of Christchurch, New Zealand, is now convalescent, and the guest of the Rector of the College of Sainte-Marie at La Seyne (Var.). The Bishop contracted an illness in the Red Sea whilst on his way from New Zealand to the Eucharistic Congress at Malta and was obliged to leave the boat at Marseilles, where he was treated by Dr. Hawthorne. He is now, however, well on the road to recovery, and will leave shortly for Lyons, whence he will go to London.'

OBITUARY

MRS. ELIZABETH JACKSON, CHRISTCHURCH.

After a long and truly Christian life Mrs. Elizabeth Jackson died a most peaceful and holy death, fortified by all the rites of Holy Church, on Thursday, May 15. The deceased lady was a native of County Tyrone, and from the time of her arrival in New Zealand, in 1865, to her death, she ever strove to inspire her children and friends with a love of the 'old land,' by glowing accounts of Ireland's glorious past, and recitals of the cruel sufferings our forefathers endured so as to hand down to us the priceless treasure of our faith. During her last illness, which extended over five months, she endured very great pain, but, supported by frequent Holy Communion, and by the kindly attentions of the Rev. Father O'Boyle and Rev. Father Long, she bore her sufferings with perfect resignation to God's holy will. Mrs. Jackson had a great devotion to the Blessed Virgin and to St. Patrick. She had the consolation of seeing three of her children (Sister Mary St. Martha, of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd, Melbourne; Sister Mary Cletus, of the Sisters of St. Joseph, Gisborne, and Rev. Brother Egbert, of the Marist Brothers, Timaru) devoting themselves to God's service in the religious state. Besides her sorrowing husband and ten children, Mrs. Jackson leaves two sisters (Mrs. Fitzgerald, Wellington, and Mrs. Ongley, Oamaru) and two brothers (Mr. M. Mullin, Timaru, and Mr. W. Mullin, Christchurch) to mourn the loss of a devoted wife, mother, and sister. The funeral took place from the Cathedral on Saturday, May 17, the Requiem Mass being celebrated by Rev. Father Long, who also officiated at the graveside in the Linwood cemetery.—R.I.P.

HELD OVER

Some letters on the Catholic Benefit Society question and a quantity of other matter are unavoidably held over.

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