

ITEMS OF SPORT

FOOTBALL.

Last Saturday (writes our Hamilton correspondent), St. Mary's junior football team played off for the third time with the Frankton Club, and were defeated by 6 points to 5. St. Mary's were leading by 5 points to nil (a try by Raynor converted by B. Mathieson) at the beginning of the last twenty minutes, and the final score was a great shock to their supporters, who had assembled in force to welcome the 1913 champions. It was, however, not to be. The game was a hard one, and stubbornly contested throughout. Every man in St. Mary's team played a splendid game, and it is generally acknowledged that they were extremely unlucky to lose. After the match, St. Mary's in a body went round to the Frankton dressing shed, where they cheered and congratulated the winners. Seeing that St. Mary's team came into existence only this season, they have no reason to be ashamed of themselves in acting as runners-up to the Frankton junior team. The Frankton team is a redoubtable one, and I understand that St. Mary's are the first team to defeat them during the last five years. Last year the Frankton juniors entered in the seven-aside tournament and won it, defeating all the senior teams. The success of St. Mary's football teams in their first year is in a great manner due to their painstaking and vigorous secretary, Mr. Michael McCarthy.

Some two or three hundred spectators watched the first match for the Evatt Cup between the Past and Present students of St. Patrick's College, at Kelburne Park on Wednesday afternoon (writes our Wellington correspondent). About three weeks ago the Present Boys defeated the Old Boys by 25 points to 14. This left the Past students dissatisfied, and they challenged their victors to another match, this time for a cup presented by Mr. Reginald L. Evatt. As a result of the match the Present students won comfortably by 19 points to 7.

Playing in Association matches in the third division (writes our Wellington correspondent) Marist (5), by defeating Swifts (2), are left to contest the third division final. In the fourth division Y.M.C.A. defeated Marists by 3 goals to nil in the semi-final for the Charity Cup contest. By defeating Petone by 2 goals to 1, Marist are winners of the fifth-class cup. Marist Brothers are now possessors of the cup, having won it five times at intervals.

ST. JOSEPH'S HARRIERS.

The St. Joseph's Harriers, Dunedin, held their final run of the season from St. Clair as guests of the committee. The club combined with the Civil Service Harriers, and started in the direction of the Caves, leading through the Second Beach, past Cargill's Castle, skirting the Golf Links, over excellent harrier country, leading through Allandale, and coming on to the Main road, which was followed to the golf house and home, and finishing on the Second Beach. Afterwards the harriers were the guests of the committee at tea.

Greymouth

ST. COLUMBA CLUB WINS CHAMPIONSHIPS.

(From our own correspondent.)

The West Coast Competitions were held in the Town Hall, Greymouth, last week, and it gives me great pleasure to have to record the success of the St. Columba Club's representatives, who not only succeeded in successfully defending the senior cup, which they won last year, but also defeated Trinity (the holders) for the junior cup. In winning both the senior and junior cups for 1913, the club team has every reason to feel justly proud of its performance, and it is hardly necessary to add, that the members were complimented on all sides, for their brilliant performance. The burden of the contest was once again ably borne by Mr. K. S. Dillon, who not only won the championship medal for the competitor scoring the most points, but also contributed largely to the club's suc-

cess. The team on the whole put up a splendid fight, and even on the third day of the Competitions, when Trinity had a lead of 40 points, they never lost courage. When the totals for the fourth day came to be added, it was found that St. Columba had a lead of 60 points. With only one event to be decided, the result seemed assured, but the impromptu debate took a very serious turn, and the result looked very doubtful. The affirmative speaker in the St. Columba team misread the question, and upheld the negative side, scoring practically nothing for his pains. However, the others did remarkably well, and were successful in maintaining the lead, although Trinity was exceptionally strong in impromptu work.

In the junior section, most of the St. Columba Club's representatives were making their first appearance, and although unsuccessful in gaining a first prize, all of the members of the team scored remarkably well in every item, and when the marks came to be totalled it was found that it had gained the verdict by 28 points.

Perhaps the most pleasing feature of the whole Competitions was the success which attended the pupils of the Convent and Marist Brothers' Schools. In the several items for children the Convent and Marist pupils obtained first, second, and third places in practically every event but one, and if any clearer proof of the standard of our Catholic schools is required, it will indeed be hard to find.

Wrey's Bush

(From an occasional correspondent.)

Very great regret was felt throughout the Wrey's Bush district when it became known that Mr. James Flynn had passed away on Wednesday, September 17. The deceased, who had not been in robust health for some years, was attended during his illness by the Very Rev. Father Lynch, and died fortified by all the rites of Holy Church. The late Mr. Flynn was born in County Kerry about 62 years ago, and arrived in Southland in 1870. For some years he worked on stations throughout the province, and in 1880 went into business, buying the All Nations Hotel, Wrey's Bush, the license of which he held for 28 years, when through failing health he was obliged to transfer to his son-in-law, Mr. George O'Connor. The late Mr. Flynn, who was predeceased by his wife, who died about five years ago, leaves a family of four sons and three daughters, who have the sincere sympathy of a large circle of friends in their sad bereavement. The funeral, which took place on Friday, September 19, was very largely attended. Very Rev. Father Lynch officiated at the graveside.—R.I.P.

It is with sincere regret I have to record the death of Mrs. Mary Neylon, wife of Mr. John Neylon, Wairio. She had been ailing for some time, and two operations had been performed for an internal complaint, but were of no avail, and deceased breathed her last, surrounded by sorrowing members of her family, on September 25. During her long illness deceased was attended by the Very Rev. Father Lynch, and died fortified by the rites of the Church. Courteous and charitable to a degree, her numerous charitable actions were always unostentatious, and her memory will be long revered and affectionately remembered in the district where she so long resided. The late Mrs. Neylon leaves a husband, six sons, and one daughter (who entered the Order of the Sisters of Mercy some years ago) to mourn their loss. The funeral, which left her late residence, Wairio, on Saturday, September 27, was attended by mourners from all parts of the district, several relatives and friends coming from Canterbury and Otago. The Very Rev. James Lynch read the burial service.—R.I.P.

The members of the Christian Brothers' Old Boys' Association will have a produce stall at the coming bazaar, and they appeal to their friends in the country to forward donations, such as hams, eggs, cheese, etc., as early as possible. Consignments will be thankfully received by Rev. Brother Moore, Rattray street, Dunedin....