

Sports and Entertainments

M.B.O.B. Association, Christchurch

(From our own Correspondent.)

On the evening of November 23, the above association held its annual dinner at the Carlton Cafe, Cathedral Square, and the function proved in every way a distinct success. All teams of the three branches of the association—League, Soccer, and Cricket—were well represented; Rev. Brother Phelan presiding over a large attendance of about one hundred members and supporters. At the official table were Rev. Father Gregory, Rev. Father Hally, Mr. H. T. Armstrong, M.P., Mr. English, and Mr. Bunt, representing the Canterbury Football Association, Mr. G. H. Brittenden (secretary M.B.O.B.A.) Mr. F. Smyth (club captain), Mr. D. McCormick (secretary Monica Park Board of Control), and Mr. H. Mullins (vice-captain of senior team). Rev. Brother Phelan apologised for the unavoidable absence of his Lordship Bishop Brodie and Sir G. Glifford. At the conclusion of the dinner a very fine musical and vocal programme was given to a highly appreciative audience by talented performers, to whom are due the best thanks of the association. Messrs. Mannix, Clemence, McMenamin, and Dunbar proved a very efficient orchestra and added greatly to the enjoyment of the gathering. Vocal items by Messrs. Clemence, Darragh, Burns, Courtney, and by Rev. Father Hally and Rev. Brother Phelan were much appreciated. Rev. Brother Phelan, in a neat speech, welcomed all and congratulated the various League and Soccer teams on their play during the past season. He trusted that both on and off the field, beaten or unbeaten, the members would continue to be a credit to their old school and to the association. Trophies won during the season by the Soccer teams were presented by Mr. R. English, president of the Canterbury Football Association. A tangible token of esteem was presented to Father Gregory, an old boy of the school who was ordained the previous day, and who, with Father Hally, of Dunedin, was welcomed to the gathering. Both visitors suitably responded. Having been congratulated on winning the Christchurch East seat in Parliament, Mr. H. T. Armstrong, M.P. (a vice-president of the association), expressed thanks for the remarks made about him. He urged the boys always to play the game and to take a large part in public matters and become good citizens. Mr. D. McCormack (secretary of the Board of Control) presented the senior team with the McKoon Cup for the winning Senior League team. Trophies won at the Labor Day carnival were presented by Mr. F. Smyth. A presentation of a canteen of silver was made to E. H. Ellis, who last season represented Marist, Canterbury, South Island, and New Zealand at League. After the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" by the gathering, the function came to a conclusion with hearty cheers for Rev. Brother Phelan, as an acknowledgement of the great work done by him over many years for the Association.

HIBERNIAN SOCIETY

ST. JOSEPH'S BRANCH, DUNEDIN.

There was a large attendance at the last fortnightly meeting of St. Joseph's branch (No. 73) of the H.A.C.B. Society, the president (Bro. A. Gillick) presiding. Sick pay and other accounts were passed for payment, and the usual routine business transacted. Two candidates were admitted to membership, and three nominations received. The report of the half-yearly meeting of New Zealand District was read by the secretary, and it was decided to defer discussion thereon till the quarterly meeting to be held on the 8th inst. As important matters are contained in the report a full attendance of members at that meeting is requested. Members were notified that the next quarterly Communion in connection with the branch is to take place at the nine o'clock Mass at St. Joseph's Cathedral, on Sunday, the 20th inst. The quarterly balance sheet was read and adopted. The president, in moving the adoption of the statement of accounts, referred to the branch's sound position and steady advancement, a notable feature being the number of new members registered during the quarter—the largest for some considerable time. The progress thus indicated was very encouraging and he trusted it would continue. He eulogised the work of the secretary (Bro. J. J. Ford). The auditors (Bros. J. J. Marlow, jun. and J. N. Smith) reported most favorably on the way the books of the branch were kept; and incidentally referred to various matters of interest contained in the balance sheet. A vote of thanks was passed to the auditors for their much-appreciated services. The branch delegates to the Friendly Societies' Dispensary Board (Bros. J. J. Marlow, jun., P.P., and W. E. Simpson) reported on the recent meeting of that body.

THE HIBERNIAN CLUB.

The clubrooms are being well attended, due to the social attractions provided by the president and management committee, who are desirous of seeing every member of the society taking an active interest in the movement. Debates and card and billiard tournaments are being arranged, while the latest books and magazines may be found in the reading-room of the club.

An interesting debate was held on Monday evening week, when the subject discussed was "Is the Immigration Policy of the Government Beneficial to the Dominion?" Messrs. A. J. Dowling (leader), F. Brown, and J. N. Smith spoke in the affirmative, and Messrs. F. Moloney (leader), B. Lynskey, and J. J. Marlow, jun., in the negative. Mr. J. J. Marlow, sen. (District Deputy), presided, and in an eloquent summing-up of the arguments advanced gave an interesting and instructive address on the Immigration policies of former days; also the methods adopted by the United States and the different dominions of the British Empire to increase population. On a vote being taken

the decision was in favor of the negative. The speeches were distinctly good, the various speakers, especially the leaders, treating the subject in a manner denoting a considerable amount of study.

The next debate is to be held on Monday, the 14th inst., when a very important subject is to be tabled for discussion.

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