

Our Sports Summary

DUNEDIN.

A complimentary banquet was tendered last week to the Christian Brothers' Rugby and Soccer football teams. The Assembly Hall of the Christian Brothers' School was tastefully arranged for the occasion and the tables were loaded with a profusion of viands appropriate to a function of the kind. Rev. Brother Bowler (director of the school) presided, and there were present a number of friends and supporters of the school's football teams. A lengthy toast list was honored. In proposing a toast in honor of Rev. Father Ardagh, Brother Bowler said their guest could almost be described as the school's sports-master in view of the keen interest Father Ardagh had manifested in the teams' activities. It was in a great measure owing to him that the school had re-entered Rugby. In asking Father Ardagh to accept photographs of the three teams, suitably framed, the chairman said the picture was intended to serve as a souvenir of pleasant associations among those who would ever remember the recipient as a very dear friend and generous helper. Father Ardagh expressed his gratitude to the boys for their gift, and said he would always treasure it as a memento of his connection with the school. The time he had been able to devote to their interests was a time of real pleasure. He would ever entertain feelings of deep affection for the boys of the Christian Brothers' School, because of their manly-bearing and sportsmanlike spirit. Their record in Rugby this year was one to be proud of, and the Brothers and their boys well-deserved the congratulations they were receiving. Mr. W. Lindsay, the teams' coach, was similarly honored by the boys and their teachers. In presenting him with framed photographic groups of the teams Brother Bowler eulogised the recipient for the splendid services he had rendered the Rugby team. That Mr. Lindsay (a member of the 1914 "All-Blacks") should sacrifice his weekly half-holiday, as he had done throughout the season to their interests, spoke sufficiently for his spirit, and was indeed something for them to be proud of. To him could be attributed the teams' successes. Mr. Lindsay expressed his appreciation of the presentation made him, which he would value among his most treasured possessions. Although a comparative stranger here he had found it a great pleasure to be associated with so manly a lot of boys as those of the Christian Brothers' School. On and off the field they "played the game" and played it well. Although so long dissociated from the Rugby game as the boys were, their showing, now they had taken it on again, was quite out of the ordinary. He was convinced that many of them would eventually qualify for representative honors, and his advice to them meanwhile, was to stick to the "Greens." The toast of the (A) Rugby team was proposed by C. McCaughan and responded to by G. Hendron; and the (B) team by P. Butler, responded to by the captain (Len Doogue). Mr. J. Dunn in proposing the Soccer teams said, as an old boy of the school he felt proud to be associated with them. He complimented the A team on winning the Cup and the C team on attaining the position of runners-up. He voiced the appreciation of all lovers of the game for the whole-hearted interest taken in the boys' sports by the Brothers. Mr. W. Fox responded and thanked Rev. Brother Higgins for the consistent interest he takes in the teams. The toast of "The Champions" was proposed by W. McCormack and responded to by T. Fennessy. Among other toasts honored were Mr. Foster, of the Referees Association, who takes a personal interest in the school, Mr. Perkins (late of the "Diggers" Concert Party) and other friends who had given much-valued assistance at the function, and the press, with special reference to the *Tablet*. Mr. Foster in responding said the conduct of the Christian Brothers' scholars was a striking feature, and his experience that evening more than ever convinced him that it was a feature upon which both the teachers and the boys themselves deserved to be heartily congratulated. Rev. Father Ardagh proposed what he described as the principal toast of the evening, "The

Christian Brothers," and in doing so referred in appropriate terms to the great work they were doing in the interests of Catholic education and in the training in manly pursuits of the pupils under their control. Rev. Brother Bowler, in responding said a good sport is always a good boy, he can't be otherwise, and it was always a pleasure to the Brothers—it was a recreation to them—to take an active interest in the sports of the school, and whatever success was achieved by the boys was recognised with equal pride by the Brothers. At intervals a very enjoyable programme of musical and other items was given by Messrs F. Perkins, J. Deaker, Tait, Masters O'Callaghan, Frank Foster, and Coughlan. The singing of "God Save Ireland" by all present was one of the concluding items.

GREYMOUTH.

This year for the Marist Brothers' Football Club has been the most successful in its history, its teams winning all three Cup competitions under the W.C.R.U. Indeed, with the exception of the senior seven-a-side competition, the Marist Club has this year won every competition conducted by the West Coast Rugby Union, including the senior Cup, junior Cup, 4th grade Cup, junior seven-a-side Shield, 4th grade "knock-out" competition, and schools contests. This is a record of which any club might well be proud, and the more so because it is a long time since Marists were in such a prominent position in the competitions. It is due to the members loyalty to their club and a refusal to be disheartened by past defeats. Their wins are popular with all the other clubs in the competitions, as it is recognised that they have shown the best of enterprise and *esprit de corps* this season.

CONVENT OF MERCY, TE AROHA

Following are the results of the music examinations held on August 17, of pupils of the Sisters of Mercy of Lourdes Convent, Te Aroha, conducted by Mr. Myerscough, M.B., in connection with Trinity College, London: Associate diploma—Piano, 1; singing, 1. Higher local—Piano, 2. Senior—Piano, 3; singing, 1. Intermediate—Singing, 1. Junior—Singing, 2. Preparatory—Singing, 1. Following were the successes in connection with the Associated Board of Royal Academy and Royal College of Music, London, at the examination conducted on September 22, by Dr. Haigh: Licentiate solo performer—1. Lower division—2. Elementary—3. Primary—2.

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