

Our Sports Summary

AUCKLAND.

The annual banquet of the Marist Brothers' School (Vermont Street) football teams was held on Saturday, 22nd ult., in the school hall (writes our own correspondent). Besides the staff and the A., B., and Lightweight teams there were present:—Rev. Brother Denis, B.A., provincial; Messrs. H. Frost (chairman A.R.F.U.), A. Gray (deputy chairman, A.R.F.U.), R. Webster (A.R.F.U.), I. Mahen (secretary, A.R.F.U.), T. Buchan (A.R.F.U.), C. Mathieson (A.R.F.U.), T. Crawford (A.R.F.U.), A. Wetherilt (president Auckland Referees Association), H. Moore, C. Hurley, M. Gourley, D. Flynn, and W. J. Grevatt. Rev. Brother Calixtus welcomed the visitors. He said the school felt highly complimented by the presence of practically the whole management committee of the Auckland Rugby Union. He was not surprised when the boys left school by their joining the Marist Brothers' O.B. Rugby team, the official old boys' team. A boy who got his training in Vermont Street and did not play for the M.B.O.B. afterwards was not loyal. The Vermont boys have put up a great performance in the field of sport. They have won the "A" grade for five successive years; not having lost a game since 1917. In 1918-20-21 their line was not crossed and their points totalled in those years 971. They have won two of the highest grades in the seven-a-side since 1917 and thereby the Pascoe cup. The Lightweights have won two years in succession. The school also holds the "A" cricket banner, Massey cup (athletics), Roger cup (100 yards championship, Catholic schools 100 yards championship, primary schools and Nicholson shield (swimming). In the Labor Day sports on Monday, October 24, R. Darby, Vermont Street, won the 100 yards primary schools' championship of Auckland in 12 seconds, beating McMillan (Remuera) the public school champion.

The basket-ball competition was won by St. Joseph's, Grey Lynn, who did remarkably well to beat the Avondale public school team.

On the Sacred Heart College park, on Saturday 29th ult., a most successful sports meeting was held. The keen work of the fine athletes of the college, a numerous and enthusiastic gathering, and glorious weather conditions brought about a very enjoyable afternoon's sport. The kind lady friends of the college dispensed afternoon tea, while Burnand's band supplied a programme of enjoyable music. Four college records were established. W. Kalaugher ran the half-mile in 2 minutes 14 three-fifths seconds, R. Lander the hurdle race of 120 yards over ten hurdles in 16 one-fifth seconds, C. Nicholls the mile in 5 minutes 13 three-fifths seconds, and E. Griffin the 220 yards in 24 two-fifths seconds. The senior shield was won by W. Kalaugher (scoring 43 points), T. Vangioni was second with 28 and R. O'Connor third with 27 points. W. Miller with 32 points won the junior cup, with W. Levin (28 points) second, and R. Keenan (20 points) third.

WELLINGTON.

The annual sports of the students attending St. Patrick's College were held on the Basin Reserve on Monday the 31st ult. The high wind which was blowing interfered to some extent with the enjoyment. There was a large number of parents of the collegians present, and the events were got off according to the time-table. A feature of the afternoon's enjoyment was the blindfold boxing contest, which provided much laughter among the onlookers. Several close finishes were witnessed, notably in the college 100 yards handicap and the half-mile walk. The grand handicap aggregate, carrying with it the challenge cup, was won by J. McSherry. The Ward challenge cup (100 yards sprint) was won by F. McParland, The Segrief cup (one mile race) was won by R. O'Regan. The junior championship and Macarthy challenge cup were secured by J. Smith. Afternoon tea was served by Mrs. Oscar Johnson and staff in a large marquee erected at the western end of the ground. Among those present were his Grace Archbishop O'Shea, Ven. Archdeacon Devoy, Sir James Carroll, and he prefects of Wellington College. The events were ably controlled by the committee assisted by Messrs. W. G. Riddell, T. W. Coltman, J. Henrys, "Dorrie" Leslie, J. Troy, H. Williams, and L. Burns. The officials were: Patron, his Grace the Archbishop of Wellington; vice-patron, his Grace the Coadjutor-Archbishop of Wellington; president, Very Rev. Rector; starters, Messrs. J. E. Henrys and D. Leslie; timekeepers, Messrs. Coltman, Williams, J. Troy, and L. Burns; judges, Father Murphy, S.M., Father F. Cullen, Father M. Devoy, S.M., Messrs. W. G. Riddell, and M. J. Reardon; stewards, Messrs. L. Luxford, T.

Freyne and P. Cullen; announcer, S. Hjorring; committee, Father Ryan, S.M., Dean Lane, Messrs. A. Hjorring, L. Aldridge, F. McParland, M. James, P. Kennedy, C. White, and A. J. Burns; hon. secretary, F. McParland.

The opening of the newly-formed tennis grounds in Hawkestone Street, for the young people of the Thorndon parish, took place on a recent Saturday afternoon. The Rev. Father Smyth, S.M., who energetically secured and placed the grounds in order, officiated at the opening ceremony. There was a good attendance and a most successful season is assured.

The formal opening of the season in connection with the Island Bay Catholic Tennis Club took place the other Saturday, Ven. Archdeacon Devoy presiding. The club held a social on a recent Monday evening, which proved very successful.

CHRISTCHURCH.

At the second annual meeting of the St. Patrick's Athletic Association, held recently, the annual report (published in the *Tablet* issue of the 27th ult.) and balance sheet were adopted. The balance sheet showed an expenditure, principally in connection with the annual sports, of £861 18s 5d leaving a credit balance of £8 0s 10d. Office-bearers were elected as follows:—Patrons, Bishop Brodie, Dr. Thacker, M.P., Sir George Clifford, and Mr. D. G. Sullivan, M.P.; president, Mr. B. McKenna; deputy-president, Mr. G. Hayward; vice-presidents, all re-elected, including the clergy of the diocese; secretary, Mr. J. M. Coffey; assistant secretaries, Messrs. M. Grimes and M. Mannix; treasurer, Mr. M. Grimes; executive committee, Brother Justin, Messrs. J. P. Anderson, C. Taylor, T. P. O'Rourke, M. Rosengrave, G. M. Ryan, J. Flannelly, J. Ormandy, F. Smyth, A. J. Barritt, T. Madden, D. McCormack, H. A. Sloan, B. McCleary, and T. Fogarty; programme committee, Brother Justin, Messrs. C. Taylor, M. Rosengrave, G. Hayward, J. Tulloch, A. J. Barritt, E. Getson, T. P. O'Rourke, F. Smyth, and J. P. Anderson. The president and secretary were elected delegates to the Canterbury Centre of the New Zealand Athletic and Cycling Union. Mr. M. Garty was appointed auditor, and Messrs. J. Jacques and J. Cunningham were elected trustees. Mr. McKenna, in thanking the members for re-electing him to the position of president, said he was proud to accept it. Because of the keenness of the committee the office was made a pleasure, and he felt it a great honor to be at the head of such a live body which was working up an enthusiasm in open-air athletics. He paid a tribute to the capable work done by the secretary, Mr. Coffey. The secretary of the Sacred Heart Girls' College ex-pupils' basket-ball team wrote asking the Association to place on the programme for the next sports a basket-ball competition. Mr. Coffey said that as the Association had been given several championship events for the next meeting, it would be a good idea to hold the meeting on two days, March 17 and 18. This would not necessitate extending the programme, and the two days' meeting could be run almost as cheaply as a one day meeting, and also, the fact that the opening day was on St. Patrick's Day would appeal to Irish sentiment. The suggestion was accepted with general approval, and it was referred to the programme committee.

TIMARU.

At the High School sports on Saturday the 29th ult., four boys from the Marist Brothers' School won the quarter-mile relay race, open to the primary schools, and K. Crowe won the open obstacle race.

On last Saturday (writes our own correspondent under date October 31) the St. John's Tennis Club reopened the season, after two postponements on account of the inclemency of the weather. There was a large attendance. His Lordship Bishop Brodie, Fathers Hurley, O'Ferrell, and Barra were present during the afternoon. The president (Mr. J. G. Venning) after extending a welcome to the gathering, gave a brief history of the club. His Lordship the Bishop made a happy speech, and congratulated the club on the strength of its membership and on the playing facilities. Amidst applause, he declared the season open for play. The grounds and asphalt courts (2) were in splendid order, and many interesting games were witnessed. The ladies provided dainty refreshments, which were much appreciated.

Garden Fete at Mosgiel

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1921.

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Donations from well-wishers for stalls or produce bay will be thankfully received.