

At the schools five-a-side tournament held at the Corinthian Park on Saturday last, in connection with the Schools' Association football, the Christian Brothers' boys were the winners of the trophies in both grades. This is the second occasion in three years that the Brothers' boys have won the doubles in those contests. The change from Rugby to Association football seems to have made no change in the successes achieved by the Brothers' boys on the athletic field. The following are the names of the boys winning trophies: Senior grade—G. Albertson, C. Marlow, G. Wakelin, J. Stapleton, J. McDonald. Junior grade—J. Salmon, J. McKenzie, D. Mahony, R. Whitty, W. Boreham.

All the pupils presented by the Sisters of Mercy were successful at the theoretical examinations held under the auspices of Trinity College of Music in June last. The following are the results:—South Dunedin.—Intermediate pass—Winifred Marlow, 78. Junior honors—Reby Roy, 99; Lizzie Creegan, 98; Emily McAnelly, 91. Preparatory—Florrie M. Rae, 100; May Moloney, 97; Josephine Kavaney, 94; Nellie McEvoy, 94; Rosie Fitzpatrick, 84. Gore.—Junior honors—Maggie Lynch, 93; Della Carmody, 92. Preparatory—Maggie Holland, 86; Maggie O'Kane, 63. Winton.—Junior pass—Kathleen Gough, 71. Preparatory—Maud Horner, 92; Jeanie Holland, 90; Gladys Horner, 86.

**Oamaru**

(From our own correspondent.)

September 16.

The weekly meeting of the Catholic Club was held last Friday, the programme consisting of a debate on the subject: 'Is professionalism detrimental to true sport?' The Rev. Father O'Neill occupied the chair, and there was a good attendance. Some of the speakers made their initial effort at debating, and acquitted themselves well. Mr. E. Curran led on the affirmative side, and Mr. J. Cagney, jun., on the negative, both gentlemen showing a good grasp of the question, and delivering excellent opening addresses. These were followed by Messrs. J. Molloy, C. Molloy, F. Cooney, and J. Griffiths (affirmative), and Messrs. E. Mulvihill, J. Wallace, E. Barry, and J. Ardagh (negative). On the question being put to the meeting the voting was in favor of the negative side by a small majority. Next Friday a mock banquet will be held.

**DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH**

(From our own correspondent.)

September 16.

The Marist Brothers' School football team has again secured the public schools' football pennant for this season, together with the premier position in the seven-a-side tournament.

To help in allaying any possible apprehension regarding the overdue 'Monowai,' the fact of the vessel's arrival at Sydney was mentioned in the Cathedral on Sunday morning.

The following pupils of the Sisters of Notre Dame des Missions, Barbadoes street, were successful at the Theoretical examination in connection with Trinity College, London, held last June:—Senior pass—Doris Amyes Vera Barker, Ivy Sheppard. Intermediate honors—Rita Buchanan, Flo Lyford. Intermediate pass—Gladys Barker, Minnie McLean. Junior pass—Kathleen O'Connor. Preparatory pass—Ida Grange, Gertie Reidy.

At the musical examination in connection with Trinity College, London, held in June, the following pupils of the Sisters of Mercy, Lyttelton, were successful:—Junior honors—Kathleen McConville, 90; Minnie Crocker, 84. Preparatory—Mary Mulgan, 97; Maud Blackler, 93.

The following pupils from the Convent of Mercy, Colombo street, were successful in passing the theoretical examination of the Trinity College of Music, held in June last:—Intermediate division—Grace Haughey, 80 (honors); Ruby Caldwell, 77; Muriel Simpson, 74; HESSIE LOUGHREY HOLMES, 73. Junior division—Annie Snowball, 98 (honors); Lillian Burrow, 97 (honors); Christina Cooper, 96 (honors); May Wood, 86 (honors); Iza Brodie, 77. Preparatory division—Ina Pointon, 90; Florence McDonald, 77; Alan Payling, 73; Herbert Power, 62. Under the Associated Board of the Royal Academy and Royal College of Music the following pupils were successful:—Rudiments—Lillian Burrow, 98; Annie Snowball, 83; Christina Cooper, 74. Ida Tourell and Agatha Steinmetz received recently the third class certificate in Pitman's shorthand.

At a public meeting last Thursday evening in the interests of the protection and preservation of infant

life, which was addressed by Dr. Truby King and others, it was decided on the motion of the Mayor (Mr. G. Payling) that a society be formed, to be called the Canterbury Society for the Preservation of Infant Life.' His Lordship Bishop Grimes spoke as follows on the subject after heartily thanking Dr. King and those who had thrown themselves into the work:—The aims of the Association should win the practical support of every lover of humanity. It was to undertake essentially a Christian work, and the intensity of purpose and manner thrown into it would carry conviction everywhere. There was a great need of educating the parents. Public opinion, also, must be educated to realise the gravity of the position which called for such a society as the one about to be formed, and especially to give practical support and co-operation. The doctors could do a great deal, and he thought that they deserved great praise for the work they were already doing. He knew of many noble-minded medical men in Christchurch who had strenuously resisted both by word and deed one of the most awful crimes on the face of the earth, that of tampering with life in its very bud. It was a growing evil against Nature, and its effect would always be felt, not only by those who were the cause, but by the victims. It was a great evil, which all must deplore, but should they not extend a helping hand to those who were more often the victims rather than the criminals, more often sinned against than sinning. Why should one of those unfortunate creatures, the weaker portion of humanity, be made to suffer the whole and sole disgrace of a fall which was so often brought about by the unmanly, brutal, and cruel conduct of those who called themselves the lords of creation? Why should that unfortunate creature be made to bear the brand of disgrace alone, and the innocent offspring be regarded as unworthy and despised for what could only be its misfortune and not its fault? His Lordship referred to the work of the Sisters of Nazareth and the Sisters of the Good Shepherd, who he said were doing a noble work in the place of mothers. They had as fine a little band of children under their care as one could wish to see, and a visit to their institutions would well repay the trouble of going there. Those devoted women had consecrated the whole energy of their being to the work, having before them a high ideal. They were doing a work which he hoped would be done to a greater extent among all classes by the new-formed society for the preservation of infant life.

In the Alexandra Hall on last Tuesday a musical evening, arranged by the promoters of the recent Spanish-Columbian Festival, was largely attended by those who participated in the various sections. Mr. R. H. Rossier's orchestra contributed several selections; Miss Morrow, Messrs. C. Goggin and C. Hickmott songs, and Mr. McNamara recited. Mrs. C. Goggin was accompanist. Mr. E. O'Connor (secretary) read the statement of receipts and expenditure in connection with the festival, the result of the enterprise being received with great applause. In handing his Lordship the Bishop a cheque for the handsome amount realised, the Rev. Father O'Connell said that some time had elapsed since he had been requested to undertake the management of the bazaar, and on that occasion the confidence of the organisers in him had been shown when he had been given a free hand in the appointment of his executive committee and in the general organisation of the bazaar. With a very small executive he had had no difficulty in determining on the Spanish-Columbian Festival. The various societies of the Cathedral parish, the parishioners of St. Mary's, and the Addington congregation had been approached, and all had expressed their willingness to co-operate in the work. He wished to thank the executive, especially Mr. O'Connor, who deserved the greatest praise for his carrying out of the onerous duties of secretary. He also wished to thank his Lordship the Bishop, the clergy, the convents, the Marist Brothers, the various societies, the parishioners of St. Mary's, the Addington people, the ladies who had assisted at the ballots, the doorkeepers and ushers, the orchestra, and the great host of performers who, under the able leadership of Signor Borzoni, had contributed in no small degree to the success of the festival. He had sometimes been asked what the Christchurch people had done for the Cathedral. He had answered by saying that they had subscribed liberally to the fund long before the Cathedral was commenced, that the Polyorama had netted £1223 12s 5d, and the art union in conjunction with it £356 12s 9d. At the opening of the Cathedral and on the anniversary day, large sums had been subscribed, and it would be gratifying to point to the Spanish-Columbian Festival, which had resulted in a net profit of £1240, to show that the Catholics of Christchurch, when properly organised and working in unison, could not be beaten in

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