

duet (under 16 years), Kitty Murphy and Rita Green; highly commended, piano solo (under 13 years), Elsie Ives and Florence Gossling; highly commended, action song (under 12 years), Iris Craig.

On Easter Sunday the Invercargill Hibernian Band headed a church parade of the H.A.C.B. Society and Marist Brothers' School Cadets to the Cathedral for the half-past nine o'clock Mass, celebrated by the chaplain (Rev. Father Long). After Mass the procession reformed and marched to the Convent of the Sacred Heart, where the band gave a very enjoyable programme of music, which was much appreciated by the community of the Sisters of the Missions. During the afternoon the band were the guests of the Hibernian Society, and, together with their lady friends, were taken in four-in-hand drags to several institutions in and around Christchurch. The first place visited was Nazareth House. The visitors were warmly received, and a short programme of music was played, which was much enjoyed by the inmates. The party then proceeded by way of Colombo street to the Consumption Sanatorium, Cashmere Hills, where the band again played several selections, which were much appreciated by all present. The party was then driven through Cashmere by Hoon Hay road to Mount Magdala, where they were warmly welcomed by the Rev. Mother and the Sisters of the Good Shepherd, who conducted them through the institution, and afterwards entertained them at afternoon tea. The band again gave another enjoyable musical programme. On behalf of the band, Conductor Wills took the opportunity of thanking all for the very enjoyable afternoon's outing, and as a mark of their appreciation, he asked the president, Bro. J. Griffin, to accept on behalf of the Hibernian Society, an enlarged photograph of the band. The president briefly returned thanks, and expressed the pleasure it gave the society to have the band amongst them as their guests, and also thanked the Rev. Mother for the generous hospitality and warm welcome which they had received. The Rev. Father Long, who was accompanied by the Rev. Father Murphy, joined the party at Mount Magdala, and returned thanks on behalf of the Rev. Mother and Sisters.

At the last quarterly meeting of St. Patrick's branch of the H.A.C.B. Society, held on March 29, Bro. W. P. Daly was elected treasurer in place of Bro. M. Mannix, who had resigned. The Hibernian fair, which will be closed on Saturday night next, has been well patronised during the past fortnight, and it is anticipated that the efforts of the promoters will result in considerably reducing, if not entirely clearing off, the debt on the hall.

Timaru

(From our own correspondent.)

April 12.

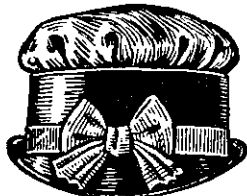
The annual meeting of the Celtic Football Club was held on March 31. The president occupied the chair, and thirty-three members attended. In moving the adoption of the annual report, the president congratulated the members on their exemplary behaviour both on and off the playing field. The teams were not quite so successful as in former years, one of the chief reasons being the withdrawal of T. W. Lynch to represent New Zealand on the Australian tour. Several members also met with injuries of a purely accidental nature, which, of course, disorganised the team. Special mention was made in the report of the conspicuous brilliancy displayed by T. Lynch in Australia, and also on his return home, and allusion was made to the fact that thirty-two present and past members had joined the Expeditionary Forces, including ten of last year's players. They, with their comrades of other Timaru clubs, were wished a safe return. The balance sheet showed the club to be in a satisfactory position financially. A punch-ball, boxing gloves, and other requisites had been purchased to assist members in training. Several new members were admitted to the club, and the following office-bearers were elected for the ensuing year:—Patron, Very Rev. Dean Tubman; president, Rev. Father Murphy; vice-presidents—Messrs. T. W. Lynch, sen., J. Aitken, F. Taylor, J. Collins, J. Reilly, J. P. Murphy, and J. B. Crowley; captain, Mr. T. W. Lynch; vice-captain, Mr. M. Darcy; coach, Mr. J. Murphy; secretary, Mr. M. Hyland; delegates to the South Canterbury Rugby Union, Messrs. J. Collins and A. Wilson; treasurer, Mr. W. Gillespie; auditor, Brother Egbert; management committee: officers (ex officio), Messrs. P. Stapleton, J. P. Leigh, T. Sullivan, D. Mangos, and J. Fitzgerald. A hearty vote of thanks to the chairman, and the singing of the National Anthem brought an enthusiastic meeting to a close. It was decided to open the season with a practice match on the club's training ground.

On Tuesday evening in the girls' school hall a social will be held at which a presentation is to be made to the Very Rev. Dean Tubman, S.M., who leaves Timaru during the week on a holiday visit to America. During the Dean's absence the Rev. Father Goggan, S.M., will be in charge of the parish.

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