

ITEMS OF SPORT

FOOTBALL.

The M.B.O.B. Association (writes our Christchurch correspondent) had four teams playing in Rugby football matches on last Saturday, with the following results:—In the senior contest, Varsity defeated Marists by 8 points to 6, the scores being—Varsity, a goal from a try and a try; Marists, two tries. In the junior games, playing on Sydenham Park, Marists defeated Sydenham (with two men short) by 31 points to nil. For the winners Dobbs (5), Elliott (2), Evans and Matson scored tries. Khouri converted two tries. In the third grade Belfast A defeated Marists by 9 points to nil, whilst in the fourth grade, Marists defeated Merivale by 11 points to 5. For Marists, Ellis, Darragh, and Marshall scored tries, and Murfitt converted one try.

On Thursday afternoon (writes our Oamaru correspondent) the local Celtic team tried conclusions with the Timaru Celtic second fifteen at Timaru. The Timaru Club had trouble in getting out a team, and so had to strengthen it with several senior men. The game was hard, fast, and even throughout, the margin of 9 points by no means signifying the difference between the opposing sides. The Oamaru team brought out several new members who should, after this their first performance, give football a good lift in the local sports arena. Hughes, as halfback, played throughout a plucky game, going down every time in front of the Timaru pack, which out-weighted our forwards by over a stone. Mansell and McCombie, at five-eights, and O'Donnell at centre, played sterling games; while the forwards, playing a heavier pack, worked as one man. For the Timaru team, Murphy, Lee, Scott, McCarthy, Cain, and D'Arcy played sterling games. The game ended in favor of Timaru by 9 points to nil. P. Fennessy captained the local team.

SWIMMING.

(From our Christchurch correspondent.)

May 5.

On Thursday afternoon the pupils of the Marist Brothers' School held their first swimming carnival in the Tepid Baths. Mr. G. Billson (the custodian) very kindly gave an exhibition of fancy swimming, which caused a great deal of amusement, and at the same time showed what can be done in the water by an expert. He made an attempt to swim the length of the baths (33 yards) in four strokes, and he did it comfortably. At an interval, the Brother Director thanked Mr. Billson and his assistants for the great kindness and courtesy they have always extended towards the pupils and teachers of the school. The following were the results:—Senior championship—P. Gregory 1, W. McCornack 2, L. Cotter 3. Junior championship—L. Cotter 1, P. Clarkson 2, L. Dwan 3. Senior handicap—P. Gregory 1, G. McNish 2. Neatest dive—L. Cotter 1, P. Clarkson 2, S. Harrington 3. Candle race—P. Gregory 1, S. Harrington 2. Clerk gathering—L. Cotter 1, McNish 2. Diving for plates—P. Gregory 1, W. O'Brien 2. Beginners' race—J. Wilson 1, S. Cotter 2. Back race—D. Christie 1, H. Foster 2. Race for non-winners—G. Blogg 1. The thanks of the boys are due to Mr. Cotter, City Hotel, who gave a generous donation for prizes.

ST. JOSEPH'S HARRIERS, DUNEDIN.

On Saturday last, St. Joseph's Harriers held their weekly run from St. Clair Baths. The trail led round the second beach, up the track along the edge of the cliffs towards Cargill's Castle. Then, turning to the right, the pack indulged in some cross-country running, comprising road, hill, and valley, with obstacles of gorse, barbed-wire, and stone fences, till Coucord was reached. From here the members returned to the baths by way of Lookout Point, along the top of the hill to Mr. Sidey's property, and down the road past St. Clair Park and the tram terminus. On the con-

clusion of the run the members adjourned to the tea rooms as the guests of the committee. Mr. T. Roughan, on behalf of the members, thanked the committee for the good things they had provided, to which the captain (Mr. J. O'Farrell) replied.

ST. BENEDICT'S CATHOLIC CLUB, AUCKLAND

(From an occasional correspondent.)

The half-yearly meeting of St. Benedict's Club was held in the clubrooms on Sunday, April 25. The president (Mr. Leo. O'Malley) occupied the chair, and there was a large and representative attendance. A great deal of business was dealt with, including the secretary's half-yearly report, the treasurer's statement, and the report of the delegates to the recent conference of Federated Catholic Clubs. Despite the general depression that has existed for some time, the treasurer's statement showed a very satisfactory state of affairs. The secretary reported on the work done during the past term by the out-going executive. Many progressive measures had been adopted, chief amongst which was the foundation of a gymnasium, which is to be lighted by electricity, and furnished with modern appliances. The necessary amount for carrying out this work has been placed upon the estimates, and a strong working bee has been formed, and is now pushing on the work, under the direction of a committee consisting of Messrs. Williams, B. Slade, and Forman. Messrs. Temm and Fox, who represented St. Benedict's Club at the recent conference at Timaru, presented a highly satisfactory report of the proceedings. They paid a warm tribute to the kindness and hospitality of the parish priest and members of the Timaru Club during their stay in the southern town.

The election of officers for the ensuing term resulted as follows: Patron, Right Rev. Mgr. Gillan; president, Mr. Leo. O'Malley; vice-president, Mr. Temm; chaplain, Rev. Father Forde; secretary, Mr. L. Hodgson; assistant-secretary, Mr. W. Heighon; treasurer, Mr. R. Owens; custodian, Mr. D. Slade; deputy-custodian, Mr. R. Early.

At a meeting of the new executive an interesting syllabus was drawn up for the winter term, including a club reunion, on May 18, socials, debates, etc. A class was formed to take up the study of the Catholic social study guild. Given the continued support of the members, the club will do good work in the interests of our Catholic young men in the future.

Christchurch North

The Rev. Father Hoare, S.M., returned from the West Coast on Saturday.

During the month of May, devotions in honor of our Lady will be held in St. Mary's every evening at 7 o'clock.

Mr. George Girding-Butcher, general secretary and organizer of the Catholic Federation, addressed a very large gathering in St. Mary's after devotions on Sunday evening. He outlined the work of the Federation, and gave a very interesting review of the work accomplished since its inception. At the conclusion the Very Rev. Dean Hills, S.M., Adm., thanked Mr. Butcher for his very impressive lecture, and said he felt sure his visit to St. Mary's would be the means of increased membership of the Federation in the parish.

Moving pictures tell a story,

Life's sad incidents are shown,
Joy and sorrow, laughter, sadness,

Gladness, madness, grief, and moan.
But the 'movie' that upset me

Was the cough that made me poor,

Faded from the screen for ever,

Chased by Woods' Great Peppermint Cure.

Hay Rakes and Pitch Forks should be light but strong, then good work can be done with much less labor. Smith and Laing's, Invercargill, is the place to get these things....