

## MARIST BROTHERS' OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION, WELLINGTON

The annual meeting of the Marist Brothers' Old Boys' Association was held in the Marist Brothers' School, Newtown, on Thursday, October 26. Rev. Brother Egbert (president) presided over a good attendance, including Rev. Brothers Augustine (vice-president) and Emelian (chairman of executive).

The following was, in part, the report:—Your executive has much pleasure in presenting the first annual report of the association, which shows that a most successful year has been experienced, in spite of adverse conditions. The number of members enrolled are—senior 140, junior 50, and these figures must be considered extremely satisfactory, when the short period of the association's existence is taken into consideration. In addition to those elected at the general meeting the following have received seats on the executive as representatives of the various adjuncts: J. Boyce (glee club), B. O'Brien (orchestra), and L. Columb (boys' cricket club). It is with much regret we received the resignations of the Rev. Brothers Basil (president), Donatus (chairman), and Fidelis (vice-president), owing to their being transferred to other parts of New Zealand. Rev. Brothers Egbert and Emilian were appointed to the offices of president and chairman respectively, and Brothers Oswin, Francis, Luke, and Bonaventure were added to the list of vice-presidents. During the term we were unfortunate in losing the services of some of our best executive officers through resignations. Messrs. J. Hopkins (on active service), A. P. Burke, and K. De Muth, were amongst the first, and to the vacancies Messrs. T. H. Forster, A. W. Godsell, and J. Duggan were appointed. The two latter have since enlisted, and Mr. J. J. McKeowen was given Mr. Godsell's seat. Mr. J. Boyce, who was transferred to Featherston Camp, resigned also, but owing to the approach of the annual meeting it was not considered advisable to replace either Messrs. Duggan or Boyce. The executive held 28 meetings, the attendances at which were satisfactory. Five football teams (3rd, 4th, 4th B, 5th, 5th B) were entered for the season 1915 by the football club prior to its amalgamation with the cricket club for the purpose of forming this association, and on reviewing the report received from the secretary of the club it is pleasing to learn that a most successful season was experienced. For the 1916 season teams were entered in the 3rd, 4th, 5th and 5th B grades. We have to record for the seventh time having won the 5th division championship. Our team in this grade came runners-up in the Charity Cup competition also. We have to congratulate the school boys on their success in the 6th grade and Schools Association Championship and Charity Cups of the 6th grade being won by Thorndon and Newtown respectively. Special mention should be made of the five boys who were included in the school representative team which played Canterbury at Christchurch. We are glad to record the success of the Newtown school boys in the Rugby championship. Brother Egbert evidently found a way to overcome the paltry excuses previously made by the schools union to debar the Marist Brothers' boys from taking part in its competitions. Our boys won the banner on their first year of entry, and in addition eight of their number were selected to play in the representative games against Carterton, Wanganui, and Wairarapa. Your executive endeavoured to enter a senior cricket team in the cricket competition 1915-16, but found this impossible owing to the lack of senior players. The executive were more successful with the third grade team, who were runners-up in the competition. The boys' teams were very enthusiastic, and are composed of some promising players. One matter upon which we have to look with pride in connection with last cricket season is the breaking of the Wellington record for a single wicket score by Messrs. J. McMahon and K. L. De Muth, who, playing against the North Junior Club on

the 8th and 15th January, 1916, scored 305 runs. Our efforts to form a glee club have so far met with disappointment. We have been more successful with our orchestra, which already has fulfilled many public appointments, the most important of which was the St. Patrick's Day concert, and we have to thank Master O'Brien for his work in this connection. The question of a swimming club, a debating branch, Catholic social studies, and the procuring of suitable rooms for the successful working of the branches of the association also occupied the attention of your executive. Early in the term a social evening was held in the Newtown School to farewell four members—Privates D. Burke, and F. Fama, Gunner F. F. Marshall, and Driver A. Marshall. The most important work your executive undertook during the year was the celebrating of the 40th anniversary of the opening of the Marist Brothers' School in Wellington, and the unveiling of a Roll of Honor of old boys on active service, accounts of which have already appeared in the columns of the *Tablet*. In August, 1917, the centenary of the founding of the Marist Brothers' Order is to be properly celebrated throughout the world, and this is a matter for the incoming executive's immediate attention, as an effort is to be made to get all the Wellington old boys who may be residing outside of Wellington to attend the local celebrations. Several members have left on active service, and we recommend the new executive to take steps to compile a Roll of Honor immediately for the association. As will be seen by perusal of the balance sheet, the association's finances can be considered to be in a fairly satisfactory condition, when the many calls which are being made upon the public, and more especially the Catholic people, at the present time are taken into consideration. In conclusion, your executive desires to thank all members for faithful support given in the various affairs of the association, and trusts it has executed its work in a satisfactory manner. We have also to thank the clergy and the Rev. Brothers for the invaluable assistance and interest they have shown in our affairs, and hope that the new executive will be as courteously treated.

The election of officers resulted as follows:—Patrons, His Grace Archbishop Redwood, His Grace Archbishop O'Shea; president, Rev. Brother Egbert; hon. secretary, Mr. P. J. O'Driscoll; hon. assistant secretary, Mr. J. D. Pope; hon. treasurer, Mr. J. H. Turner; executive—Rev. Brother Emelian, Messrs. L. Turner, J. J. McKeowen, R. D. Hickey, P. J. Galagher, W. Brady, A. P. Burke, H. Marshall, J. Hayden, P. Hopkins.

Votes of thanks were carried to the clergy and the Brothers for assistance during the year, to the Sisters for allowing use of room for glee club and orchestra practices, and to Mr. E. T. Layburn for past services. A vote of thanks to the Rev. Chairman concluded the business.

## SACRED HEART COLLEGE, AUCKLAND

The seventh annual athletic meeting of the students of the Sacred Heart College (writes our Auckland correspondent) was held on Saturday afternoon, November 4, at the College Park in ideal weather conditions. The grounds were decorated with flags and bunting, the college colors, the two blues, being conspicuous. There were over 700 spectators present. Among the visitors were the Very Rev. Chancellor Holbrook, the Rev. Fathers Carran, Bleakley, and Golden, the Hon. W. Beehan, M.L.C., Mr. W. Jennings, M.P., and Mr. Poole, M.P. During the afternoon the Auckland 3rd Regimental Band contributed items. An excellent programme of sports was submitted, and some fine performances were put up. J. E. Maclaren (Sacred Heart College) won the 100yds all-schools' invitation race in 10 2-5secs, a record for the college, and excellent time for any schoolboy. B. Goldwater ran the 50yds in 5 2 5sec, another college record. Ngakura's high jump of 5ft 4in was loudly applauded. The senior cup was won by J. E. Maclaren, and the junior cup (for boys

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