

The members of the Christchurch Catholic Club tendered a farewell social on last Thursday evening in the clubrooms to Mr. J. Cronin, who is leaving with one of the Reinforcements. There was a large attendance. An attractive musical and elocutionary programme was contributed to by the following:—Mr. P. C. Augarde (piano solo); Rev. Brother Emelian, Messrs. B. Rennell, W. Brittenden, C. Fotherill, W. Dudderidge (songs); C. Barnett and J. P. Noonan (recitations); F. Rowe, and D. Dugay (humorous songs and recitations). The accompaniments were played by Messrs. P. C. Augarde and Cook. Master J. Darragh danced an Irish jig and sailor's hornpipe, accompanied by Master Roy Summer. In presenting Mr. Cronin with a wristlet watch, Mr. J. R. Hayward (president of the club) referred to the sterling qualities of the recipient, who had been a member of the club since its inauguration in 1900. Always taking a keen interest in the affairs of the club, Mr. Cronin had been a member of the executive during practically the whole period of his membership and the club had no more painstaking and methodical secretary than Mr. Cronin, who occupied that office for a number of years. His genial character and kindly temperament had commended the respect of all who knew him; and now that he was about to leave to take part in the great struggle in which the Empire was engaged, he carried with him the good wishes of all. They would not say good-bye to him but only *au revoir*, and wish him a speedy and safe return. Mr. Cronin briefly replied. Refreshments were served, and the gathering terminated with the singing of the National Anthem.

On Friday, June 29, St. Mary's Choir held a social evening in Ozanam Lodge. Visiting friends included the ladies who so kindly gave their assistance, and provided the refreshments at the choir social held on June 4. During the evening a small presentation was made to Very Rev. Dean Regnault, S.M., who celebrated the anniversary of his feast on that day. After a short musical programme refreshments were served and the social extended to a late hour.

The annual meeting of St. Mary's Choir was held on Wednesday, June 27, with an attendance of thirty members. The Very Rev. Dean Regnault, S.M., who was present at the first part of the meeting, gave a short address in which he congratulated the choir on the excellent work done during the year. He spoke in very high terms of the enthusiasm with which the conductor (Mr. Simon) had entered into his duties, and very truthfully remarked that it was due to the untiring energy of the conductor that the choir had made such rapid progress towards perfection. The Dean thanked Mr. Simon for the excellent work he had done, and the choir for the interest taken in its work. The election of officers resulted as follows:—Secretary and treasurer,

Mr. W. E. Cronin; librarian, Miss Goggin; committee—Mrs. Bown, Miss Burcell, Miss Bradford, Mr. Walsh, and Mr. McManaway. General business was discussed, and as a close to the meeting the conductor spoke a few words of thanks to the choir for the response made to his efforts.

In the Rugby football senior contest on last Saturday week Marists were again successful, defeating Old Boys by 9 points to 3. Playing with the wind in the first spell, Greens apparently did not make full use of their advantages; instead of kicking high and following up fast, they were consistently finding the line. With the fast backs they possess, the Greens would find it beneficial to throw the ball about more. The second half was marked by some fine loose work by the Marist forwards. Time after time the Greens would sweep down the field with the ball at their toes. Of the backs

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