

Fitzgerald, O'Loughlin, Khouri, and McCormick played well, while of the forwards Fahey, Mahoney, and McGuinness were always to the front. The Marist backs when taking the ball from a high kick should leave it to one man, not two or three of the players endeavoring to defeat one another in attempting to take the ball.

Playing at Sydenham Park on Saturday last, Marists, the unbeaten team, suffered defeat for the first time at the hands of Albion, by 8 points to 3. During the first half the game was confined chiefly to the forwards, both teams showing plenty of dash. On the other hand, the Green backs during the first spell were right off color, and it was owing to this fact that Albion obtained their 8 points before the whistle sounded for half time. The second spell opened with some fine work on the part of the Green backs, who were now showing great pace and determination; but owing to hanging on to the ball instead of passing, many an opportunity was lost. The game at this stage became very exciting, and the Greens were playing a great game, the combined work being indeed very pretty to witness. Eventually, after many efforts, Frame scored from a forward scramble. For the backs, Fitzgerald, Peripi and Lilly played well, while of a splendid pack of forwards Ellis, Frame, and Mahon always showed up to advantage. Good advice to the Marist team would be that when a ball is kicked high up in the centre of the field they should follow up every time.

In the Association net-ball contests last week the Sacred Heart Girls' College teams were engaged as follows:—B team playing against Normal B, won by 14 goals to 1. A team defeated Normal A by 7 goals to 6.

Rev. Father Gondringer, S.M., who has been the guest of Very Rev. Dean Regnault, S.M., at St. Mary's, returns to Wellington on Wednesday.

Rev. Father O'Sullivan, C.S.S.R., is conducting the half-yearly retreat of the Sisters of the Mission. At its conclusion he is to conduct a retreat at Mount Magdala.

Rev. Father O'Sullivan, C.S.S.R., preached in the Cathedral at Vespers on last Sunday evening to a crowded congregation. His text was "I have compassion on the multitude," from the gospel of the day, and he gave a masterly discourse.

The congregation attending the 9.30 Mass on Sundays at the Cathedral greatly appreciate the singing by the boys' choir. Trained and conducted by Rev. Brother Emilian, who deserves credit for his efforts, the boys are attaining a high state of efficiency.

Timaru

(From our own correspondent.)

July 9.

Among the names of the New Zealand soldiers who gained the Military Medal in the recent Messines offensive, appears that of Private S. J. Venning, son of Mrs. J. Venning, William street, Timaru.

The members of the Celtic Football Club approached the Holy Table in compliance with their annual Communion at the half-past 7 Mass on Sunday last. There was a large number present in regalia, and the Mass, which was celebrated by Rev. Father Cullen, S.M., of St. Patrick's College, Wellington, was offered for the repose of the souls of the members of the club who have been killed in the present war.

Sunday last was observed here as Federation Sunday. The members of the parish committee were present at the doors of the church for the purpose of enrolling new members, and to secure the renewal of those who were already members, for the ensuing year. At all the Masses earnest and eloquent appeals were made to the members of the congregation to renew their membership if already enrolled, or if not, to join the ranks. The good work accomplished by the Federation in the past was emphasised, and as there is every probability of the Federation being called upon to do urgent work during this present year, it was

essential that the membership be not only maintained, but increased as much as possible. The secretary (Mr. J. P. Leigh) reports that as a result of the appeal there was a satisfactory increase in the membership. Whilst this was very encouraging, many still remained to be enrolled. The members of the committee will again be present at the church door on Sunday next to give all not enrolled a chance to become members, and they hope as a result of their canvass, to have every man, woman, and child in the parish a member of this worthy organisation, thereby helping in carrying on the good work which is being accomplished by the New Zealand Catholic Federation.

Leeston

(From our own correspondent.)

July 2.

A successful function was held in the Catholic hall on Thursday last, when the attendance, as on former occasions, was very large. The Rev. Father Hoare, S.M., was present; also Rev. Father Gondringer, S.M. M.A. (St. Patrick's College, Wellington), and Rev. Father Roche, S.M. (St. Mary's, Christchurch). The first part was a debate on the subject, "Which is the more beneficial to the welfare of this Dominion—agricultural or pastoral pursuits?" Mr. A. T. Robertson, who presided, bespoke for the debaters an attentive and patient hearing. As many of the speakers were making their debut in public, and might be rather nervous, he asked the audience to "be to their faults a little blind." Mr. F. J. Holley, as leader for the pastoralists' side, outlined many and weighty arguments. New Zealand (he said) was essentially a pastoral country, and from statistics he showed that this fair Dominion owed its prosperity to the produce of the pastoralist. He was ably supported by Messrs. J. P. McEvedy and I. N. O'Boyle, who, in excellent speeches, maintained that wool, meat, and butter—the three greatest sources of wealth to New Zealand—were the stock-in-trade of the pastoralist. Not only were we reaping a golden harvest from these three great products, but the future held even brighter prospects in store. Mr. B. Carroll, who was in excellent form, championed the side of the agriculturalist. This Dominion (he said), with its splendid roads and railways, owed all to the tillers of the soil. He had as his supporters Messrs. W. J. McEvedy and E. J. Winter, who showed that the growing of cereals was absolutely necessary for the sustenance of the population. Rev. Father Gondringer, who kindly judged the debate, said he was pleasantly surprised at the talent displayed by the speakers. These debates were highly instructive, and proved a source of education to our young men who might be asked on future occasions to take up public positions. As for agricultural and pastoral pursuits, he was not very conversant with either subject, but he would judge the debate on points. One side (he said) had given all their attention to the financial aspect of the question, whilst the side for agriculture had confined itself more strictly to the question at issue. He explained that money was not everything, and he would give his decision in favor of the agriculturalists, who had gained 211 points, as against the pastoralists' 205. The result, which proved a popular win, was greeted with prolonged applause. Rev. Father Hoare briefly thanked the visiting priests for their attendance, and more especially Rev. Father Gondringer, who had kindly consented to judge the debate. He availed himself of this occasion also (he said) to make a presentation to Private A. J. McEvedy, who was home on final leave. Private McEvedy was a most popular member of the congregation, and a staunch Catholic, and although he had already received many presentations, he (the speaker) hoped the little presents he was giving would come in useful when Private McEvedy was in the danger zone. He had much pleasure in handing to the departing soldier a crucifix and a soldier's prayer-book. Private McEvedy, who was warmly received, said that he was quite taken by sur-

WALL PAPERS

At PRICES that make the BUYING EASY from—
ALEXANDER CLARK & CO.
 3 Fitzherbert St., PALMERSTON NORTH
 Freight paid on all Goods.—Write for Samples