

ing, 'My men walk; I can walk, therefore I ought to walk.' He asked no sacrifice from his men which he was not ready to make himself. He was a man of noble and generous character, with an open mind on every subject. When I read of his gallant death I was deeply affected. I felt I had lost a true friend. Major Redmond was on the Staff, and need not have gone on that morning, but he got leave to go with the men of his old regiment, and he was the first to go over the top."

THE IRISH CONVENTION.

The Irish Convention met on Wednesday, August 8, in the Regent House, Trinity College, Dublin, for its third sitting. The chairman (Sir Horace Plunkett) presided. The minutes having been read and signed, the draft Standing Orders prepared by the Preliminary Procedure Committee were submitted to the Convention, and after discussion and amendment were unanimously adopted.

After an adjournment the chairman addressed the Convention on the task before them, and described the steps that had already been taken by the secretariat to establish an information bureau. He referred to various schemes for the government of Ireland already in existence, and suggested a procedure by which they might at once be sifted, thoroughly examined, and subsequently brought before the Convention for discussion. This suggestion was considered at some length, and finally it was proposed by the chairman, seconded by the Bishop of Raphoe (Most Rev. Dr. O'Donnell), and unanimously resolved, that a standing committee of not more than 20 persons (five to form a quorum) be appointed to consult with the chairman as to the general procedure to be adopted by the Convention, and to exercise such powers as may from time to time be delegated to it by the Convention.

After some discussion as to the constitution of the committee, it was decided on the motion of the (Protestant) Archbishop of Armagh, seconded by the Catholic Archbishop of Cashel, that the committee which had been appointed on the choice of a chairman should be reappointed to advise the Convention on the choice of the standing committee.

CHRISTIAN BROTHERS' CRICKET CLUB

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the above club was held in the Christian Brothers' Schoolroom, Dunedin, on last Thursday evening. Mr. J. P. Dunn presided. The Rev. Brother Higgins (Director of the School) was present, and there was a good attendance, including several visitors. The following annual report was read by the secretary (Mr. A. Tarleton) and adopted:—

Your committee have to report that owing to the large number of the club's members volunteering for active service, only one team was entered in the competition for the season 1916-17. It was most gratifying to see, that notwithstanding the fact that the members of this team, although they knew that their play was not up to the standard of second grade (in which grade they were playing), could always be relied upon to take part in all association fixtures. Two of the club's members, Messrs. A. Tarleton and T. Hally, were selected to play in the Junior Representative match against the League. Congratulations were due to the school club on the success achieved during the season. The finances of the club are not quite satisfactory, and it is desired that members should pay their subscriptions early in the season. The committee regret to report the loss the club has sustained by the death of four of its oldest members, in the persons of P. Keligher, A. Clarke, J. Tarleton, and M. O'Connor, all of whom have made the supreme sacrifice on active

service. The club's thanks are due to the Brothers, who are always willing to lend a helping hand, also to those who subscribed to the club's funds.

The chairman said that before proceeding to general business, it was fitting to discharge a duty—to all a painful one. During the year, as the report stated, the club had to lament the death of no less than four of its former members whilst doing their duty for King and Empire, all of whom were present with them last year. One of these, Mr. A. Clarke, had capably filled the position of club captain from the first year of its existence. All present then stood in respectful silence to the memory of their departed comrades.

Following are the officers for the ensuing year:— Patron, Very Rev. Father Coffey, Adm.; president, Rev. Brother Bowler; vice-presidents—Rev. Fathers Kaveney and Ardagh, Rev. Brothers Higgins, O'Ryan, and Geraghty, Messrs. J. A. O'Brien, T. Bell, J. Murphy, D. Galvin, H. Coughlan, J. McGrath, C. Burrell, A. McCaughan, H. Gallagher, J. Mills, W. Heffernan, J. Sweeney, J. Airey, F. Fogarty, D. Fogarty, J. P. Dunn, and J. J. Wilson; club captain, Mr. J. V. Toomey; secretary and treasurer, Mr. J. V. Toomey; general committee—Messrs. H. Fogarty, R. W. Fox, D. Fogarty, A. Tarleton, F. Fogarty; delegate to the O.C.A., Mr. J. P. Dunn.

In some concluding remarks the chairman emphasised the difficulties encountered by the club owing to existing circumstances. With regard to players, their ranks had been greatly depleted, but this was to be expected during war time, and affected all other similar organisations in like manner. There seemed no justification, however, for some of their old school boys attaching themselves to outside clubs, a fact which was, to express it mildly, unpatriotic. He eulogised the junior players for consistently good attendance at practice and matches, thus filling every engagement. Financially the club started last season with a debt of £9, which amount had been reduced to £5 12s, a matter for congratulation, and he would impress upon the members the necessity of adopting some means to entirely liquidate the balance. It was decided to send greetings to all active members now at the war, and to organise a working-bee to get the pitch in order for the opening of the season on Saturday, October 13.

"COMBING OUT" IN RUSSIA.

It has been suggested, in Russia as in England, that Government departments should be "combed out" with a view to sending eligibles to the trenches. In Russia, however, this is hardly necessary. Out of her population of 180,000,000 she has already, on good authority, called 13,000,000 to the colors, and could, if necessary, furnish a further contribution of the same number without touching the Civil Service.

Among those regarded as immune from conscription are only sons, men who have been three times wounded, priests and theological students, and schoolmasters. The Finns are also exempt. The famous Cossacks of the Don and elsewhere stand in a curious relation to compulsory service. They are not simply taken like ordinary Russians, but they voluntarily offer themselves for service on condition that they pay no taxes. Each Cossack brings two horses of his own to the regiment. When these have been killed under him, the Government supplies as many more as he may require during the campaign.

LADIES!

A new style of dressing the hair is quite in order, but the purchase of a delicious appetiser, like **MILITARY PICKLE**, is sound judgment. Sold by all grocers. Buy it now.

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