

Mr. E. W. Spain, speaking on behalf of the Catholic clubs, thanked the Hibernian Society for its generous invitation. The members of the Men's Catholic Club recognised that the Hibernian Society had very strong claims for support, for in the present age it was only by combination that success was assured. The young men when preparing for debates had to read up a good deal of literature, from which they learned that it was from organisation arose the strength of the Church, and that in countries where Catholics were not united the Church did not succeed as it ought. The Christian Brothers recognised the need for keeping the Catholic young fellows in Catholic associations after leaving school, and to do this they have started cricket and football clubs, and it was reasonable to assume that owing to the influence of Catholic surroundings these young men in the course of a few years would be a source of strength to the Hibernian Society. A ladies' branch would also be of benefit in the parish as they had been found to work successfully in other places. In conclusion he congratulated the society on its progress and on the good work it was doing.

His Lordship the Bishop said it gave him very great pleasure to assist at that grand gathering. Nothing gave Bishop and priests greater pleasure and joy than to see young members of the congregation attending to their religious duties. It was a grand thing to see so many members of the Hibernian Society receiving Holy Communion that morning, and he congratulated them from his heart on its progress. It was his wish that every young man in the congregation would join the society—this fine, noble association. In this city there was as fine a congregation of Catholics as could be found in any part of New Zealand. They had their full share of young men, every one of whom should join the society. It was the duty of every young man to belong to some benefit society, and this was only right and proper. They might learn a lesson from those not of the fold, who made great efforts to get young men to join the other benefit societies in our midst. As soon as a youth had left the schoolroom for the workroom he was asked to join one or other of those societies. The Hibernian Society was that which every Catholic young man should join. Its financial position is sound, it is not expensive, and a member gets all the advantages to be derived from membership of any other benefit society, whilst at the same time he is helped and encouraged by the other members to keep on the right path. The members give the best possible example: they are good Christians and good Catholics. A spirit of union animates the members. They have that spirit of patriotism and love of country which help to keep up their Catholic spirit. To be ashamed of one's country and fatherland is a step towards denying the faith. His Lordship hoped that by the time of the next Communion breakfast the membership would be largely increased. In conclusion he again expressed his great pleasure at seeing such a large attendance, and said it would gratify him very much to hear of all the members of the young men's societies becoming members of the Hibernian Society.

On the motion of Bro. J. J. Marlow a hearty vote of thanks was accorded his Lordship for his attendance at the breakfast.

ST. PATRICK'S COLLEGE, WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

The annual sports of the St. Patrick's College students, held on the Basin Reserve on Monday, were conducted under almost ideal conditions, a rather brisk northerly breeze being the only thing that marred the gathering. In one event—the hop, step, and jump—the school record was lowered, Allan Brennan, a promising young athlete who performed well last year, covering 42ft, thus easily beating the previous record (his own) of 41ft 8in. He was able to get no better than second place in the contest, his jump being 39ft 9½in, but in a later attempt he covered the distance stated. There were large fields in nearly all the events and good finishes were not rare. Amongst those present

were his Grace Archbishop Redwood, Ven. Archdeacon Devoy, S.M., and a number of the clergy, Dr. A. Izard, Messrs. Martin Kennedy, J. Dwyer, and Dalton.

The following are the results:—

100yds Handicap (under 16).—Final: McDonald 1, Cranby 2, Cleary 3.

100yds Handicap (under 16½).—Chapman (3yds) 1, H. Buckley (3yds) 2, Garth (2yds) 3.

Grand Handicap, 100yds (record, 10 2-5sec—J. Dwyer, 1888; A. J. Cullen, 1908).—Final: Cullen 1, Blake 2, Miles 3. Time, 11sec.

Half-mile Walk.—L. Henrys (30yds) 1, Cranby (40yds) 2, Dealy (50yds) 3.

Sack Race.—Final: Gasquoine 1, Bowden 2, Cranby 3.

100yds Championship.—P. Blake 1, T. Cullen 2, R. Fuller 3. Time, 11 1-5sec.

Long Jump (record, 19ft 7in—P. Fay, 1892.—P. Blake (7in) 1, A. Brennan (scr.) 2, E. Burns (9in) 3. Distance, 18ft 1in.

Half-mile (under 16½).—H. Buckley (scr.) 1, R. O'Donoghue (35yds) 2, L. Henrys (20yds) 3. Time, 3min 42½sec.

120yds Hurdles.—Final: Brownlies 1, Hennessy 2, Mutu 3. Time, 22sec.

High Jump.—Brownlies (5in) 1, Blake (4in) 2, A. Brennan (scr.) 3.

220yds Handicap (under 16½).—T. Cleary (14yds) 1, D. Comesky (7yds) 2, L. Cranby (7yds) 3.

Hop, Step, and Jump (record, 41ft 8in—A. Brennan, 1910).—P. Blake (4ft), 40ft, 1; A. Brennan (scr), 39ft 9½in, 2; R. Fuller (4ft), 39ft 7in, 3. In a later attempt Brennan jumped 42ft, breaking the record.

Grand Handicap, 220yds (record, 23 1-5sec—J. O. Dwyer, 1888).—T. Cullen (7yds) 1, Blake (scr) 2, M. Miles (7yds) 3. Time, 24sec.

440yds Handicap (under 16½ years).—H. Buckley (8yds) 1, R. O'Donoghue (20yds) 2, D. O'Sullivan (20yds) 3. Time, 1min 1sec.

Medley Race.—Fuller and Redmond (10yds) 1, Mutu and Henrys (scr) 2.

Grand Handicap, 440yds (record, 54 2-5sec—B. P. McMachon, 1888).—W. Redmond (8yds) 1, W. Buckley (20yds) 2, M. Miles (10yds) 3. Time, 58 3-5sec.

220yds Handicap (under 16½ years).—R. O'Donoghue (10yds) 1, D. O'Sullivan (10yds) 2, E. Clarke (scr) 3. Time, 25 2-5sec.

Half-mile (record, 2min 12sec—D. Driscoll, 1894).—W. Hennessy (55yds) 1, T. Fitzgerald (35yds) 2, J. Spillane and Papplewell, dead heat, 3. Time, 2min 19sec.

Old Boys' Race.—Ryan 1, McNamara 2, Collinson 3. Time, 11 1-5sec.

Consolation Race.—Hood 1, Bowden 2, Smith 3. Time, 12sec.

During the afternoon a number of boys, under the direction of Mr. Harrison, gave an interesting gymnastic display.



VOTE FOR

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