

ST. JOSEPH'S HARRIERS, DUNEDIN

The committee of St. Joseph's Harriers, in their report to be presented at the annual meeting in St. Joseph's Hall on Monday evening, state that the past season was the most successful in the history of the club.

The membership of the club is 25, which, notwithstanding the various losses through resignations of members, is considered very satisfactory. The club suffered a severe loss through the resignation of Messrs. J. B. Callan and P. Kelly. Mr. Callan, who was one of the club's original members, also one of Otago's original harriers, had held the position as captain of the club, and had acted as delegate for a number of years on the Otago centre of the N.Z.A.A.A. Mr. Kelly, on the occasion of his resignation, was the recipient from the members of a handsome shaving mirror suitably inscribed. Mr. James Swanson was elected to succeed Mr. Callan as the club's delegate on the Otago Centre of the N.Z.A.A.A. Mr. Swanson also was elected to the position of club captain, which position he has filled with credit. Three club races were held during the season, and were very well contested. The mile and a-half novice handicap was won by M. Hughes. In the club's five-mile championship J. Swanson again had the honor of being the club's champion. This is the fifth year J. Swanson has secured this title. R. Metcalf succeeded to second place, with W. Butcher third. In the sealed handicap D. O'Connell secured the first position again for the second year in succession, with P. J. Gorman second. In the open events J. Swanson again is to be congratulated on his constant attempts to win success and bring honor to the club. In the inter-club cross-country five mile race he was placed tenth; W. Butcher, R. Metcalf, and W. Bryan also ran well. In the Port-Dunedin road race J. Swanson succeeded in running into fourth place, a very creditable performance. Competing at the Caledonian sports, Mr. Hughes secured second place in the half-mile after a very strenuous race against some of our local champions. J. Hughes also performed with credit at the Labor Day and D.A.A.C. sports, and other gatherings during the season. Five members were entitled to receive badges for attending every run during the season, viz.—J. Swanson, W. Butcher, R. Metcalf, D. O'Connell, and L. Kennedy. The average attendance per run during the season worked out at 13.14, which is a most satisfactory figure, and the highest individual attendance was from the residence of our president, Hon. J. B. Callan, M.L.A., when there were 18 runners present. After paying all accounts, we carry forward a very satisfactory sum, this being largely due to the receipts from a social held during the season. During the season the committee decided to hold a social, which proved most successful. A feature of the club's programme was a trophy presented by Mr. T. J. Hussey, for the member doing the most for the club's welfare and interest, including attendance at runs, etc. The annual presentation of prizes was held at the residence of Mrs. Jackson, who is vice-president of the club, when a most enjoyable evening was spent. The committee desire to take this opportunity of thanking Mrs. Jackson for her kind hospitality on that and like occasions. In conclusion, the committee thank the following for hospitality shown during the year:—Hon. J. B. Callan, Rev. Father Buckley, Mrs. McCleary, St. Vincent de Paul Society (ladies' branch), Little Sisters of the Poor, Messrs. J. and W. Hughes, Mrs. Jackson, the St. Joseph's Ladies' Hockey Club, and members of the committee; also the Rev. Father Coffey and Mrs. M. Coughlan for cash donations, and Mr. T. J. Hussey and Dr. E. J. O'Neill for special donations of trophies. They also express their thanks to the following gentlemen:—Messrs. A. V. Dunn (judge), L. J. Coughlan (time-keeper), and J. Swanson and J. A. McKenzie (handicappers).

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OBITUARY

MRS. POTHAN, WAIROA.

(From an occasional correspondent.)

On Monday night, February 26, there passed away at her daughter's residence, Wairoa, Catherine Anne, relict of the late William Pothan, aged 70. The deceased, who arrived in Dunedin about 45 years ago, was a native of Kilkenny. After a short stay in Dunedin, where she was married, she went with her husband to Charleston, and a few years after settled at Ahaura, Grey Valley, where most of her life was spent. The late Mrs. Pothan was always a fervent and faithful Catholic, most devoted to her children, who were brought up in the same good dispositions as their pious mother. She assisted the Church in every possible way, and was well known in the West Coast for her charitable acts. She was attended in her last illness by the Rev. Father Leprêtre, and died fortified by the rites of the Church. On Thursday morning, February 29, the remains were taken to the church, where a Requiem Mass was celebrated by Rev. Father Leprêtre, who also officiated at the graveside in the Wairoa Cemetery, where the interment took place. The funeral was attended by a large number of mourners. The deceased leaves two sons and three daughters to mourn their loss—Mr. Alfred Pothan (Hastings) and Mr. Richard Pothan (Wairoa); Mrs. Ellen Horton (Greymouth), Mrs. Elizabeth Matthews (Wairoa), and Mrs. Ada Hempseed (Greymouth).—R.I.P.

MRS. MCPADDEN, WESTPORT.

Mrs. McPadden, wife of Mr. Myles McPadden, J.P., passed away on February 20 at her residence, Grouse Lodge, Buller Bridge, Westport, to the great regret of a wide circle of friends. The deceased lady had lived in New Zealand forty-three years, the greater part of the time in the Westport district. She was a native of County Clare, Ireland, and 62 years of age. She leaves a sorrowing husband, an adult family of nine, and a sister (Mrs. Ahern, of Cape Foulwind) to mourn their loss. Mrs. McPadden, who died fortified by all the rites of the Church of which she was a devoted member, was greatly respected, and the bereaved family have widespread sympathy. The funeral cortege was one of the largest ever seen in Westport, friends of the well known family from far and near assembling to pay their last tribute of respect. Rev. Father Bergin officiated at the graveside.—R.I.P.

MR. JAMES TOOMEY, HOKITIKA.

(From our own correspondent.)

The death of Mr. James Toomey, which occurred at the Westland Hospital, where he had been under treatment for the past five months, removes from our midst a respected townsman. The late Mr. Toomey was for many years a member of the Hokitika Benevolent Society, of which institution he was the treasurer. For sixteen years he represented the Kumara Borough Council on the late Charitable Aid Board. Mr. Toomey also gave freely of his services to the cause of education, as a member of the Hokitika School Committee, while at the time of his death he was a member of the High School Board and the Westland Hospital and Charitable Aid Board. For many faithful services the public owe the late Mr. Toomey a debt of gratitude. The deceased took a prominent part in the welfare of St. Mary's Church, and also a great interest in the younger members of the community, being for several years president of the Catholic Young Men's Debating Club. The deceased arrived in Hokitika from Melbourne in the early sixties, and has resided here ever since. He leaves two sons and three brothers (Messrs. Daniel, Jeremiah, and Victor), all of whom will have the sincerest sympathy of the community in their bereavement.—R.I.P.

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