

Mr. Ryan, representative of the *Tablet* is at present making an active canvass of St. Mary's parish, and is meeting with great encouragement.

Ashburton

(From our own correspondent.)

October 20.

The Marist Missioners will commence a mission here on Sunday, November 2.

The St. Mary's Lawn Tennis Club's annual meeting was well attended, Mr. S. Madden occupying the chair. The balance sheet showed a credit of £7. The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:—Patron, Rev. Father O'Donnell; president, Mr. S. Madden; captain, Mr. F. Purcell; vice-captain, Mr. H. Walsh; treasurer, Mr. T. M. Brophy; hon. secretary, Mr. C. Hannigan; committee—Messrs A. Fitzgerald, J. Lee, V. Madden, J. D. McCormick and R. Baker. A donation to the club for competition was received from Father O'Donnell. A goodly number of members of the club participated in the opening-day function. Mr S. Madden declared the season open, and expressed the hope that members would have a successful year. A match amongst the members eventuated, and an enjoyable game resulted. During the afternoon refreshments were kindly dispensed by the president's wife (Mrs. S. Madden), and were much appreciated.

The fifteenth annual meeting of the Catholic Young Men's Club was held on September 30. The attendance was large, and Mr. W. J. Cunningham presided. The report and balance sheet as read were adopted. The statement showed a balance of cash in hand of £6, while the assets over liabilities totalled over £60. The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:—Patron, Rev. Father O'Donnell; president, Mr. D. McDonnell; vice-president, Mr. T. Purcell; council—Messrs. M. J. Burgess, M. J. Moriarty, J. Cunneen, J. Quigley, J. A. Sheridan; secretary, Mr. J. A. Lennon; librarian, Mr. G. Smith; auditors, Messrs. W. J. Cunningham and T. M. Brophy. The following meeting of the club took the form of the annual banquet, the newly elected president (Mr. D. McDonnell) occupying the chair. The arrangements were up to the usual standard, and the function was in every way the equal of its predecessors. The following toast list was gone through: 'The Pope and King,' proposed by the chairman; 'Catholic Club,' proposed by Father O'Donnell and responded to by Mr. D. McDonnell; 'Kindred clubs,' proposed by Mr. M. J. Burgess and responded to by Messrs. J. Hannigan, T. Purcell, and W. J. Cunningham; 'Past presidents,' proposed by Mr. J. A. Lennon, Mr. F. K. Cooper replying; 'The clergy,' Mr. F. J. Holley, and replied to by Father O'Donnell; 'Commercial interests and sport,' proposed by Mr. S. Madden and replied to by Messrs Holley and McDonnell; 'The president,' proposed by Mr. Sheridan and responded to by the president; 'The ladies,' proposed by Mr. E. McSherry and responded to by Mr. Purcell; 'The secretary,' proposed by Mr. M. J. Burgess and replied to by Mr. Lennon; 'The press,' proposed by Mr. T. Lloyd, Mr. Sheridan responding. The musical programme was contributed to by Rev. Father O'Donnell, Messrs. Burgess, Holley, McSherry, Cunningham, Campbell, Purcell, and Cooper. Miss K. Nealon played the accompaniments. The singing of 'Auld lang syne' terminated a very pleasant evening.

DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

(By telegraph, from our own correspondent.)

October 20.

His Lordship the Bishop, after a short sojourn in the country, returned to the city at the end of the week.

Rev. Father Doyle, of Remuera, has received the sad news of the death of his father in Sydney. Many messages of sympathy have been received by him.—R.I.P.

At St. Benedict's yesterday a mission was opened for the young people of the parish by Rev. Fathers Creagh and Tuohy, C.S.S.R. Masses each morning will be at 6, 7, and 9 o'clock, and devotions each evening at 7.30 o'clock. Rev. Father O'Sullivan to-day joined his colleagues, and the mission will be continued by the three Redemptorists. Masses next Sunday will be celebrated at Avondale, and several out-districts connected with St. Benedict's parish.

The annual entertainment in aid of the funds of the Cathedral parish was held in St. Benedict's Hall on Thursday evening, and was well attended. A capital programme was provided, the committee, which consisted of representatives from the confraternities and solidities, worked well to ensure the success achieved. A euchre tournament was held, and keen competition resulted for the prizes. The first lady's prize (a dinner set, presented by Mr T. F. Holbrook) was won by Mrs. McDevitt, and the second (a set of photo. frames from the committee) was won by Miss Olive Thomas. The first gentleman's prize (a handsome silver-fronted clock) was won by Mr. James Mahoney, and the second (a silver-mounted pipe from the committee) was won by Mr Williams. Refreshments were handed round. All enjoyed themselves thoroughly.

The annual entertainment by the pupils of the Marist Brothers' School, Vermont street, was held in the Concert Chamber of the Town Hall last Tuesday evening. The hall was filled with an audience who heartily applauded every number, and in many cases insisted on an undeniable encore. Right Rev. Mgr. Brodie, V.G., Rev. Fathers Golden, Furlong, O'Doherty, and McLaughlan, and many of the Brothers from the Sacred Heart College were present. It was a splendid entertainment. Brother Phelan, Superior, exercised general supervision, Brother Heinrich conducted the musical portion, and Brother Arthur was stage manager. The following was the programme:—Part I.—Overture, 'Gloriana, orchestra; solo and chorus, 'The wreath,' senior pupils (solos—Masters R. Dunn, E. O'Donohue, and H. Righton); solo, 'Hear the wild wind blow,' Master Leo Sayers; dumb-bell exercises, junior pupils; recitation, 'Jud's account of Rubinstein's piano playing,' Master Alfred Page (assisted by Master Percy McCarthy); action song, 'The merry miller,' junior pupils; semi-choruses—(a) 'The exhibition holidays,' (b) 'Come, let us all be merry' (arranged for the Exhibition), select voices; Indian club exercises, junior pupils; dance, 'sailors' hornpipe,' Master Frank Stewart; choruses—(a) 'Before the sun awakes the morn' (b) 'Home, boys! for the Exhibition,' senior pupils. Part II.—Overture, 'Strains from Killarney,' orchestra; chorus, 'Round the world in ten minutes, via Vancouver,' senior pupils; recitation, Master Joseph McGrath; solo, 'A message from home,' Master Harold Righton; school song, 'Play up, school,' the Shamrocks; recitation, 'When the burglar came to our house,' Master W. Smith; parallel bars, senior pupils; duet, 'List to the convent bells,' Masters E. O'Donohue and H. Righton; action song, 'The busy blacksmiths,' the non-unionists; impromptu, 'A night in a dormitory, Dr. Spanker's young ideas; yawning chorus, the sleepy squad; finale, 'The toast to Erin,' senior pupils. Mr. H. Hiscocks was accompanist. At an interval the champion banner of the Auckland public schools' Rugby Union for the C grade competition was presented to the captain of the team on the stage by Mr. M. J. Sheahan, chairman of the Auckland Rugby Union, who alluded to the great performance put up by the wearers of the green and black jerseys, viz., 193 points for, while only 3 points were scored against, and these were by a penalty goal. Their line was not crossed in the twelve matches played, eleven of which the team won, one being drawn, and none lost. He congratulated the team, and hoped to see some of the lads yet wearing the Auckland representative colors, and the All Black jersey of the Dominion team. He urged the boys at all times to play the game for the love of it, and not for mercenary motives. Medals and caps are yet to be presented to every lad of the team at the first opportunity.

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