

## ITEMS OF SPORT

## GENERAL.

Recently (writes our Christchurch correspondent), a party of the pupils from the Sacred Heart High School played a match at netball, nine-a-side, with the Addington Catholic School girls, the game resulting in the High School winning by nine points to six. At the conclusion of play the visitors were entertained at afternoon tea, and greatly appreciated the hospitality extended. The interest of the occasion was enhanced by the visitors being shown over the local fine church and school, and grounds surrounding.

## CRICKET.

Playing in the 4th grade cricket contests on Saturday (writes our Christchurch correspondent), St. Bede's defeated Riccarton by an innings and 81 runs. St. Bede's made 118 for six wickets (Khoury 45, L. Donohue 32 not out, McLaren 12, Flood 10). Riccarton made 10 in the first innings and 27 in the second innings (Smith 26 not out). Bowling for St. Bede's, McLaren took three wickets for 4, Kingan three for 6, Elliott four for 14, Flood two for 13.

Cricket is a very ancient game, and is said to be identical with the 'club ball' of the 14th century. Rules were laid down in 1774 by a committee of 'noblemen and gentlemen,' including the Duke of Dorset and Sir Horace Mann. The first club founded in England was the Hambledon (Hampshire) club, which lasted from 1750 to 1791. The club frequently met and defeated teams representing all England. The game rapidly grew in favor until at the end of the 18th century it was well established. The leading club in England, and the authority on the game, the Marlebone Club, was founded under its present title in 1737. It sprang out of the Artillery Ground Club, which played at Finsbury, and then moved to White Conduit Fields, becoming the White Conduit Club. The Marlebone's first headquarters were at old Lord's Ground, now Dorset-square, then (1824), at Middle Lord's Ground, and finally, in 1827, to the present Lord's Ground, which became the club's freehold property in 1864. The Marlebone Club frames and revises the laws of cricket, and arbitrates on all disputes.

## FOOTBALL.

The Christian Brothers' football team, in the contest against the Scotch College at Claremont, carried off the premiership honors for the seventh successive year (says the *West Australian Record*).

A very pleasing function took place in the Marist Brothers' School, last week (writes our Timaru correspondent) when the winners of the senior and junior seven-a-side tournament were presented with beautiful silver medals, having gold centres. The banner and cup were also on view—being the South Canterbury primary schools banner fifth year for the seniors, and the silver cup for the juniors, second year. During the course of his remarks, the Director congratulated both teams on their wins, but especially the seniors, who went through the season without a point being scored against them in South Canterbury. Owing to their reputation as players, many teams thought prudence the better part of valor and forfeited to them on five occasions. Thus they had been compelled to look for fields afar, and defeated the champions of North Otago by 16 points to nil, and the redoubtable Marist Brothers' team, Christchurch, whose records are so well known to readers of the *Tablet*, by 14 points to 6. A great deal was due to the Brother who coached and trained them so well, and as their proud record showed, so successfully. With players of their ability he had not the slightest doubt that many of them would, if they continued to follow the sportsmanlike game so well taught at school, be at no distant date able to take the place of T. Lynch, who, a few years ago, occupied a place in their school team, and who was now doing such good work with the 'All Blacks' in California. To the

juniors he would say: 'Go on as you have begun, and no doubt you will be chosen like the eight members of your school to represent South Canterbury against North this season.'

On the afternoon of Thursday, October 16, the banner, competed for by the primary schools of Oamaru, was presented to St. Patrick's football team, the winners for 1913 (writes a correspondent). The presentation was made in the schoolroom by the president of the local Rugby Union, Mr. Couper, who was accompanied by Messrs. Williams, Gerrie, and F. Cooney. Mr. Couper said that the object of his visit gave him great pleasure. He congratulated the members of the team on their success, and hoped it would not be the last time the banner would adorn the walls of their school. After exhorting the boys to enter into the spirit of the sport without neglecting their studies, he handed the banner to the captain, Master John Rooney, who came forward, and, in a manner characteristic of the manliness he has displayed throughout the contest, thanked the members of the Union present for their kindness. He said the members of the team had had a hard battle to fight, but they fought it bravely, and came out victorious. He hoped that the boys in the future would maintain the same manly spirit, and he then called for cheers for the Union and for Mr. Couper. Messrs. Gerrie and Williams also addressed the boys in congratulatory and encouraging words. The latter stated that he had been present in the Park on Saturday mornings whilst the matches were being played, and had admired the manly spirit displayed. On behalf of the teachers, Mr. F. Cooney returned thanks to the visitors, and said that the victors were deserving of special praise for having won without the assistance of a coach. As an 'old St. Patrick's boy,' he recalled with commendable pride and loyalty some of the triumphs of the 'old academy' in Mr. Duggan's time, and concluded with wishes for further success.

## ST. BEDE'S COLLEGIATE SCHOOL, CHRIST-CHURCH.

A pleasing function took place at St. Bede's Collegiate School on last Friday (writes our own correspondent), when Messrs. Hurley and Williamson, on behalf of the Canterbury Football Association, attended to present the trophies won by the boys in the recent competition. The representatives of the Association being introduced, the Gough Cup—a massive silver trophy—was handed to Harold Wolfe, the captain of the team, to be held by St. Bede's, the winners of the schools championship for the season. In addition to annexing the schools championship, St. Bede's was also successful in winning the competitions in two grades in the recent five-a-side tournament. Medals were presented to Patrick Reardon, Albert Khouri, Stanley Elliott, Lawrence Donohue and Leo Donohue, who constituted the team winning the third grade tournament. Harold Wolfe, Ewen MacLaren, Basil Kingan, James Flood, and Charles Mullan were also the recipients of medals to mark their winning of the schools' grade in the tournament games. After the presentation of trophies, Mr. Hurley briefly addressed the boys, congratulating them on the success they had achieved.

Very Rev. Father Graham, S.M., M.A. (Rector), in thanking Messrs. Hurley and Williamson for their attendance, expressed his pleasure at the success the boys had won in the Association competitions. He said that much of that success was due to Father Quinn, for when invited to send in a team for the schools' competition none of the boys knew anything about the game, but under the direction of Father Quinn they made quick progress, and the presence of the trophy in the school was the result. He expressed the hope that the success of their initial effort in football competitions would be followed by a keen desire on the part of the future school teams to emulate the achievements of the 1913 teams.

Three cheers called for the Association were heartily given as the delegates were leaving the hall.