

have the sincere sympathy of the district in their irreparable bereavement. On Sunday morning the body was taken to St. Patrick's Church, where it lay till the funeral. At the evening service the Very Rev. Mgr. O'Leary made feeling reference to the virtues of the deceased, and expressed his gratitude for the many years' service as organist which she had given. On Monday morning there were two Requiem Masses for the deceased, and at the conclusion of the second Miss Eva Hart played the 'Dead March' in 'Saul.' The funeral, which took place on Tuesday afternoon, was largely attended by residents of both town and country. The pall-bearers were Dr. Sutherland, Messrs. Edie, J. Bennetts, P. McInerney, R. Wood, and J. K. Simpson. The obsequies at St. Patrick's Church and graveyard, which were conducted by Very Rev. Mgr. O'Leary, assisted by Rev. Father O'Connell and several visiting clergy, were of an impressive character.—R.I.P.—

ITEMS OF SPORT

GENERAL.

Mr. T. McCallion, the Wellington Catholic Club's nominee in the Alcock professional billiard tournament, by defeating Mr. T. Forrest, of Gisborne, secured the first prize of £10 10s, donated by Messrs. Alcock and Co.

FOOTBALL.

In Association football for the season just closed (writes our Wellington correspondent) the Marist Brothers' teams secured the Hudson memorial cup, the fourth division cup, and the fifth division cup.

CRICKET.

Messrs. L. Carroll and Knapp (writes our Wellington correspondent) were successful in winning the trophies for bowling in the Wellington Catholic Club cricket team. Messrs. J. L. Leydon and O. Foote secured the trophies for batting, and also topped the list in their respective grades, and were awarded special trophies by the Cricket Association.

Teams representing the chemists and St. Patrick's College met last Wednesday (writes our Wellington correspondent). St. Patrick's, batting first, scored 58 runs (Father Bartley 23, Flanagan 14). Chemists replied with 77 runs (McKenzie 29, Simpson 19, Masters 12). Bowling—For chemists, Masters took four wickets for 15 runs and McKenzie three wickets for 28. For St. Patrick's, O'Donoghue got four wickets for 31.

Playing on last Saturday in the cricket match, St. Bede's College v. East Christchurch (writes our Christchurch correspondent), St. Bede's, batting first, made 62 (Khouri 24, McLaren 19). Davies bowled best for East Christchurch. East responded with 60 (Hislop 19, Day 15). McLaren took four wickets for nine runs, and Kinghan six wickets for twenty. St. Bede's in the second innings made 85 (Donohue 33, Khouri 14, Kinghan not out 11). Davies took six wickets. St. Bede's won by two runs on the first innings.

In the primary schools' cricket competition Marist Brothers (writes our Christchurch correspondent) met Richmond and scored an easy win. Richmond made 5 in the first innings. Marist Brothers made 312 (Matthews 98, McCormack 65, Khouri 56 not out, Thompson 48, Bennett 22, Batchelor 14).

J. Smith, who came 10th in the recent Timaru to Christchurch road race (writes our Christchurch correspondent), and secured fastest time under 21 years, also secured fastest time in the Swift Cycle road race run last Saturday. Smith is a member of the M.B.O.B. Association.

In second grade cricket in Dunedin on Saturday Dunedin C defeated Christian Brothers. The latter batted first, but were disposed of for 51 (W. Otto 16, White 13). Wycherley got four wickets for 9, Johnson

two for 12, E. Fleming two for 17, and Given one for 8 accounting for the rest. Dunedin scored 75, to which D. Wilkie contributed 20, J. Wilkie 18, and Fish 10 not out. J. Flanagan bowled nicely and got three wickets, A. Otto also getting three, and O'Connor two. In the fourth grade High School A defeated Christian Brothers by 20 runs. Christian Brothers scored 70 runs and High School 90.

TENNIS.

The St. Mary's Tennis Club (writes our Christchurch correspondent) opened their season on Saturday afternoon, there being a large attendance. The Rev. Father Hoare, S.M., in a few words, wished the club a very successful year, and was sure that with such an energetic committee, a large increase of membership would result. A number of games were played, the court being in splendid order. The ladies provided refreshments during the afternoon.

The opening ceremony in connection with the Celtic Tennis Club (writes our Oamaru correspondent) took place on Thursday afternoon under auspicious circumstances, there being a large gathering of members and friends, the ladies predominating. The afternoon was beautifully fine, the sunshine being nicely tempered by a cooling sea-breeze, which made the playing conditions very agreeable. In the absence of Rev. Father Lynch, who was unable to be present, Mr. Frank Cooney, in a brief speech, welcomed the visitors, and expressed much gratification at the fine muster of players, which augured well for the success of the club. What was wanted now was enthusiasm, and he hoped that that desirable sporting adjunct would not be lacking, and that before the end of the season, the Celtics would be able to hold their own with the other local clubs. He had great pleasure in declaring the court open, and called upon Mr. and Mrs. Nolan to play the first game. During the afternoon the court was visited by representatives of the sister clubs, and an important feature of the day's enjoyment was the excellent supply of refreshments provided and dispensed by the ladies, for which they were cordially thanked.

Napier

(From our own correspondent.)

October 31.

On Sunday afternoon the Vincentian Orchestra under the auspices of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, paid a visit to the Old People's Home at Park Island, for the purpose of entertaining the inmates. A very acceptable programme of instrumental music was given, whilst Mr. J. Madigan rendered two songs in his usually artistic manner. At the conclusion of the concert the manager (Mr. Hitchens) thanked the visitors for their splendid entertainment, and expressed the hope that they would soon revisit the institution. Afternoon tea was then dispensed and much appreciated by the visitors.

The electric tramway system, which was opened here during the first week in September, is proving a great convenience, and promises to become a paying concern. Already propositions have been put forward for the increase of rolling stock and the extension of the lines. Electric lighting has been installed, and is being rapidly connected to residences and business premises.

HELD OVER

Owing to pressure on our space we have been compelled to hold over a quantity of matter. A report of the opening of a church at Tuakau had to be held over until next week owing to the non-arrival of blocks.

It is understood (says the *Akaroa Mail*) that the ruling price for contract cocksfooting for the coming season at Akaroa is to be 1½d per lb through the rough riddle.

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