

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CLUB, HOKITIKA

(From the club correspondent.)

October 26.

The contest for the cup, kindly donated by Mr. D. J. Evans, took place in the Princess Theatre on Wednesday evening last. There was a very large attendance, and the contest proved interesting and instructive. The clubs' representatives were Messrs. L. P. Gooch (St. Andrew's), J. B. Ward (All Saints), and G. M. Wormington (St. Mary's). The competition consisted of a prepared speech (on a subject given three days before the contest) on 'Peace hath her victories no less renowned than war,' and an impromptu speech on 'The modern girl.' Mr. A. E. Lawrence judged the contest, and awarded the cup to Mr. G. Wormington, of St. Mary's Club. In announcing his decision the judge passed some comment on the speeches, and congratulated the competitors on their work. He complimented the winner on his success, and praised the efforts of the losers. The following are the points awarded:—Mr. G. Wormington (St. Mary's)—Prepared speech 146, impromptu speech 130; Mr. J. B. Wood (All Saints)—Prepared speech 136, impromptu speech 134; Mr. L. P. Gooch (St. Andrew's)—Prepared speech 132, impromptu speech 121. In handing the cup to the winner, Mr. D. J. Evans congratulated Mr. Wormington upon his well-merited success, and expressed his pleasure at having been able to assist the young men of the district in the very good work they were doing in their debating clubs. Mr. Wormington, who was heartily applauded, suitably replied. Votes of thanks to the judge and chairman were carried by acclamation.

ST. MARY'S YOUNG MEN'S CLUB, HAMILTON

October 22.

As a fitting conclusion to a most successful series of socials, held under the auspices of the St. Mary's Young Men's Club, a grand finale took place in the club room on Monday evening. An unusually large number was present, and the function was most enjoyable.

The committee of St. Mary's Young Men's Club have decided to affiliate with the Federated Catholic Clubs of N.Z. This will make the members of the club eligible to take part in the oratorical, literary, and general knowledge competitions to be held next November.

On Sunday morning last Very Rev. Dean Darby convened a meeting of the young people of the parish who were interested in the formation of a tennis club. A very large number was in attendance at the meeting in the afternoon, and the proceedings were marked with enthusiasm. It was unanimously decided to form a club under the title of St. Mary's Tennis Club, and the following officers were elected:—Patron, Very Rev. Dean Darby; president, Mr. J. B. Hooper; vice-presidents—Messrs. J. A. Hair, A. Casey, D. Moroney, J. Clarkin, W. Chitty, F. Clarkin, and L. O'Malley; committee—Messrs. S. Mitchell, J. Dempsey, R. Frost, and Misses Maud Kelly and C. Fraser; hon. secretary, Mr. E. de V. McGarrigle; hon. treasurer, Mr. M. F. McCarthy. Dean Darby has very generously granted the use of a portion of the area at the back of the church for the laying down of the courts, and the work is being advanced. The Dean's efforts to promote the social activity of the members of the parish must be warmly commended.

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