

Sports and Entertainments

St. Bede's College Sports

At the invitation of the Rector, teaching staff, and boys of St. Bede's College, Christchurch, a strong contingent of proud parents, admiring brothers and sisters, considerably reinforced by friends and well-wishers of the school, assembled in the college grounds yesterday for the boys' annual sports meeting (says the *Christchurch Press* for October 16). The weather was beautiful and the various events of the long programme succeeded each other with commendable promptitude, so that the interest of the visitors, many of whom had come long distances for the occasion, was maintained throughout.

In the spacious dining-room, where the long table was gay with plum blossom, tea was dispensed to all the guests—no light undertaking, made easier by the helpfulness of the boys, who were most assiduous in waiting upon the visitors.

During the afternoon his Worship the Mayor (Mr. J. K. Archer) attended the gathering and was entertained to tea by the Rector, Dr. Geaney.

[A detailed report of the sports' results will be given in our next issue. —Ed. N.Z.T.]

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THE PAST FOOTBALL SEASON.

(From our own Correspondent.)

The 1925 season provided hard but interesting football for St. Bede's first fifteen. Owing to the temporary lapse of the Secondary School Competition, the team was entered in the third grade competition. They succeeded in winning the A section of the third grade, but were defeated by Halswell in the final play off for the President's Cup. Since it was an open grade, the boys met older and heavier players than themselves. It was always a fight against weight and experience but speed and skill enabled St. Bede's to win out. In the A grade eleven matches were played and all were won. During the winter holidays the team lost two games by necessary default. Old Boys had played the full number of games, and had been defeated but once; this meant that St. Bede's had to play and defeat Old Boys twice to win the competition. The first game was very close, ending in favor of the College—3-0. The second game, played under more favorable weather conditions was won by 8-3. During the eleven games played St. Bede's scored 209 points against 30.

The school opened badly in inter-college games. Christ College A won easily by 33-5 when first the teams met. Some weeks later, St. Bede's were able to reverse that result and win 21-3. The following week Boys' High School A were defeated by 15-5, and then followed a victory over St. Andrew's by 21-3. Playing in Wellington the boys were defeated by St. Patrick's College by 3-0.

St. Bede's team, this year was not a heavy fifteen, even for college standard. It was fortunate in having speedy players in both forward and back divisions. The forwards were of the light worrying type that keeps

the opposing backs busy in defence: it was the hard dogged play of these boys that made it possible for the backs to bring off the scoring movements for which this team will long be remembered by the supporters of St. Bede's. O'Neill, Bryce, Head, and Barrett were the pick of a good hard working pack. The backs were well served in having Manuix in the half-back position. He and Doogan at first five-eighth formed the cleverest combination the college has had in these positions. Spring as wing-three-quarter scored more than his share of the points gained, whilst Galvin at full-back always lent a feeling of security to the game especially in critical moments. The team was captained for the second time by Ahearn, a good leader and most opportune try-getter.

The success of the team is due in great measure to the efficient coaching of Rev. Father A. Cullen, whose attention and time were ungrudgingly devoted to the interests of the boys.

St. Mary's Tennis Club, Christchurch

St. Mary's Tennis Club opened its 1925 season on Saturday, the 10th inst. With fine weather conditions, there was a large attendance of members and friends. The following office-bearers were elected for the season:—Club captain, Mr. J. Lysaght; hon. sec., Mr. S. Ashton; hon. treasurer, Mr. C. Evans; committee, Misses A. Darby, T. Ryan, B. Holley, I. Ashton, Messrs. M. Darby, P. Clarkson, R. Marlow, and N. Daly. The courts have been top dressed and put in thorough order, and judging from the enthusiasm prevailing a very successful season is anticipated. Afternoon tea was served by the committee, and the proceedings proved most enjoyable.

Catholic Glee Club, Timaru

There was a large and appreciative audience at St. Patrick's Hall, Brown Street, on Wednesday evening (says the *Timaru Herald* for October 9), when the Catholic Glee Club presented their first concert of the 1925 season. Assisting the choir were prominent local artists, and with concerted and solo items pleasingly varied a very acceptable entertainment resulted.

Under the baton of Mr. A. C. McInnes the choir showed excellent control and balance, fine conception of the value of light and shade also being apparent. The programme submitted by the choir was well chosen, and met with universal approval, extra numbers being demanded on each occasion. Perhaps the most popular were "Comrades in Arms," a rousing martial air, "Juanita," and "Rosary." A humorous offering entitled "Fishing" was also delivered with splendid result. For the short time the club has been in existence very encouraging progress has been made, the high standard already achieved reflecting great credit upon all concerned.

Artistic contributions to the programme were the piano duos by Misses E. O'Meehan and W. Harris, "Tarantelle" (Raff) and Kreisler's "Liebesfreud." Miss B. Meehan

also proved a worthy contributor with "Oh to be a Gipsy," the vocalist responding with "Wai-iti Poi." Later in the evening Miss Meehan was again heard to advantage in "When Song is Sweet" and "Sacrament." Mr. Wilfrid Scott's "Toreador Song" from "Carmen," proved a most acceptable offering. In response to insistent demands Mr. Scott contributed "For the Green," and at a later stage "Cloze Props" and "Heart of Gold," both being warmly received. The elocutionary portion of the programme was consistent with the general high standard that prevailed, a noteworthy contribution being "The Gambler's Wife," delivered by Miss Imelda Collins in a manner necessitating a repeat number. "The Ocean" was suitably given by Mr. B. Dunne, who responded to a recall with "Tangmalangaloo," a humorous item that met with popular approval. The accompaniments to the vocal items, supplied by Miss W. Harris, were by no means a small feature of a very artistic entertainment.

At the conclusion of the programme, the Right Rev. Dr. Brodie, Bishop of Christchurch, expressed his regret at the absence, owing to indisposition, of the Rev. Father Hurley, and voiced his appreciation of the splendid progress shown by the club, and thanked the visiting artists for the assistance so kindly provided.

IRISH HISTORY COMPETITION

The period to be covered for this year's Competition in Irish History is from the death of Hugh O'Neill to the Act of Union. To facilitate the study of the history of this period we reprinted (commencing in our issue for April 1, and concluding in the issue of the *Tablet* for August 19) that portion of Sullivan's *Story of Ireland* which treats of the subject. The information therein contained may be supplemented by reference to Carey's *Irish History Lessons* or other works obtainable at the *Tablet* Office.

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