

The High Jump event resulted in a tie between F. O'Connell and P. McNamara, whose records (counting their handicaps) were equal, 5ft 1in.

Sack Race, 75yds—J. Stewart, 1; M. Maher, 2.
Long Jump—P. McNamara, 18ft 3in (handicap 2in), 1; H. Maru, 2; J. Kennedy, 3.

Medley Race, 100yds—W. Sullivan and L. Champion were the winners, P. Kelly and B. Gallagher, close up, next.

440yds, under 16—M. O'Leary, 30yds, 1; J. Ryan, 15yds, 2; J. Dignan, 35yds, 3.

Bicycle Handicap, one mile—T. P. Walshe, owing 80yds, 1; T. Kearns, 120yds, 2; C. Gasquoine, 100yds, 3.

One Mile Handicap—T. Boyce, 160yds, 1; H. Seymour, 70yds, 2.

Old Boys' Race, 100yds—E. McCardell, 9yds, 1; I. Bridge, 80yds, 2; R. Evensen, 7yds, 3.

College Championship—J. Kennedy, 19 points, 1; E. Prendeville, 15 points, 2; W. Quill, 9 points, 3.

Lower Hutt.

(From an occasional correspondent.)

December 2.

A meeting attended by 71 intending members to form a branch of the H.A.C.B. Society at the Lower Hutt was held here on Wednesday evening. Rev. Father Clune, who was conducting a mission at the Hutt last week, attended and explained the good work of such societies, and dwelling on the benefits to be derived from belonging to such an organisation. In addressing the meeting Very Rev. Father Lane stated that it had long been his ambition that the Lower Hutt should have such a society, but he was surprised to see such a large number of young men present who were desirous of joining. He thanked Father Clune for the enthusiasm shown in bringing such a large body of men together, and trusted that the branch would be a great success. He then called on Mr. Callaghan, of the Newtown (Wellington) branch, to explain the objects and benefits of the Society. Mr. Callaghan explained the various details and mode of management, and stated that he had never before seen such a large number present at an inaugural meeting, and expressed the hope that the branch would be founded before the present year expired. Mr. A. B. Clark was then elected secretary, pro tem, and 51 of those present handed in their names as intending members. At a second meeting there was a good attendance to hear the secretary's report and sign the requisition. The sum of £5 18s was received as nomination and life honorary members' fees, and the necessary steps were taken to have the branch established. Rev. Father Lane intimated that he would be pleased to place a site at the disposal of the society for the purpose of erecting a hall, a remark which was received with great enthusiasm. Votes of thanks were passed to Rev. Father Clune for his efforts in organising the meeting; to Very Rev. Father Lane for his generosity in offering a site; to Mr. Callaghan for attending the meeting at great inconvenience to himself, and to Mr. A. B. Clark for his services as acting secretary.

DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

December 5.

The devotion of the Forty Hours' Adoration was recently observed at St. Mary's, Manchester street, and at Leeston.

Both local dailies have published interesting interviews with His Lordship Bishop Grimes, on the recent Catholic Congress.

The Rev. Father Pidgeon, C.S.S.R., is at present conducting a retreat at Mount Magdala; the Rev. Father Stack commences a week's mission at St. Joseph's, Lyttelton, on Sunday, and the Rev. Father Shearman is similarly engaged at Darfield.

The memorial concert, tendered to the relatives of the late Mr. E. T. McNamara, in the Canterbury Hall, on last Wednesday evening, and in which the Hibernian Society and Catholic Club were largely interested, proved a conspicuous success, all the seating accommodation of the spacious building being occupied.

Regarding the prevailing size of ladies hats it was noticed at a recent concert that one chair directly behind the wearer of an article of attire above indicated (the dimensions of which totally eclipsed the stage), was left severely unoccupied during the entire evening, the building being otherwise crowded.

The renewal of the mission given about nine months ago was commenced by the Redemptorist Fathers at the eleven o'clock Mass in the Pro-Cathedral on Sunday, and is to continue for a fortnight. The Rev. Father O'Don-

nell C.S.S.R., after explaining the hours and nature of the various mission services for the period, preached a fine discourse. In the evening the Pro-Cathedral was thronged to overflowing before the appointed hour. The preacher was the Rev. Father O'Brien, C.S.S.R., who delivered a masterly discourse on the subject of 'Death' and the hereafter.

An enjoyable and successful entertainment, in aid of the local Catholic schools' fund, was given on last Tuesday evening in the Town Hall, Leeston. There was a very large attendance, and the various items on the programme were well received. In addition to the musical portion, a drama in four acts, 'The Reverse of the Medal,' was capably performed by Misses M. O'Boyle, J. Gardiner, A. O'Brien, McCormick, D. M. and L. Bohan, trained by the Sisters of the Missions of the Leeston Convent.

As additions to his well-equipped private museum, his Lordship Bishop Grimes brought with him from Australia some remarkable curios. These include a model of a mummy representing Osiris, the date of which is 600 B.C., and an Egyptian lamp, dated 800 B.C. A priest from the Solomon Islands, who was in Melbourne at the time of the Conference, presented the Bishop with a model of a jug carved by the cannibal natives.

The following is a list of the successful candidates in the practical examinations of the Associated Board of the Royal Academy of Music and the Royal College of Music held at the Convent of Mercy:—Local centre, intermediate division, Vera de la Cour (honors). Higher school, Kathleen Molloy, Mabel Thomas, Aileen Mahon (singing). Lower school, Mary Molloy (honors), Mary McKee (honors), Maude Cassin, Patience Wassell, Kitty Zachariah, Cyril White (violin). Elementary division, Annie McKinnon. Lower school, Thomas Joyce (honors, violin), Convent, Lyttelton. The following pupils passed the Shorthand Theory Examination, held last May at the Convent of Mercy, Colombo street:—Vera de la Cour, Lily Moore, Minnie Callaghan. At another shorthand examination held in the same convent last September Lily Moore gained the second class certificate, and Gertrude Cassin the third class.

DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

(From our own correspondent.)

December 1.

His Lordship the Bishop visited Paeroa and Karangahake in the Very Rev. Dean Hackett's parish last Sunday, and at the latter place he confirmed a number of children. His Lordship visits the Thames on Saturday.

Rev. Father Bridge, of Sydney, preached on the Immaculate Conception at St. Patrick's Cathedral on last Sunday evening.

Rev. Mother Ignatius, of the Order of the Sisters of Mercy, after several months' absence in Australia, returned last Sunday. Accompanying the Rev. Mother were four postulants for the Order here.

A novena in honor of the Immaculate Conception was begun at St. Patrick's Cathedral last Tuesday evening. His Lordship the Bishop was present in the sanctuary, also the Very Rev. Dr. Egan, O.S.B., Rev. Fathers Patterson, Adm., Holbrook, Dignan, and Cahill. Rev. Father Holbrook preached on the Jubilee of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament followed. Last evening the devotions were continued. The Bishop was again present, as well as a good gathering of priests and people. Rev. Father McMillan, of St. Benedict's, was the preacher, the subject of his sermon being the souls in purgatory. The following is a list of the heads of sermons and the preachers during the remaining evenings of the novena:—Thursday, the Holy Name of Mary (Rev. Father Dignan); Friday, 'Seven Dolors' (Rev. Father McGinness); Saturday, Devotion to Mary (Rev. Father Cahill); Sunday, The Rosary (Rev. Father Patterson); Monday, The Assumption (Very Rev. Dr. Egan); Tuesday, Children of Mary (Very Rev. Father Gillan); Wednesday, Mortal Sin (Right Rev. Mgr. O'Reilly). On Thursday there will be Pontifical High Mass, and a sermon in the evening on the Immaculate Conception by Very Rev. Dean Hackett.

His Excellency the Governor, Lord Plunkett, visited yesterday the new home of the Little Sisters of the Poor, Shelly Beach Road, and was very favorably impressed with what he saw there. He spoke to several of the inmates, countrymen of his own, about Ireland, to the delight of the old people. The Governor afterwards visited the Sacred Heart College, Richmond Road, Ponsonby, and here also he was pleased with the fine building, and free, spacious grounds attached thereto. The Governor evidently enjoyed these two visits, and was a most keen observer in all things around him, and listened with attention to the information imparted to the party.