

of the story of the Last Supper and the remarkable words regarding the Eucharist contained in the sixth chapter of St. John's Gospel; omitting all reference to the power of forgiving sins; setting aside all that refers to the Church, its constitution, its teaching authority, its indefectibility, and its infallibility in teaching; throwing overboard each and all of what are known as the 'Petrine texts'—those which point in so remarkable a way to the prerogatives of the Prince of the Apostles—and emphasising, by repetition, the denial of St. Peter in the days before he, being converted, received the commission to 'confirm his brethren' and to feed the lambs and the sheep of Christ's flock. (c) Protestant teaching is, moreover, suggested in the Bible-in-schools text-book by the use of unauthorised headings, italics, capital letters, etc.; and it has been truly observed that 'in what is omitted, as well as in the general tone of what is expressed, the lessons are made as Protestant as they could well be made in the circumstances.' And the 'modest petition' of the Bible-in-schools clergy is this: that this scheme of 'religious instruction,' drawn up by Protestants, out of a Protestant version of the Bible, for the use of Protestants, should be made the official established creed of our public schools, and that Catholic, Jewish, Protestant, and non-religionist objectors should be compelled to contribute towards its maintenance or lie in gaol till they rot.

Notes

Christmas Greetings.

'Christ is the kindest King.' So wrote the Catholic poet John Acton. To all our readers we cordially wish, during the approaching festivals and through all the coming years, the best and most precious of His royal bounty and of the great love of His Sacred Heart, which knows no horizon, and which neither time nor space can bound.

DIOCESE OF DUNEDIN

A general meeting of the parishioners was held in St. Joseph's Hall, on Monday evening in connection with the annual schools' picnic. It is to take place at Waihoua on February 1, the Railway Department being unable to meet the wish of the committee to hold the event on February 8.

The Christian Brothers' school cadet corps, which mustered 59, paraded at the Asylum grounds on Thursday night under command of Captain Hussey and Lieutenants O'Sullivan and Bryant, when they were inspected by Colonel Robin. The inspecting officer closely examined the uniforms and arms, and expressed himself pleased with the general appearance of the corps. The uniform is a blue serge, with green and red facings, and field service cap. The corps are armed with the Martini-Enfield .303 carbine. At the conclusion of the parade Colonel Robin expressed his pleasure at witnessing the company's movements for the first time. He thought it highly creditable to all concerned that the company should be armed and uniformed within two and a-half months of their acceptance by the Defence Department. He was delighted with the progress made, the attention to the word of command, and the general bearing of the boys, and advised them to keep on in the same way, and they would soon become an efficient corps.

A pleasant gathering took place at St. Patrick's presbytery, Lawrence, on Monday evening of last week, when the members of the choir made a presentation to Miss Woods. Very Rev. Mgr. O'Leary, who presided, said the choir felt that they could not allow Miss Woods to leave Lawrence without conveying to her their sincere appreciation and deep gratitude for the priceless services she had given during many years in connection with the public service of God. He concluded a eulogistic speech by presenting Miss Woods with a very artistic and handsome gold greenstone bangle. With this there was also presented a very beautiful embossed silver case for cartes de visite. He wished her a prosperous career and prayed she might enjoy good health to wear those ornaments for many years. Mr. Woods, on behalf of his daughter, thanked Monsignor O'Leary and the members of the choir for

their handsome gifts. His daughter would start on her mission trusting in God and prepared to work hard to make herself in some way worthy of the kind attentions she had received from the people of Tuapeka and the members of St. Patrick's Church choir.

His Lordship Bishop Verdon speaking at the distribution of prizes on Tuesday evening to the pupils of the Christian Brothers' School said that they would all agree with him that the annual report just read by the Rev. Superior was highly satisfactory. They had reason to be proud of the boys and proud of their teachers. A short time ago the Bishops of New Zealand published a manifesto in which they stated that 'a sound civilisation depends upon a sound popular education; and a sound education consists essentially in the harmonious development of the physical, the intellectual, and the moral faculties of children.' Judging of education from this standpoint the Christian Brothers give a truly sound education, developing the physical, intellectual, and moral faculties of the young people confided to their care. The religious instruction of the children is most carefully attended to. Day by day the young people receive instruction in Christian Doctrine and Bible history, and one day in the week the pupils adjourn to the Cathedral, where they receive instruction from one of the Cathedral priests. Some may think that there was too much religious instruction, but in the report just read it was shown that the boys were very successful in the various public examinations and competitions. He (his Lordship) visited the school occasionally during the year, and he was much impressed with the intelligence and application of the young people; they were bright, happy, and attentive to their work. As regards physical development they saw what the pupils did that evening, and also heard of their success both on the football and cricket field. In conclusion his Lordship congratulated the boys most heartily on the success of their entertainment, and he trusted that they would have the Brother Superior and his staff in their midst for many years. In proposing a vote of thanks to his Lordship for presiding Mr. J. B. Callan congratulated the Christian Brothers and their pupils on the very enjoyable entertainment given that evening, and gave a special word of praise to Captain Hussey for the efficiency displayed by the cadet corps. Mr. J. J. Marlow, in seconding the motion, spoke in a similar strain.

Diocesan News

ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

December 17.

The local Catholic Young Men's Club has donated a gold medal to the Marist Brothers' School for the Christian doctrine prize this year.

The club rooms, known as St. Patrick's Hall, are to be furnished early next year. An art union has been arranged and promises to be highly successful. The various prizes have been kindly given by the friends of the young men.

On Sunday last a church parade of St. Patrick's College cadets took place. The two companies, numbering in all about 110, and under the command of Captains Redwood and Segrief, marched to the Sacred Heart Basilica. The Rev. Father Hills, of the College, celebrated the Mass, while a suitable sermon was preached by the Rector, Very Rev. Father Keogh. The church was crowded.

The programme for the monster picnic on Boxing Day is now complete. Special attention is being paid this year to the sports for the children. An inter-parish tag-of-war is likely to cause a great deal of enthusiasm. The cup is at present held by the Te Aro parish team, but this year the Newtown men are very hopeful of gaining the coveted prize.

Arrangements in connection with the great bazaar during Easter time are progressing satisfactorily. Mrs. L. Dwan is to take charge of the refreshment stall. Mrs. J. Gallagher will probably be assisted by some other lady in the management of her stall. The number of stall assistants has been limited to sixteen to each stall, with the exception of the refreshment stall, where the number needed will be greater.

Lovers of music have had ample opportunities during the week of gratifying their tastes in this direction. Judging from the talent displayed at many of the various pupils' concerts this week, Wellington has little to fear for the future. The concert previous to the presentation of prizes at St. Mary's Convent was up to