

described it as the particular result of judicious school legislation. The Protestants form only one-seventh of the entire population, and yet all the school privileges of the vast majority are secured to them.

In proportion to total population, Catholics in New Zealand are about equal to Protestants in the province of Quebec. Would that the Catholic minority in New Zealand were treated with even half the consideration and delicate sense of justice that is extended as a sheer matter of course to the Protestant minority in Catholic Quebec!

DIocese of Dunedin

An entertainment in aid of the girls' parish school will be given in St. Joseph's School to-morrow (Friday) evening.

All young men who are able to sing are requested to meet in St. Joseph's Hall this (Thursday) evening for the purpose of taking steps to strengthen the Cathedral choir.

St. Mary's Literary and Social Society, Milton (says the 'Bruce Herald') held its usual weekly meeting on Tuesday evening of last week. The president, the very Rev. Father O'Neill, occupied the chair. The position of vice-president being vacant consequent upon the transfer of Mr. W. P. Nolan to Mosgiel, an election for the position resulted in favor of Mr. W. Kirby, who held the position last year. General regret was expressed at Mr. and Mrs. Nolan's departure as both were untiring in their efforts to promote the welfare of the society. Amongst other things Mrs. Nolan's musical items will be greatly missed by all. Being 'essay' night, the President then called on the writers (Miss E. Hanley, Messrs. W. Kirby, M. Curran, and D. Kirby) to read their contributions. The manner in which the essayists handled the subject chosen, 'The advantages of Benefit Societies,' showed that the writers had a thorough grasp of the subject.

At the Dunedin Elocutionary Competitions now being held, the representatives from the Christian Brothers' School have been highly successful. In the recitation for gentlemen under 21 years ('How they brought the good news from Ghent'), no fewer than three of the boys from this school were placed. Master Thomas Lafey, who, as the judge (Mr. Baeyertz) said, recited with very nice feeling, took second prize; Master Bertie Connor third, whilst Master Chris Marlow received hon. mention. These successes are highly creditable when we consider that all these boys are under 16 years of age. In the recitation, 'Lord Ullin's daughter,' for boys under 11, the school was even more successful, carrying off all the prizes. Twenty-eight competitors entered. Master Timothy Lafey took first prize, Master Chris Marlow second, and Master John Cooney third. The judge, in commenting on the performance of the boys, said that the three competitors had realised the dramatic possibilities of the piece, and from that point of view and for conception and understanding of the piece they had certainly scored heavily. In the essay on a flower garden, open to boys and girls under 14, Master George Albertson took second prize.

The Right Rev. Dr. Kelly, Bishop of Geraldton, preached at Vespers at St. Joseph's Cathedral on Sunday evening. His Lordship's discourse was devoted to Western Australia—the resources of the country, the aborigines, and the material and spiritual progress made within recent years. In the first place his Lordship dealt with the physical features of the state, and the facilities which the Government have provided for encouraging settlement. Within recent years the population, of which about one-fourth are Catholics, has increased very much. There are about 40,000 Catholics in the diocese of Perth, and 6000 children in the Catholic schools, whilst in the diocese of Geraldton there are 600 children. In the former diocese under the Right Rev. Dr. Gibney, there are about 45 priests ministering to the spiritual welfare of the people, and in the diocese of Geraldton there are 14 or 15 priests. The Church is making very good progress in the State, this being due in a great measure to the zeal and self-sacrifice of the clergy, who are ably seconded by the devoted religious in charge of the schools. Among these may be mentioned the daughters of St. Dominic, the Sisters of Mercy, the Sisters of St. Joseph, the Christian Brothers, and others. The last-mentioned have more than maintained in Western Australia their great reputation as educationists. His Lordship then dwelt on the early efforts of

the late Bishop Salvado to carry the light of Faith to the aborigines, the many hardships and privations suffered by him during his missionary labors, and, how, at length, after seeing that it was necessary for success the natives should be induced to settle down permanently in one place, he decided on building the new Norcia Monastery, around which are now settled a large number of natives, who are being educated and taught trades, and are good Christians. His Lordship then related instances of the hardships and dangers to which the clergy are exposed in the course of their duties in a trackless country of generous distances, and also pathetic stories of suffering endured by pilgrims far removed from white neighbors. It was a mistake to suppose that the greater part of the State was nothing but a desert, for there were millions of acres of good grass land and large areas of fine forest. A brief reference was made to the gold-fields and the unexplored mineral wealth of the country. In conclusion his Lordship said the people of Western Australia were pleased to know of the progress of the Church in this Colony, and he felt that the people of New Zealand rejoiced with their co-religionists at the progress of the Faith in Western Australia.

PALMERSTON NORTH

(From our own correspondent.)

October 8.

The members of the local branch of the H.A.C.B. Society attended the 8 o'clock Mass on Sunday for their half-yearly Communion.

At the end of the present month there will be held in the Zealandia Hall a carnival and sale of work, which will continue throughout show week, in aid of the debt on the new convent. Signor Borzoni, who has been engaged by the committee for the occasion, is already in town, and is busily engaged in training a large number of young ladies who are to take part in the special dances for which he has such a wide reputation.

(This letter arrived too late for insertion in our last issue.—Ed 'N.Z.T.')

NAPIER.

(From our own correspondent.)

October 14.

The Meaneze bazaar, which was held during the past week, came to a conclusion on October 13. The stallholders were as follow:—Mesdames Reid, Murnane, Halpin, and Lyons. The financial results of the bazaar have exceeded expectations, over £300 being in hand, exclusive of proceeds of art union, towards which end everyone worked very hard. The art union will be drawn at the end of this week, and the result notified in the 'Tablet.' Among the art union prizes is a handsome mirror presented by Mrs. Segrief, of Wellington, painted by Miss M. C. Segrief, the beautiful carved frame being the work of Mr. Geoffrey Venning, of Wellington. It has been the object of much admiration.

On October 9 the annual musical examination in practical work, under the auspices of the Associated Board of the Royal Academy of Music and the Royal College of Music, London, took place, Mr. Graham P. Moore being examiner. The following pupils of St. Joseph's Convent were successful—Higher division—Genevieve Pope. Lower—Dorothy Allen Elementary—L. Dolbel, E. Kaye, and A. Payne.

The Very Rev. Father Clune, and the Rev. Father McDermott, Redemptorists, commenced a fortnight's mission here to-day.

A New York cable message states that the Irish athlete, John Flanagan, has put the 56lb weight 31 feet 5 inches, establishing a world's record.

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