

The Pope thanked Dr. Bourne in the heartiest manner, expressing special pleasure at the sum subscribed for the Calabrian sufferers.

The Victims of the Earthquake

The Rome paper 'Civiltà Cattolica,' edited by the Jesuits, opened a subscription among the clergy throughout the world to succor the victims of the earthquake in Calabria, and has succeeded in collecting up to the present about £12,000. Father Salvatore Brandi, editor of the 'Civiltà Cattolica,' presented the money and a list of subscribers to the Pope, who noticed a large proportion of English contributors. The Pontiff sent to all the subscribers and their families the Apostolic Benediction.

SCOTLAND—A Catholic Barrister Honored

The highest honor it is within the power of his brethren of the Scottish Bar to bestow has been conferred on Mr. William Campbell, K.C., of Skerrington, the eminent Catholic advocate of the Scottish capital. He has been appointed Dean of the Faculty of Advocates—a distinguished position which his wide and varied legal learning, no less than his conspicuous ability as an impassioned pleader and pointed speaker at the Scottish Bar, entitle him pre-eminently.

A Benefactor

Monsignor Lennon, who has devoted his ample means munificently to the support of the Scots College, Rome, and to the extension of the Church in Scotland was presented to the Pope on November 4 by Monsignor Fraser, of the Scots College. His Holiness praised the generosity of Monsignor Lennon and presented him with a gold medal in recognition of his gifts.

SOUTH AFRICA—Catholic Progress

Writing in the Liverpool 'Catholic Times' of the progress of the Catholic Church in South Africa, the Rev. Father O'Hare says:—So recently as 1896-7, I was the guest of the late Bishop of Natal, Dr. Jolivet, O.M.I., and of the Trappist monks, and travelled all over Natal, Transvaal-Tembuland, Pondoland, Griqualand East, etc., visiting nearly every Catholic mission, convent, and school in those enormously large regions of South Africa. Now, when I first went to South Africa in 1863 all the Catholics in the districts I have named could be comfortably accommodated, if brought together, in one church of moderate size, whereas I found in 1896 so many Catholics—natives—Bushmen, Hottentots, Betjuanes, Matabeles, Basutos, and Zulus—as could not be crushed together in the new Cathedral of Westminster. I found the Oblates of Mary Immaculate, the Trappists, the Jesuits, the Fathers of St. Francis de Sales, and the Order of the Holy Spirit having missions and good congregations of natives dotted all over South Africa. I myself preached to congregations—where myself and the resident missionaries alone were white men, all the people blacks—in the Church of the Sacred Heart, Oakford, Natal, in the Catholic church on the Promontory called Bluff, near Durban, and in the Zulus' church, Maritzburg—all under the direction of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate. I celebrated the Holy Sacrifice in the Church of St. Joseph, 'Lourdes,' under the Trappist monks, where I found in what was in '63 a desert, a big congregation of Kaffirs (in '96). On one occasion I said Mass in another Catholic church for the Zulus—where myself and the Trappist priest who preached were the only Europeans—there was no seat in the church; all sat on the ground or knelt or stood, but the church was not half large enough, the big front door was flung open, so that the Zulu crowd outside might assist at Mass. The work to be done still in South Africa for the conversion of the heathen tribes is too vast for expression, but the work achieved since 1863 is almost incredible. The Jesuits have penetrated into Matabeleland, Rhodesia, and are pushing their conquests still further north with marvellous success. The Trappists, priests, Brothers, and nuns, are making Zululand captive to the Church of God. The Fathers of St. Francis de Sales are doing splendid work among the Hottentots—the lowest race on earth—while the Oblates of Mary Immaculate, the pioneers of missionary work in South Africa, have hoisted the banner of Christianity over the Basuto Kaffirs.

Sacred Heart College, Auckland

(From our own correspondent.)

The annual concert and distribution of prizes in connection with the Sacred Heart College, conducted by the Marist Brothers, took place in St. Benedict's Hall last Tuesday evening. There was a crowded at-

tendance, and Monsignor O'Reilly presided. A capital entertainment was provided by the pupils as follows:—Overture, 'Myosotis waltz,' college orchestra; chorus, 'Boys of the old brigade,' students' recitation, 'King Connor MacNessa,' Master Vincent Mason; solo, 'Sweet Vale of Avoca,' Master J. Quinlan (violin obligato Master H. Quinn); debate, 'Is Socialism desirable,' affirmative—Masters C. McDavitt, G. Turnbull, E. Mahoney; negative—Masters H. Alley, E. Blake, P. Amodéo; chairman—Master J. O'Donoghue; overture, 'Humors of Donnybrook,' college orchestra; duet and chorus, 'Distant voices,' students; drill, 'Indian clubs,' students; instrumental trio, 'Il Trovatore,' Master M. Higgins (piano), Master J. Kelly (violin), Master P. Amodéo (flute); choruses—(1) 'The harp that once,' (2) 'The wearing of the green'—pupils.

The annual report stated that scholarships had been established, which were open for competition to the boys attending the Brothers' school in Pitt street, and a boarding scholarship was shortly to be established, which would be open to the boys of the Marist Brothers' schools throughout New Zealand. The health of the boys had been excellent during the whole year, and a splendid spirit had existed among them. The prizes were then presented by the Right Rev. Mgr. O'Reilly, in the absence of the Bishop, as follows:—

Special prizes.—The Coolahan gold medal for good conduct, George Hanson; dux of the school, gold medal, Peter Amodéo; Christian doctrine, gold medal, Claude Simmons; essay-writing, Peter Amodéo; essay descriptive of Westfield chemical works, Edmund Mahoney; handball championship gold medal, Brendan Lavery; bat for best all-round cricketer, Peter Amodéo; silver medal for best fielder at cricket, Thomas Higgins; rep. caps for football, won by E. Mahoney, P. Amodéo, and G. Hanson.

Senior Civil Service Class.—Dux of the school, Peter Amodéo; prize for mathematics, chemistry, and French, Peter Amodéo; prize for English and Latin, Edmund Mahoney.

Matriculation Class (in the class subjects the first name in each instance indicates first prize and the second next in merit).—Matriculation aggregate, Rupert Knight; Civil Service aggregate, Herbert Alley; arithmetic, Herbert Alley, Oliver Alley; English, Rupert Knight, Herbert Alley; history and geography, Herbert Alley, Brendan Lavery; Latin, Cecil McDavitt, Rupert Knight; French, Rupert Knight, Cecil McDavitt; Christian doctrine, Claude Simmons, Peter Amodéo; chemistry, Herbert Alley, Claude Simmons; mathematics, Claude Simmons, Rupert Knight; book-keeping, Brendan Lavery.

Class IV.—Aggregate merit, William Buckler, George Ball, and George Turnbull (equal); Christian doctrine, Edward Blake, Joseph Fischer; arithmetic, William Buckler, James Corbett; mathematics, Warrington Simmons, William Buckler; English, William White, George Turnbull; Latin, George Turnbull, George Ball; French, George Turnbull, George Ball; history, George Ball, Edward Blake; geography, Joseph Fischer, Edward Blake, and George Ball (equal); book-keeping, Nesbit Sneddon, Walter Webb; reading, John Kelly, George Ball; writing, Thomas Higgins, Warrington Simmons.

Class V.—Aggregate merit, Henry Quinn, John Quinlan (second prize), English, Edward Kavanagh, Daniel O'Connor; writing, Vincent Mason, Everard McClellan; geography, Henry Quinn, Daniel O'Connor; book-keeping, Bert Clarke, Henry Quinn; Latin, Cyril Sneddon, William Keenan, and Daniel O'Connor (equal); drawing, Henry Quinn, John Paul; Christian doctrine, John Quinlan, Everard McClellan; reading, Ernest Fraser, John Quinlan; history, Everard McClellan, Cyril Sneddon; arithmetic, Daniel O'Brien, John Quinlan; French, Daniel O'Connor, Henry Quinn; shorthand, William Keenan, Daniel O'Brien.

Class VI.—Aggregate merit, Thos. McLaughlan, Leo Cullen; English, Thomas McLaughlan, Francis Kelly; history, Leo Cullen, Thomas McLaughlan; arithmetic, Thomas McLaughlan, Francis Kelly; orthography, Francis Kelly; Reginald Amodéo; Christian doctrine, James Boylan, Leo Cullen; writing, John Phelan, Thos. McLaughlan; geography, Reginald Amodéo, Thomas McLaughlan; French, William Fischer, Reginald Amodéo.

Class VII.—Aggregate merit, Leonard Buxton 1, William Floyd 2; Christian doctrine, William Sullivan, William Tobin; arithmetic, Leonard Buxton, Laurence Quirk; orthography, Patrick Cooney, Clarence Cobourne; writing and drawing, Laurence Quirk, Patrick Cooney; geography, William Floyd, Laurence Quirk; English grammar, Laurence Quirk, William Sullivan; reading and recitation, Robert McVeagh, Clarence Cobourne.

Class VIII.—First in aggregate marks, Mervyn Bartley; Christian doctrine, Walter Brophy; reading, Arthur Christmas; arithmetic, Mervyn Bartley.