

## Notes

### Alfonso's Bride

Last week's cables announce the engagement of the young King of Spain to the Princess Ena—or (to give her name in its full processional length) Victoria Eugenie Julia Ena—of Battenberg. The young Princess is a granddaughter of the late Queen Victoria and a niece of King Edward VII. She is to return to the Ancient Faith. It seems that the marriage was arranged during Alfonso's visit to England. We are waiting to see what will happen to King Edward on the twelfth of July.

### Carntall and Rongahere

Irish justices and judges visit with a legal anathema maranatha, and long imprisonment, combinations among farmers, laborers, and traders in the South and West of the Green Isle to establish a boycott against those whom they deem to be active enemies to their common interests. But a recent judgment of the Irish Court of Appeal in the Carntall school scandal lays it down as perfectly lawful to boycott a Catholic public school teacher in Ulster, and ruin her in her profession, simply and solely because of her religious belief. The teacher in question was appointed as sewing-mistress by a Presbyterian clergyman who is manager of the Carntall National school, which is frequented by children of every creed. After her appointment, it was discovered that she was a Catholic. To his credit, the clergyman stood by the young lady. But the local Orange body decreed the boycott, which was carried out with the accompaniments of coarse savagery that recalls in a milder way the series of filthy outrages that made Miss Annett flee from the bigots of Rongahere (Otago) in order to save her life. Miss Annett's little property had already been destroyed by the brand of the incendiary. The judgment of the Irish Court of Appeal on the Carntall school case is still to be reviewed by the House of Lords.

### An Anomaly

The Catholic Emancipation Act was but a niggardly and half-hearted measure. It left all sorts of exasperating exclusions and exceptions; and, meagre as it is, it is not even yet in operation, as regards some of its principal provisions, in the lodge-ridden cities and towns of Ulster. Lord Ripon's new position in the House of Lords leads a home contemporary to make some observations in point. He is (says our contemporary) 'the very first Catholic who has held the position of Leader of the House of Lords. The office of Leader of the House of Lords, like that of Leader of the House of Commons, is entirely unknown to the law, and was unknown in practice till at least two centuries after the Reformation, and all Lord Ripon's predecessors in the position were members of the Anglican Church. The Irish Lord Lieutenant, however, could not be held by Lord Ripon as a Catholic, although he has filled the position of Governor-General for India, nor would he be eligible to act as one of the Lord Justices, by whom the functions of the office of Lord Lieutenant are performed during the absence of the Viceroy from Ireland.'

### DIOCESE OF DUNEDIN

The following pupils of the Dominican Nuns were successful at the recent University examinations:—Ida McKenzie passed the Medical Preliminary; Rachel Dey and Iris Reid, Matriculation and Civil Service; B. Wright (Rosary Convent, Oamaru), Matriculation.

In our report last week of the outing given by his Lordship the Bishop to the children of St. Vincent de Paul Orphanage, it was inadvertently stated that the children were accompanied by the Sisters, which was not the case.

Studies will be resumed at St. Dominic's College (Oxford Local Centre) on Tuesday next.

The new Catholic church at Centre Bush, in the Win-ton parish, now in course of erection, will be opened shortly.

The Rev. Father McGrath, C.S.S.R., is conducting the retreat for the inmates of the Home of the Little Sisters of the Poor, Anderson's Bay.

The annual schools' picnic takes place at Wingatui on Wednesday. The arrangements are now almost completed, and provided the weather is fine the outing should prove very enjoyable. The special train will start for Wingatui at 9.45 a.m., leaving on the return journey at 7 p.m.

Three students of the Provincial Seminary, Holy Cross College, Mosgiel, have passed the Matriculation and Solicitors' General Knowledge examinations. The successful students are Mr. M. Scanlan (diocese of Dunedin), Mr. T. Connolly (archdiocese of Wellington), and Mr. J. Hanrahan (diocese of Christchurch). The mid-summer holidays end on Saturday, February 17, and all students are required to present themselves at the College on that day.

The following clerical changes were announced at the Synod of the clergy of the diocese of Dunedin on last Friday:—Rev. Father Geary from Lawrence to South Dunedin; Rev. Father Corcoran from South Dunedin to St. Joseph's Cathedral; Rev. J. O'Reilly from Oamaru to St. Joseph's Cathedral; Rev. P. O'Neill from Gore to Oamaru; Rev. D. O'Neill from St. Joseph's Cathedral to Gore; Rev. J. O'Malley from St. Joseph's Cathedral to Invercargill; Rev. John Lynch from Invercargill to Lawrence.

The Rev. Father McDonald, of St. Mary's, Manchester street, Christchurch, reached Dunedin on Monday evening, and was present at the marriage of his cousin, Mr. Back, to Miss Fraser on Wednesday. Rev. Father Graham, St. Patrick's College, Wellington, passed through Dunedin this week on his return from Australia.

One of the pupils of the Dominican Convent, Oamaru, matriculated at the recent examinations, and also passed the Solicitors' General Knowledge examination.

A very successful bazaar, for the purpose of raising funds to purchase statues for the local Catholic church, was held at Kurow on the evenings of January 26 and 27. The bazaar was mainly promoted by Mrs. and Miss Delargey and Mr. Crannitch, who were ably assisted by Mesdames Patterson, Downey, Prentice, Miss Cissie O'Brien, and several other young ladies.

The Very Rev. Father O'Hare, V.F., of Ararat, Victoria (an old friend of the editor of the 'N.Z. Tablet'), who had been on a visit to Rotorua, etc., arrived in Dunedin towards the end of last week, and after a few days in the city proceeded to Central Otago. He returns to Australia by the 'Warrimoo,' leaving for Melbourne on February 11.

### DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

(From our own correspondent.)

January 26.

The annual retreat of the clergy of the diocese concludes this afternoon at the Sacred Heart College.

At the last meeting of the Auckland branch of the H.A.C.B. Society the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: President, Bro. John O'Brien; vice-president, Bro. Thomas Pound; secretary Bro. Wm. Kane (re-elected); treasurer, Bro. D. Flynn (re-elected); warden, Bro. C. Mulholland; guardian, Bro. Stevenson; sick visitors, Bros. M. Carmody and John Bowden; assistant-secretary, Bro. J. B. R. Stead; auditors, Bros. Jas. Smith and F. J. O'Meara. The officers were installed by Past President Bro. J. B. R. Stead.

The plans for the alterations to St. Patrick's Cathedral have been shown to me by his Lordship the Bishop, and are extensive and complete. When finished the church will present an appearance more in keeping with its dignity and importance. Subscriptions are coming in to the Bishop, though he has not yet made a public appeal. While here at Christmas time Sir George Clifford promised £100 towards the work. It is to be hoped that his Lordship will be heartily supported by his people in this most necessary work, which should have been long ago undertaken had circumstances permitted it.

Several of the students of the Sacred Heart College were successful in the recent Junior Civil Service and Matriculation examinations. In the Junior Civil Service examination Peter Amodeo, Richard Simmons, Herbert Allen, Rupert Knight, Cecil McDavitt, Brendan Lavery, and George Hansen secured passes, and Peter Amodeo and Rupert Knight matriculated and passed the Solicitors' General Knowledge examination. When such