

expense, the children attending the Catholic schools of the city have been granted free passes to the Exhibition, and Wonderland, the same kindness and thoughtfulness being extended to the children who are inmates of Nazareth House. The children attending the Rangiora Catholic schools visited the Exhibition last week. The Native settlements, wherein are depicted the customs, arts, and pastimes of the inhabitants representing the various people—Maori, Mijian, and Cook Islanders—prove an apparently never-ending source of attraction to crowds daily.

A general meeting of members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul under the Particular Council of Christchurch was held at the Presbytery on last Sunday afternoon week. The Very Rev. Father LeMenant des Chesnais, V.G., presided, and addressed those present on the fostering of 'Boys' Clubs.' He enlarged on what had already been done in Christchurch, and spoke of the impetus recently given to the work by the interest and energy of the Rev. Father O'Dwyer. Bro. E. O'Connor, president of the Cathedral Conference, referred to the Boys' Club now in existence here, and the great good to be done on behalf of the boys after leaving school. Bro. A. H. Blake, president of the St. Mary's Conference, also spoke on the subject, urging an active interest in our boys and youths. Mr. M. Nolan said he was in perfect sympathy and accord with the movement, and suggested that prominent persons should be urged to take more interest in the work. Clubs for boys was indeed a most deserving work, and the society was doing a duty and doing it well in taking an active interest in the boys of the city. A great deal of correspondence was dealt with from the Superior Council at Sydney and elsewhere. Much gratification was expressed at the formation of a conference at Wellington. Advanced movements in the same direction were reported from Auckland and Dunedin, at both of which places conferences are expected to be in active operation before the close of the year. The President announced the intended visit of Bro. the Hon. L. F. Heydon, M.L.C., president of the Superior Council of Sydney to New Zealand, who was expected to arrive early in January. Whilst in the Colony he intended devoting a good deal of time to the work of extending the Society, and would open conferences wherever preparations were completed. The President intimated that steps would be taken to fittingly receive Bro. Heydon. The Missions to Catholic Seamen at Lyttelton and Timaru, in connection with the local conferences, were reported most satisfactory.

WANGANUI

(From our own correspondent.)

December 7.

Mr. Moriarty, representative of the 'Tablet,' informs me that he has had a successful trip to Taihape and District, securing a great number of new subscribers.

I regret to announce the death of Mrs. Mary Edwards, one of our oldest parishioners. The deceased was highly esteemed by all who knew her. She was one of the oldest identities in Wanganui, having resided here for over 40 years.—R.I.P.

The well-wishers of Ernest Loftus, late a member of St. Mary's Catholic Club, who went to Seattle, United States, will be pleased to hear that he is getting on well, and is satisfied with his future prospects.

At the Flower Show last week pupils of the Marist Brothers were awarded certificates for drawing. Owen Grogan was awarded a special prize certificate for shading, the subject being from a growing plant, and a special first certificate for clever shading of a lion's head; and Joseph Smithies was awarded a special first certificate for shading a Maori's head.

Mr. Vincent Beasley, a prominent member of the St. Mary's Catholic Club, has left Wanganui for Wellington, where he intends to settle. He was a prominent member of the club, and took a great interest in its dramatic branch, having piloted it successfully through its first performance, 'Jane.' All members regret his departure, but wish him every success.

The St. Mary's Dramatic Club are to be congratulated on their excellent productions of 'The Ticket-of-Leave Man' on Monday and Thursday evenings. It was an ambitious work for any amateur combination to attempt, more particularly so in the case of such a young club. The performers deserve great credit for the splendid way in which they studied their different roles. The play was mounted in excellent style. The audience bestowed a hearty round of applause on the opening scene, which depicted the Bellevue Gardens, and the final scene of an old city churchyard. The part of Bob Brierley was taken by Mr. Mahoney, who dis-

played considerable histrionic ability in his portrayal of the character of the hero. Mr. H. Glubb, as James Dalton, was well suited in the part, and he acted with confidence. The part of Meller Moss was filled by Mr. G. D'O, who sustained the role with great ability. Mr. J. Sinclair as Green Jones, and Mr. L. Hooker as Sam Willoughby kept the audience highly amused. The former was encored for his patter songs. Mr. A. Mulier as Hawkshaw, Mr. A. McLean as Mr. Gibson, and Mr. J. Roberts as Maltby were well suited for the positions allotted them, and they created a favorable impression. Mrs. H. Glubb, in the amusing rôle of Mrs. Willoughby, could not have been improved upon; she threw herself with great enthusiasm into her work, and showed herself a very capable actress. Miss M. McKinnon must be congratulated on her first appearance. She had a great deal of work to do, and considering that she took up the part at short notice, she acquitted herself very well. Her singing of 'Love's old sweet song' was much admired, and she was loudly encored. Miss D. McLean, as Emily St. Evremond, got through her part admirably. The minor characters were very capably sustained by Messrs. J. Roberts, E. Kiely, Jas. Markham, and Jas. McCulloch. The club's orchestra, under the baton of Mr. C. Wixcey, performed their part of the work in excellent style, and added materially to the pleasure of the evening's entertainment.

Notice to Correspondents

Owing to the special demands upon our space, we are compelled to hold over several communications.

Owing to the holidays we will have to go to press with our issue for December 27 on Christmas Eve, and therefore correspondents' letters should reach this office on the previous Saturday morning, as only brief items of news can be accepted on the morning of publication.

ST. DOMINIC'S COLLEGE, DUNEDIN

CLOSING EXERCISES

St. Joseph's parish school was crowded in every part on Tuesday night when the annual entertainment by, and distribution of prizes to the pupils of St. Dominic's College took place. Rev. Father Coffey presided, and there were also present Rev. Father O'Dwyer, S.J., Rev. Father Cleary, Rev. Father Corcoran, and Rev. Father Buckley. The exceptionally high-class programme submitted was undeniable evidence of the very superior education imparted at the college. The programme opened with a very well-played orchestral selection, 'Gipsy life' (Le Tier). This was followed by a pretty chorus, 'Sing, pretty maiden.' A pianoforte duet (three pianos), 'Neger-linz' and 'Polonaise' (Gurlitt), was splendidly played by Misses L. and A. Wallis, L. Hemus, N. Millar, R. and T. Court. Miss Bessie Lailey charmed the audience with a recitation, 'St. George.' A very fine item was the song, 'Softly awakes my heart' (Saint-Saens), by Miss Doris Dall, who sang with feeling and much expression. That the next item, a pianoforte solo, was by that talented young musician, Miss Myra Montague, is sufficient guarantee that it was an artistic performance. Another side of the educational advantages of the college was exhibited in the French scene, 'Voyage en Suisse,' in which Misses A. Ralph, D. Dall, E. Goldsmith, B. Lailey, and K. Wallis took part. A very taking item was a finely-rendered song, 'Ave Maria' (Mascagni), by Miss M. Jopp, who was ably accompanied by Misses R. Moritzon (piano), M. Paton (violin), M. Helps (harp), A. Ralph (cello). Miss Paton played exquisitely Liszt's 'Rhapsodie Hongroise,' and Miss E. Levistam Weber's 'Rondo Brillante' in a manner which gained for her the hearty applause of the audience. Miss Violet Fraser gave a finished rendering of 'April Morn,' the balance of the programme being made up of a part song, 'Strike the lyre,' and a pianoforte duo, 'Valse Carnavalesque' by Misses M. Paton and M. Montague.

At the conclusion of the concert Rev. Father Coffey, Adm., read the following report:—

We have much pleasure in handing in the report of the scholastic year which terminates this evening. Good work has been done in each department. In the literary grades, pupils have passed the senior Oxford local examinations, two securing the title of Associate in Arts, a third qualifying for the same examination but losing the letters on account of having exceeded the age limit by two months. Candidates for medical, preliminary, matriculation, and junior Civil Service ex-