

fellows in particular and the townspeople in general. Proof of this was shown by the large number of those who took part in the funeral, the cortege being quite the largest seen in the district for some time. The services at the grave were conducted by the Rev. Father Cahill, of Carterton, and Very Rev. Dean McKenna, of Masterton.—R.I.P.

Feilding

(From an occasional correspondent.)

We here would be pleased to exchange weather with Otago for a time, and would gladly accept sunshine for all the rain we are having and are likely to have for the next two months.

The health of the Rev. Father O'Meara has improved greatly. He had a delightful trip Home, and in a recent letter gives an account of a visit to Dublin. Father O'Meara expects to be back at Feilding about the middle of November.

A Triduum in accordance with the decree of our Holy Father the Pope which began on October 11, was celebrated at St. Bridget's Church, Feilding, by his Grace the Archbishop. The exceedingly wet and stormy weather of late experienced over the district prevented many from attending, although at the two Masses and Benediction on Sunday there were very large congregations. In the celebration of the Triduum his Grace was assisted by the Very Rev. Dean Binsfeld, S.M. On the opening of the Triduum his Grace preached a most eloquent and impressive discourse on the Real Presence. On Saturday evening, and at the eleven o'clock Mass on Sunday the subject brought forcibly before the people by his Grace was the great love and devotion they should have for, and the necessity of receiving often and worthily the Blessed Sacrament. The closing sermon on Sunday evening was on the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, in the course of which his Grace exhorted a faithful observance of the laws of the Church in attending Mass on Sundays. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament followed. The Sisters of St. Joseph sang the 'Te Deum' most devotionally. Unfortunately we do not often have the privilege and pleasure of listening to the sermons of our illustrious Archbishop, and those who were not present during the Triduum missed a treat, and an exceptional opportunity that may not soon occur again.

New Plymouth

(From an occasional correspondent.)

At the theory examinations, held in connection with the Trinity College of Music, London, in June last the following pupils of the Sisters of Notre Dame des Missions, Taranaki, were successful.—Senior pass—Norah Sexton, 73 (Stratford Convent). Intermediate pass—Greta Fearon, 77 (Stratford Convent). Junior honors—Hia Henderson, 93 (New Plymouth Convent); Mary Guerin, 86 (New Plymouth Convent); Ida Cameron, 80 (Stratford Convent). Junior pass—Rita Mayo, 76 (Stratford Convent); Gladys Fraser, 76 (New Plymouth Convent); Rita Sole, 68 (New Plymouth Convent). Preparatory—Brois Kelsey, 99 (New Plymouth Convent); Mary Ann Jones, 98 (New Plymouth Convent); Irene Connett, 93 (New Plymouth Convent); Ivy Martelli, 91 (Stratford Convent); Nora Malone, 90 (New Plymouth Convent); Nellie Hellier, 88 (New Plymouth Convent); Doreen Healy, 88 (New Plymouth Convent); Doris Riley, 78 (New Plymouth Convent); Doris Callaghan, 76 (Stratford Convent).

At the practical examinations conducted by the Associated Board of the Royal Academy of Music and Royal College of Music, London, the following pupils of the Sisters of Notre Dame des Missions, Taranaki, were successful.—Licentiate of the Associated Board (L.A.B.), Miss Amelia Smith (New Plymouth Convent). Local Centre.—Advanced grade—Kathleen Bennett, 105 (New Plymouth Convent); Maude Middleton, 104 (Opunake Convent). School examinations.—Lower division—Linda Ellis, 104 (New Plymouth Convent). Elementary—Aileen Quinn, 118 (New Plymouth Convent); Ida Blanchett, 110 (New Plymouth Convent); Kathleen McClelland, 110 (New Plymouth Convent); Brois Kelsey, 108 (New Plymouth Convent). Primary division—Mary Ann Jones (violin), 126 (New Plymouth Convent); Ruby Read, 117 (Opunake Convent); Vera Cantle, 113 (Opunake Convent); Dorothy Jeffries, 111 (Opunake Convent); Augusta Skelton, 104 (New Plymouth Convent). The Sisters are to be congratulated on the success of their pupils, especially as Miss A. H. Smith is the first person in Taranaki to obtain the degree of Licentiate of the Associated Board of the Royal College of Music and Royal Academy of Music (solo performer).

DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

October 21.

Pleasing intelligence has been received from Westland to the effect that the health of Rev. Father Leen is improving.

His Lordship the Bishop continued his instructive course of lectures in the Cathedral on Sunday evening, and will probably conclude the present series on next Sunday.

At Mount Magdala on last Monday evening Rev. Mother St. Aidan was installed Prioress of the institution by his Lordship the Bishop, who also presided at Solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, and on the following morning celebrated Mass in the community chapel.

Bro. E. O'Connor, J.P., having retired from the presidency of the Cathedral Conference (Society of St. Vincent de Paul) after a great number of years' faithful service, Bro. Arthur Mead has been appointed to the position, and at the weekly meeting on last Wednesday evening was installed in office by his Lordship the Bishop. His Lordship also kindly granted permission for the annual appeal for funds in connection with the Conference to be made on Sunday, November 3.

The hand of death, said his Lordship the Bishop on Sunday, has been busy of late in our midst. Last week no fewer than fifteen funerals were conducted from the Cathedral, at least two a day. Some of the deceased were well advanced in years whilst others were young, or comparatively so. The prevailing influenza epidemic, with supervening results, is apparently accountable for an extraordinary mortality among our citizens.

The social gathering, organised by the Catholics of Addington for the Sisters of the Missions in charge of the local school, proved a successful event, as well as most enjoyable to the large number who attended. The Rev. Father Peoples was present. The result of the entertainment will no doubt in a measure compensate the good Sisters for a vast amount of self-sacrificing effort and devoted service among the families and children of the district.

The following candidates presented by the Sisters of the Missions, Sacred Heart Convent, Barbadoes street, were successful in passing the practical examinations, held on last Friday by Mr. Chas. Edwards, Trinity College of Music, London:—Higher examination—Certificated pianist, Mary Gabriel O'Connor, Annie Riordan, and Madeline Brick. Senior honors—Flo. Lyford. Senior pass—Ellen Donnell, Eily Poff, and Doris Amyes. Intermediate honors—Singing, Winnie Brick; piano, Alice Rainbow. Intermediate pass—Kathleen O'Connor, Gladys Barker, and Marion Adinell. Junior pass—Isabel Green. Preparatory—Distinction, Kathy Haydn and Marjory Smith; pass, Gwendoline Wilson.

The examination in practical music was conducted by Mr. Edwards, L.T.C.L., at the Convent of Mercy, Colombo street north, on Saturday last. The following is the list of successful candidates:—Certificated pianist—Kathleen Molloy. Senior division—Annie Snowball, pianoforte (honors); Lillian Burrow, violin (honors). Intermediate division—Vera de la Cour, singing; Edith Boyd Chamberlain, pianoforte; Hannah Ryan, pianoforte; Alfred J. White, violin; Muriel Simpson, pianoforte. Junior division—Christina Cooper, pianoforte. Preparatory division—Alan Payling, Ina Pinton, May Wood, and Winifred Ward, pianoforte distinction.

In St. Mary's schoolroom, Manchester street, on last Wednesday evening a lecture entitled a 'Trip through Ireland' was given in aid of the local parish school funds by the Rev. Father Hoare, S.M. There was an excellent attendance, and the interesting remarks of the Rev. Father Hoare were listened to with the greatest attention, whilst stories of a humorous nature, with which the subject was judiciously interspersed, met with due appreciation. The lantern slides, illustrating the lecture, were shown by Mr. Crooks, and elicited favorable comment. These included views of some of the charming scenery for which Ireland is justly famous, together with historical and ecclesiastical architecture, all of which were graphically described. Father Hoare also gave an amount of instructive information regarding the history and people of Ireland. A number of the school children, trained and conducted by Mr. Corrigan, rendered some of Moore's melodies to the pianoforte accompaniment of Miss O'Brien. The Very Rev. Father Marnane and Rev. Father Ahern (Darfield) were present, and the secretarial duties were ably discharged by Mr. T. Aspell.

He who is successful can afford to smile; he that is not cannot afford to do otherwise.