

Koberstein, 119; Eileen Ellingham, 118; Kathleen Neylon, 111; May Mahoney, 106; violin, Ivy Oldberg, 106. The examiner was very pleased with the results, and the Sisters are to be congratulated on the success of their pupils. I must also congratulate the following three boys:—Master Raymond Kitchen, who was successful in the advanced grade division (violin), with 123 marks; Master William Neylon in the higher school division (violin), with 111 marks, both of whom are altar boys at St. Mary's; and Master Bernard Kitchen in the Higher school division (piano), with 127 marks.

DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

November 4.

On Tuesday the Ecclesiastical Conference of the North Canterbury deanery will be held at Lincoln.

The Rev. Father O'Connell returned from the Ashburton district last week, and is at present a victim to the prevailing influenza epidemic.

As a sequel to the course of lectures recently delivered, his Lordship the Bishop intends on next Sunday evening giving the first of a short course on the subject: 'Where is to be found true Christianity?'

There was First Communion of the children at St. Agnes' Church, Halswell, on Sunday at the Mass celebrated by the Rev. Father Peoples, who had also prepared the candidates by a three days' retreat.

There will be Confirmation at St. Mary's Church, Manchester street, on the first Sunday of Advent, and First Communion and Confirmation in the Cathedral on the feast of the Immaculate Conception, December 8.

Mr. Scarfe, a gentleman lately from England, is taking over the conductorship of the Cathedral choir. Invitations are extended to all who may desire to join with a view of considerably strengthening the choir, and raising the standard of efficiency.

There was Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Cathedral on Sunday from the eleven o'clock Mass until Vespers, followed by the usual procession and Benediction. The congregations throughout the day were largely augmented from among the numerous visitors to the city for Carnival Week.

Notable examples of generosity on the part of poor persons towards the Cathedral funds have been from time to time recorded. This week his Lordship the Bishop relates the finding of a good subscription in the box placed inside the doors of the Cathedral for the purpose, with a note attached stating it was from a poor working girl, whose only regret was her inability to clear off the entire liabilities.

The annual concert in connection with the Catholic schools of Rangiora was given in the local Institute Hall on last Friday evening. There was a very good audience, to whom for their patronage, and the performers for their assistance, the Rev. Father McManus expressed cordial thanks. Those who contributed were Misses E. Scott, Elsie Hepburn, and Kura Robinson, and Messrs. A. S. Mitchell, Vere Buchanan, C. O'Keefe and F. Wolledge, Mr. R. A. Horne being the accompanist.

At the Cathedral on Sunday the annual collection in aid of the funds of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Cathedral Conference, was made at all the Masses and at Vespers. The charity sermon was preached at the eleven o'clock Mass by his Lordship the Bishop from Isaiah, lviii, 6-9, in the course of which his Lordship impressively pointed out the individual duty of almsgiving, and made a fervent appeal on behalf of the charity dispensed through the medium of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. At Vespers the Rev. Father Peoples preached, and appealed eloquently to those blessed with this world's goods to bestow a fair proportion on their less favored brethren.

(From an occasional correspondent.)

November 2.

An oratorical competition, under the auspices of the Federated Catholic Clubs of New Zealand, was held in the club rooms on Tuesday evening before a large attendance of members. The following were the speakers and their subjects:—Messrs. D. F. Dennehy ('Robert Emmet'), H. Salmon ('Richard John Seddon'), P. McNamara ('Christopher Columbus'), W. F. Hallins ('Martin Luther'), D. Edmonds ('Daniel O'Connell'). The audience was treated to some excellent addresses, that of Mr. D. Edmonds being especially meritorious, and the judges, Messrs. J. R. Hayward and J. F. Devonport, had no difficulty in choosing the winner.

Mr. Edmonds by his success becomes entitled to a handsome diploma of merit issued by the Federation.

Preparations are well forward for a musical and dramatic entertainment to be given in the club rooms on November 14. Judging by the number of tickets sold, there should be a record house.

Ashburton

(From our own correspondent.)

November 3.

The weekly meeting of the Catholic Club was held on Tuesday evening. A pleasant time was spent in various games by the members.

Owing to the very fine weather the local tennis and cricket clubs have opened their seasons early, and both clubs have secured a very good membership.

The Ashburton branch of the Hibernian Society has now a large number of members, and is making considerable progress.

The Rev. Father McDonnell, who has been acting as assistant priest in this district for some considerable time, has decided to leave New Zealand. He intends spending a few weeks in Sydney, then proceeds to Ireland. He will be greatly missed by the parishioners, and still more by the members of the Ashburton Catholic Club, in which he had taken a very keen interest, especially in the junior members. He held the office of treasurer of the club for the past two years.

Timaru

(From our own correspondent.)

Nov. 4.

The Catholic music teachers of the district were again most successful in the Trinity College musical examinations. The following are some of the results: Senior—Z. Gillespie (Sisters of St. Joseph), M. S. O'Dowd, R. K. A. Wheeler, N. Wade, J. J. Wright, honors (Mr. D. Clarke, Fairlie), M. King, J. Mayer, honors (Mrs. Mangos). Intermediate—Grace Albert (Miss E. Dennehy), G. McArdle, B. K. McCormack (Mrs. Mangos). Junior—W. Braid (Miss E. Fitzgerald), E. M. Sargue (Sisters of St. Joseph). Preparatory—K. O'Brien, M. Segar (Miss E. Fitzgerald), M. Power (Miss E. Dennehy), J. Scott (Sisters of St. Joseph).

The bazaar in aid of the new church fund opens in the Drill Hall on Monday next. Strong committees have been working for it during the past twelve months and more, and, judging by the completeness of the arrangements, the Empire Carnival promises to be the most successful fair yet held for the same object. Signor Borzoni is assiduously training 300 young people for the attractive programmes to be provided. A daily paper called 'The Prattler' will be published in connection with the bazaar, and it is to be hoped that it will receive the support that such a venture deserves.

Messrs. Dwan Bros. Willis St., Wellington, report having made the following hotel sales:—Mr. Thos. Storey's interest in the Federal Hotel, Picton; Mr. W. A. Fuller's interest in the Seddon Hotel, Marlborough; Messrs. Adams Bros. interest in the lease, goodwill and furniture of the Club Hotel, Martinborough, Wairarapa; Mr. Peter B. Ross's interest in the lease, goodwill and furniture of the Royal Hotel, Dennistown; the lease goodwill and furniture of the Makuri Hotel; the lease goodwill and furniture of the Napier Hotel, Napier, on behalf of Mr. P. Gleeson; Mr. P. Scanlon's interest in the lease, goodwill and furniture of the Club Hotel, Carterton; Mr. F. S. Pollock's interest in the Commercial Hotel, Stratford; Mr. R. L. Paul's interest in the Globe Hotel, Renwicktown, Blenheim; Mr. P. D. Pedersen's interest in the Aohanga Hotel; Messrs. Jowsey and Lane's interest in the United Service Hotel, Christchurch; Mr. G. F. Robinson's interest in the lease, goodwill, and furniture of the White Horse Hotel, Ngahauranga; Mr. George Philip's interest in the Globe Hotel, Nelson; also the valuation of the Masonic Hotel, Dannervirke....

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