

were successful. One of the candidates, Miss M. Sullivan, gained within twelve months honors in the practical and theoretical examinations in the Senior division (Trinity College), and honors in the Advanced Grade, Local Centre (R.A.M.). She is only fourteen years of age, and has received the whole of her musical training at the convent. The following is the list:—Professional—Aileen Daly, A.T.C.L. Senior grade—May Sullivan (violin), 68. Intermediate—Mary O'Flaherty (piano), 80 (honors); Maud Rooney (piano), 77. Junior—Maggie O'Flaherty (piano), 86 (honors); Nellie O'Connor (violin), 62. Preparatory—Mary Devaney (piano), 100; Kathleen Gieseking (piano), 100; Marie Jones (piano), 96; Emma Shroder (singing), 70.

At the examination conducted by Mr. R. Cummings in connection with the Associated Board, the only pupil presented by the convent was Una Sullivan for Advanced Grade, Local Centre (piano), and she secured 136 marks, thereby gaining honors.

Results of Musical Knowledge, held in June:—Senior division—Una Sullivan, 82 (honors); May Sullivan, 74; May Moloney, 64. Intermediate—Bertha Harrop, 90 (honors); Maud Rooney, 74. Junior—Maggie O'Flaherty, 95 (honors); Myra Davis, 86 (honors); Nellie Hannam, 85 (honors); Mary Devaney, 74; Marie Jones, 65. Preparatory—Katie Mitchell, 100; Willie Jones, 99; Kathleen Gieseking, 96; Kathleen Kortegast, 95; Verdi Sargison, 95; Remenyi Sargison, 95; Eileen Rugg, 84; Willie Martini, 81; Mary Kidd, 69; Thomas Stopforth, 61.

DIocese of AUCKLAND

(From our own correspondent.)

November 22.

To-day the jubilee celebration of the Sisters of Mercy in Auckland is being celebrated at St. Mary's Convent, Ponsonby.

The Onehunga Catholic Men's Club some time ago tendered a complimentary euchre party and social to its lady friends, and last Wednesday evening the latter returned the compliment by giving a similar entertainment to the club. It was a great success, the club rooms being full. Rev. Father Mahoney was present. After the euchre party a nice supper was served. A very enjoyable evening was spent.

Rev. Father Lynch, who has been transferred from Coromandel to Kihikahi, was on the eve of his departure from the former place, entertained at a conversation, at which, an address and purse of sovereigns were presented to him. Members of other denominations attended to mark the high esteem in which they held Father Lynch. The address was read by Mr. J. B. Rockliff. Mr. T. W. Rhodes also spoke, and eulogised the good work done in the district by Father Lynch, who had endeared himself to them all, and they parted with him with the very deepest regret. The Rev. Father Lynch feelingly replied, and thanked the people for their great and constant kindness to him since he had been with them. He would never forget them. A nice musical programme was provided during the evening.

Rev. Fathers McCormack and Sullivan, of Maitland diocese, arrived here last Sunday by the 'Victoria' from Sydney. They are on a holiday tour through the Dominion. Both of them, being old Thurles College students, were delighted to find in Auckland two priests from the same seminary—Rev. Fathers Furlong and Tormey. They left yesterday for the Thames. From there they journey to Paeroa to visit the Very Rev. Dean Hackett, thence to Rotorua, and then down the Wanganui River to Wellington. Father McCormack goes to the West Coast, where his sister, Mrs. O'Rourke, and his brother, Mr. W. McCormack, reside at Grantly. They expect to be absent three months from Maitland. It is fourteen years since Father McCormack was in Auckland.

Last Friday evening the concert given in honor of the eleventh anniversary of the consecration of his Lordship the Bishop was a great success. His Lordship and a large number of the clergy were present, and a large and appreciative audience. The hall was nicely decorated. The feature of the entertainment was the singing of the orphan children. Their performance certainly ranked very high, and spoke volumes for the attention bestowed upon them by the good Sisters of Mercy. The following was the programme:—Part song, 'Oh hail us ye free,' the orphans; cello solo, Herr Blitz; song, 'Il baccio,' Madame Cassier; 'Halleluiahs' chorus ('The Messiah'), St. Patrick's Choir (conducted by Mr. P. F. Hiscocks); song, 'The swallows,' Miss Alda Ralph; solo and chorus, 'A dolly and her coach,'

the orphans; song, 'My queen,' Mr. John Fuller; part song, 'I would that my love,' the orphans; musical monologue, 'The poet,' Mr. Harry Herbert; grand scene and aria, 'Miserere' ('Il Trovatore'), Miss Annie Lorrigan, Mr. John Fuller, and St. Patrick's Choir (conductor Mr. P. F. Hiscocks, organist Mr. H. Hiscocks); solo and chorus, 'To the woods,' part song, 'Good night, farewell,' the orphans. Mrs. MacAndrew, Mrs. Ralph, and Mr. Harry Hiscocks were the accompanists. Mr. Thomas Holbrook, the energetic secretary, is deserving of commendation for the efficient manner in which he carried out his numerous duties.

NEW HEADFORD

(From our Christchurch correspondent.)

On Tuesday evening, November 19, the St. Patrick's branch of the H.A.C.B. Society, New Headford, celebrated the 25th anniversary of its opening in the schoolroom at New Headford, when there was a very large attendance, including visitors from other branches. Bro. M. F. Ryan (president) occupied the chair, and the Rev. Father O'Connell (chaplain of the Christchurch branch) and Rev. Father Mahony (Leeston) were present. An apology was received for the absence through illness of the Rev. Father Richards (chaplain of the branch). After justice had been done to the good things provided a lengthy toast list was proceeded with. That of 'The Pope and King' was proposed by the chairman.

The Rev. Father O'Connell, in an eloquent speech, proposed the toast of the 'H.A.C.B. Society,' dwelling on the good work it was doing, and making an earnest plea for more general support for it from Catholic men, especially the young men.

Bros. Doolan, Dennehy, and Power (Christchurch) replied in appropriate speeches.

Bro. Sellars (Christchurch) proposed 'The New Headford branch,' which he said had a very creditable record, and then gave some interesting particulars regarding the early history of the Society in the Dominion. He informed the gathering that he had been appointed District Deputy for Canterbury, an announcement which was received with applause. The New Headford branch had been most fortunate, he said, in having at all times competent and energetic officers, and, in passing, he mentioned the assistance given to the branch since its foundation by the Ryan family—five members of which were present on that occasion.

Bro. M. F. Ryan, in replying, said the branch was formed on Sunday, November 19, 1882, with a membership of 21. The speaker and Bro. Lloyd were the only original members who were living. Bro. Lloyd had journeyed from Kaiapoi to be present at the gathering. The present membership of the branch was 30, and they had paid away in sick pay during the quarter of a century upwards of £357. The funds on hand and invested amounted to £276 odd.

Bro. McVeigh gave an interesting history of the branch and its members, and eulogised the tact and ability of the president.

Bro. Doherty proposed 'Our Chaplains,' and spoke at some length of the good work done by them.

The Rev. Father Mahony (Leeston), suitably replied. 'The visiting brethren' was proposed by the president, and responded to by Bro. N. Slattery (Leeston); 'The oldest members' by Bro. McVeigh, and responded so by Bros. Lloyd and Ryan. Both of these members gave some very interesting reminiscences of the founding of the branch and of its early days.

A very pleasant evening was brought to a close by the singing of 'Auld lang syne.' During the evening songs were given by the Rev. Fathers Mahony and O'Connell, and Bros. Dennehy, J. Ryan, Healy (Ashburton), Mr. Wilson, and others.

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