

secretary, Mr. James Fitzgibbon, owing to pressure of other duties, has been filled by the appointment of Mr. R. H. Williams.

On Thursday evening the pupils of the convent school, South Wellington, gave a delightful entertainment in St. Thomas's Hall in aid of the funds for the painting of the convent. Among the large audience present were the Ven. Archdeacon Devoy, S.M., and Rev. Fathers Herbert and Herring. The performance was in every respect creditable to both the good Sisters and the pupils. The following items were contributed:—Part I.: Chorus, school children; song, Miss Fanny Hickey; recitation, Master Andray Noble-Campbell; duet, Misses Mabel Outtrim and Fanny Hickey; song, Miss Marie Fix; song, Miss Elsie Strickland; drill (dumb-bells), boys; chorus, boys. Part II.: Chorus, school children; song, Miss Mary Gamble; song, Miss Mabel Outtrim; drill (clubs), senior pupils; song, Miss Elsie Strickland; medley (historical), V. Haydon, F. Sullivan, J. McEnirney, E. Beveridge.

In connection with the proposal that school children should be provided with books at the cost of the State, it is observed that several candidates for Parliamentary honors have been asked whether they are in favor of the privilege being extended to pupils of Catholic schools. In view of the fact that our schools are free, and depend for support upon voluntary contributions, it is only fair and just that if the State is to provide free books that our schools should receive attention in this respect. Catholics would do well to bear this in mind at the coming elections. A little pressure would no doubt result in other candidates following suit.

Perhaps one of the most encouraging signs of the times, as far as Catholic education is concerned, is the large number of pupils from our secondary institutions attending the university, and there achieving splendid results. The recent results of the annual examinations at Victoria College once more demonstrate the solid grounding furnished by our institutions. Catholic students are again to the forefront. Many of them are ex-pupils of St. Patrick's College. The Fathers Gondringer and Gilbert, of St. Patrick's College staff, were particularly successful. The Rev. Father Gondringer secured a first class in Senior French, Senior German (with a certificate of proficiency in German pronunciation), Senior Mental Science, and Senior Latin. The Rev. Father Gilbert secured a first class in Senior English and Latin (repeated).

The results of the examination recently conducted here by the examiner to the Associated Board of the Royal Academy and Royal College of Music, London, are to hand. The following successes were achieved by our convent pupils. Successes in singing are marked with an S:—Performers' Certificate (possible marks 200)—R. Rabone (S), 173; F. Morrison (S), 168; V. Lamacroft (S), 166.

Local Centre Examinations.—Advanced grade, honors, possible marks 150, honors 130, pass 100)—M. Storey (S), 138. Advanced grade.—Pass—M. McEnroe, 127; J. Greig, 125; G. Blacklock, 124; L. Bridge, 119; N. Green, 116. Intermediate Grade.—Honors—T. McEnroe (S), 136; G. Gibbs, 130. Intermediate Grade.—Pass—M. Outtrim, 123; M. Blake, 120; C. Greenfield, 120; I. Bunny, 117; I. Ross, 117; N. McGrath, 106.

School Examinations (full marks 150, distinction 130, pass 100).—Higher Division, distinction—E. Draper, 130. Higher division.—Pass—D. Flewellyn, 121; R. Bunny, 119; K. Franklyn, 117; A. Draper, 115; H. Rollo (Otaki), 106; L. Sullivan, 103; T. Mahoney, 101; K. McGrath, 101; M. Mahoney, 100. Lower Division.—P. Miller, 126; K. Madden, 120; K. O'Donnell, 118; M. Curran, 110; G. McGrath, 110; A. Hannan (Otaki), 109. K. Best (Otaki), 106; M. Gallagher, 105. Elementary Division.—Distinction—M. Bolton, 131; J. Waddell, 131. Elementary Division.—Pass—R. Simpson, 127; I. Fama, 125; P. Connolly, 123; M. Wildsmith, 118; D. Hunter, 113; B. Hunter, 112; K. McManus, 111; O. Arthur, 103. Primary Division, distinction—E. Black, 130. Elementary Division, pass—F. Gascoigne, 126; W. O'Sullivan, 124; L. Corrigan, 122; N. Devlin, 122; M. McMurrish, 121; L. Riddell, 120; T. Haywood, 113.

(From an Occasional Correspondent.)

October 31.

The annual devotions for the faithful departed are to take place in the Catholic cemetery, Petone, on Sunday afternoon, November 1, and will be continued throughout the month.

At the annual meeting of the Society for the Protection of Women and Children, held on Tuesday, the 27th, Rev. Mother Mary Joseph Aubert took the opportunity to urge upon those

present the necessity of establishing some home for epileptic children. Every week, she said, she was asked to take in some child epileptic, and this was impossible; nor was it fitting that they should be sent to mental hospitals. The Rev. Mother was elected on the committee of the Society.

The late Lord Petre, who died in June, was the son of the twelfth baron, after whom (as a director of the New Zealand Company) Wanganui was first named Petre. Some of the Petre family were early residents of Port Nicholson, and Thorndon was named after the baronial seat at Brentwood (Thorndon Hall).

The Wellington Catholic Club held their final progressive euchre party for the year on October 22 in the club rooms, when there were about 50 members and their friends present. The prize winners were Miss O'Flaherty and Mr. Cotterill.

## DIocese of Christchurch

(From our own correspondent.)

November 2.

His Lordship the Bishop returned to Canterbury from Westland at the end of the week, and on Sunday made an episcopal visitation at Darfield. During the week his Lordship is expected in Christchurch, and on Sunday next visits Lincoln.

Under the presidency of the Very Rev. Father Price, Adm., the Catholic excursion committee have for some time been meeting regularly, and all details for the outing during the Christmas holidays are well advanced.

At the recent practical music examinations in connection with the Trinity College, London, the four candidates presented by the Sisters of Mercy, Lyttelton, were successful:—Senior (piano), Florence Henaghan, 69; Intermediate (piano), Gabrielle McEvedy, 74; Junior (piano), Sylvia Le Lievre, 69; Preparatory (distinction), Mary Kotlowski, 89.

On Thursday morning Mr. Mark Hambourg, the famous pianist, visited the Sacred Heart Convent and afforded the Sisters of the Mission and their high school pupils an opportunity of listening to a delightful recital in the convent schoolroom. Mr. and Mrs. Hambourg were received by the Rev. Mother Provincial and Rev. Mother Prioress and Very Rev. Father Price, Adm. On taking her seat Mrs. Hambourg was approached by one of the little girls and presented with a beautiful bouquet. Several of the Sisters of Mercy and Sisters of Nazareth also availed themselves of the kindness extended of hearing the great artist. Mr. Hambourg played the first and last movements of the 'Moonlight Sonata' magnificently, and also gave Chopin's 'Ballade' and the magnificent transcription by Liszt of Mendelssohn's 'Wedding March.' At the close the Very Rev. Father Price expressed to Mr. Hambourg the heartfelt thanks of the community for the treat he had so generously afforded them. They were debarred from hearing the great artists of the world who visited Christchurch, and therefore such a splendid performance as they had heard would remain as a pleasant memory to them for all time. To the children of the school it was an object lesson of the highest possible nature. Mr. Hambourg in place of replying verbally played a 'Berceuse' by Chopin. At the conclusion of the recital Mr. J. M. Campbell, a talented comedian now on tour, delighted the audience with a few of his best stories, given in a style all his own, which have made him not alone popular but eminent in the profession. After the recital given in the convent on Thursday, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Hambourg were entertained to lunch by the Very Rev. Father Price, together with a party consisting of the Rev. Fathers Cooney, Richards, O'Hara, and Rev. Dr. Kennedy, Mrs. Lance, Mrs. Jones, Mr. F. Tait, Mr. J. M. Campbell, Mr. Baeyerz, Mr. R. A. Horne, and Mr. G. R. Hart.

## DIocese of Auckland

(By Telegraph from our own correspondent.)

November 2.

A sad sudden death occurred at the Sacred Heart Church on Sunday morning, when Mr. D. G. MacDonnell, who for years has been a prominent figure in Church and business circles in Auckland and Thames, passed away. He was born in Limerick, educated in Dublin, and studied for the law. He was a cultured gentleman, and it was always a pleasure to converse with him. He was a staunch Catholic and a sterling Irishman, and his place will be difficult to fill. His purse was always open to all good works, and his sterling worth it would be difficult to appraise. He leaves a widow to mourn her loss.—R.I.P.

Rev. Father Tigar, O.P., who has been in charge of Thames during Monsignor O'Reilly's illness, left on last Saturday for