

Inglewood

The convent school (says the *Inglewood Record* of November 6) was examined on October 26, when a most satisfactory result was shown, and the inspector's remarks thereon were distinctly complimentary, and cannot be other than highly satisfactory to the Sisters in charge, whose good methods of careful training and efficiency of organisation receive very satisfactory reference in the report. Of the compulsory subjects, the inspector says: 'Reading, very satisfactory; composition, essay good, formal composition fair; writing, carefully taught; spelling, good; recitation, very satisfactory; arithmetic, good; drawing, good; physical instruction, very satisfactory; geography, good in Standard VI., fair in other Standards; history, weak.' The 'additional' subjects are: 'Satisfactory,' 'fair,' and 'good'; and of the 'P' classes, which are under the charge of Sister M. St. Mildred, the inspector says: 'These classes passed a very satisfactory examination; the order and discipline of the school is very good; efficiency of the school very satisfactory.' The details are: P1, 11 boys and 2 girls; P2, 7 boys and 11 girls; P3, 11 boys and 11 girls. In Standard VI. (writes a correspondent) out of eight pupils six gained certificates of proficiency and two obtained competency certificates. In referring to the work in the different Standards the inspector says: 'The work in these classes has been treated in a careful and intelligent manner. Standards I. to III.—The results of the examination in these classes show that the teacher has been painstaking and thorough in her work. P Classes—Very satisfactory work has been done in these classes. The teacher has evidently used good methods in the treatment of the subjects taught.' Such commendation must be gratifying alike to the Sisters and parents whose children are privileged to attend a school where great care and good organisation result in such successes.

Nelson

(From an Occasional Correspondent.)

The practical examinations in music by the representative of the Royal Academy of Music and the Royal College of Music were held at the convent on November 2. The following is the list of successful candidates:—Advanced Grade (piano)—Misses Frank and Moule. Higher division (piano)—Misses McDonnell and Shields. Lower division (piano)—Misses Adams, Johnston, and Scott. Elementary division (piano)—Misses Hayes and C. Scott. Primary division (piano)—Misses Hood, McGrath, Blick, and Bird. Rudiments, Local Centre—Miss Moule.

On Saturday last the remains of the late Mr. James Armstrong, sen., were laid to rest in the new cemetery, Nelson. Born in penal times (1820) in Ireland, he emigrated, while still very young, to Yorkshire, and there married. In 1852 he landed in Nelson with his wife and young family. He was for many years engaged in survey work in New Zealand. In religion he maintained his holy faith against all-comers. He was an assiduous reader of controversial works, and a constant and ardent admirer of the *Tablet*. Woe betide the luckless tyro who dared attack his faith! Armed with chapter and verse of Scripture, day and date for all his opinions, he was more than a match for any opponent. At length, crowned with years, at the advanced age of 88, fortified by the rites of Holy Church, his last moments vocal with prayers and ejaculations, he slept his last sleep in the presence of all the members of his family. The Rev. Father Clancy made feeling reference at all the services on Sunday to the loss of such a staunch and exemplary member of the Church. —R.I.P.

DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From an occasional correspondent.)

The Very Rev. Father Price, Administrator of the Cathedral parish, has made many necessary improvements since his appointment. That which most needed his attention was the Bishop's residence, on which nothing had been spent since his Lordship's arrival, twenty-two years ago. Father Price considered it unworthy of the name, 'episcopal residence,' and so had it enlarged considerably, renovated throughout, and refurnished. Now it is complete, and well worthy of its name. This has cost a large sum of money, and a meeting was held in the Brothers' school on Sunday, the 15th inst., to devise the means of raising the balance due on the building, which is considerably over £1000.

His Lordship Bishop Grimes presided, and after eulogising the work done, called upon the Administrator to address the meeting. Father Price then explained what had taken place up to the present, and suggested holding a bazaar next Easter to extinguish the debt.

The meeting was entirely in sympathy with Father Price's suggestions, and resolved that a bazaar be held during Easter time, and that the meeting form itself into a committee to assist in carrying out the same. Father Price was elected manager and treasurer, and Mr. E. O'Connor hon. secretary. An executive, consisting of Messrs. P. Burke, J. Power, T. Cahill, Darby, J. J. Wilson, and E. O'Connor (with power to add), was elected to assist the Administrator. Father Price announced that he would call a meeting of ladies as early as possible, with a view to discussing bazaar details. He also thanked those present for their attendance, and, after passing a vote of thanks to his Lordship for presiding, the meeting closed.

Waimate

His Excellency the Governor, whilst in Waimate last week, paid a visit to St. Patrick's School. His Excellency (says the *Waimate Times*) inspected the new church, now in course of erection, while on his way to the school. He was received by Fathers Aubry and Tymons, and Mr. L. Toohers was also present. On entering the school, Miss Maggie Ferriter read and presented the following address:—

'May it please your Excellency,—The pupils of St. Patrick's School have much pleasure in extending to you a hearty welcome on the occasion of your first visit to Waimate. We welcome you as the worthy representative of our King Edward VII., and to him through you we gladly offer our sincere loyalty. We hail you as a noble scion of a distinguished Irish family which has given many illustrious names to Church and State. We welcome you as a kind gentleman, our hearts go to you, remembering the keen interest you display in the youth of New Zealand, and we shall endeavor to become more and more worthy of your kind appreciation.'

His Excellency thanked the children for their very nice address. He assured them that he was very glad of the opportunity of seeing their school. It was his duty as representative of the King to see all parts of the Dominion, but no place more so than where the boys and girls were assembled, for he remembered that in a comparatively short time they would be doing the duties of their seniors were now doing, and much of the future welfare of their country depended on them. They would make it or mar it. Much depended on them and their influence. In their case there was a special reason why they should make use of their opportunities. At the State schools the education was free, but their Church thought they should have schools of their own, and at great sacrifice their parents provided for them. They should, therefore, work heartily, and learn all they could while they had the opportunity. He came from the same country as very many of their parents had come, and he had a warm heart for them. Let them honor and serve the Empire and give it first place, and then their own New Zealand, but never forget to keep a warm spot in their hearts for Old Ireland.

The children then sang in very good style 'Let Erin Remember.' The children were then given a half-holiday at the request of his Excellency.

This concluded the proceedings, and at the invitation of Father Aubry his Excellency was escorted to the presbytery and partook of light refreshments. The party then drove to the railway station, in time for the midday express, the school cadets giving a farewell cheer as the train, with his Excellency aboard, moved off.

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