

successful in the higher examinations for Australasia:—Associate (singing)—Violet Lamacroft. Art of teaching: Passes—Mary Clachan, Doris Haywood, Violet May Moore, Mrs. J. M. Emerson. These candidates, besides securing certificates in the art of teaching, as published, passed with honors at the practical examinations conducted here last month by Mr. Henry Saint-George, and this ranks them as licentiates, though the official notification from London will not arrive for some time.

The first of the series of monthly socials in connection with St. Joseph's Christian Doctrine Society, Te Aro, was held on Thursday evening, 19th inst., at the Catholic Club rooms. Mr. E. Reichel opened the entertainment by exhibiting a good selection of lantern views, after which a musical programme was gone through, to which Misses Boyce, Cashman, Hyde, and Perry and Mr. B. Leydon contributed. Recitations were given by Messrs. McKenzie and McCusker. The society intends holding similar social evenings on the first Thursday of each month, and the Catholic Club has kindly consented to allow them the use of the club rooms for the occasion.

In the various Catholic churches on Sunday (says the *Post*) brief notices were read urging the electors to record their votes on Tuesday. The suggestion has been made that the notice was intended as a means of influencing Catholic electors to vote in a certain direction. The authorities of the Church distinctly deny that there was any such intention. 'In fact,' said the Very Rev. Dean Regnault, Provincial of the Marist Order, 'I believe that our people are the freest of all in that respect. I do not recollect any case in which the priests directed the people to vote for a certain man.' Dean Regnault went on to say that he read out the notice in the usual way at St. Mary of the Angels, Boulcott street, and spoke on it to this effect. He was given to understand, he said, that close on ten thousand electors in Wellington had not exercised their vote on Tuesday last, and therefore had not fulfilled their duties as citizens. He would not be at all surprised if an undue proportion of Catholics were among that number. They all owed a duty to the State on this occasion, and that was to record their votes when they had the privilege of doing so. In recording their votes they should sink any personal motives or personal considerations and vote always on broad principles. They ought to ask themselves, who is the most likely to promote the welfare, happiness, and prosperity of the country, and give their vote to that man, no matter what their personal feelings might be. In France some forty or fifty years ago a great many of the electors showed so much apathy at election time that in constituencies of 60,000 and 70,000 electors, not more than 20,000 recorded their votes. The result was that that apathy went on increasing, with the result that in the end only those representing a very small minority of the population held the reins of government.

Palmerston North

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

November 22.

The devotion of the Forty Hours' Adoration will begin in St. Patrick's Church on Sunday next.

In the recent musical examinations, conducted by Mr. Henry Saint-George, Misses Evelyn Rawlins and Ivy Graham, of this town, passed in the art of teaching. This entitles them to the degree of licentiate (pianoforte). These young ladies were the pupils of the local Convent of Mercy.

Taihape

(From an Occasional Correspondent.)

The Catholics of Taihape are busy preparing for a bazaar to be held in February of next year, in aid of the Presbytery debt extinction fund.

The Rev. Father O'Connell has returned to Wellington, after his missionary labors along the Main Trunk line. He gave very successful missions in Taihape, Mangaweka, Ohingaiti, Utiku, Mataroa, Raetihi, Ohakune, and Raurimu.

The devotion of the Forty Hours' Adoration began at Mary's Church, Taihape, on Sunday, November 15, and ended on Tuesday morning with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. On Sunday Mass at 11 o'clock was celebrated by Rev. Father O'Connell, S.M. Masses were celebrated on Monday and Tuesday at 6.30 and 8 o'clock respectively, large congregations attending; and also at the evening devotions. The Rev. Father O'Connell, S.M., preached on Sunday morning and evening, and also on Monday evening. In the course of his sermon on

Sunday morning the Rev. Father quoted from the message of the Holy Father to the members of the Eucharistic Congress, recently assembled in London. All Catholics were not privileged, he said, to join in that great celebration, but all could look upon the message of our Holy Father as a personal message urging Catholics to loyalty and love towards Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. The Forty Hours' Adoration might be looked upon as a small Eucharistic Congress in every parish in which it was held. Father O'Connell paid a tribute of praise to the members of the local branch of the Hibernian Society, who, wearing their regalia, kept up continual adoration. Large numbers received Holy Communion, and the devotion, held for the first time in Taihape, has been a source of great good to the parish, and of much consolation to the good Rev. Father Lacroix, S.M., our parish priest. The altar was beautifully decorated by Misses McLaughlan and Thurston, and the choir, under Mr. Allen Vickers, rendered the music of the Mass in an admirable manner.

DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

November 23.

His Lordship the Bishop left for Wellington towards the end of last week to assist in the opening and dedication of the Church of the Redemptorist Fathers.

On next Sunday evening it is the intention of his Lordship the Bishop to commence in the Cathedral a course of Advent sermons on the subject, 'Where is the Church of our forefathers?'

The Very Rev. Father Price, Adm., of the Cathedral, desires it to be known that on every alternate Sunday during the summer months there will be Mass at Sumner at 8.30 and 11 o'clock in rotation. Thus, on Sunday next the hour for the celebration of Mass will be half-past 8.

At 3 o'clock on next Sunday, in the boys' schoolroom, the ladies of the Cathedral parish are invited to assemble at a meeting, convened by the Very Rev. Father Price, Adm., to assist in promoting the carnival decided upon for the purpose of liquidating the liabilities incurred in extending and improving the episcopal residence.

The Convent School, Akaroa (Sisters of Mercy), was examined on October 23 by Mr. T. S. Foster, Government inspector, and the report just now to hand is very gratifying. In the detailed report the inspector expresses himself quite satisfied with the efficiency, order, tone, and discipline of the school. He mentions that a very creditable knowledge of subjects was displayed, that the paper work submitted was neatly written and arranged in an orderly manner, and that the children gave evidence of careful training in good habits. Two pupils were presented for Standard VI., and both gained certificates of proficiency.

The devotion of the Forty Hours' Adoration was commenced at St. Mary's Church, Christchurch North, on last Sunday week, and terminated on the following Tuesday. There was Solemn High Mass at 11 o'clock on the Sunday. The Rev. Father Hoare, S.M., was celebrant, Rev. Father Moloney, S.M., deacon, and Very Rev. Dean Ginaty, S.M., V.G., subdeacon. The Rev. Dr. Kennedy (Cathedral) preached at Vespers. There was a Missa Cantata on Monday, the Rev. Father Hoare being celebrant, and at the evening devotions the Rev. Father Lee, M.S.H. (Lincoln), was preacher. On Tuesday morning there was Solemn High Mass, the celebrant being Rev. Father Lee, M.S.H.; deacon, Rev. Father Moloney, S.M.; subdeacon, Rev. Father Hoare, S.M. The faithful attended in large numbers at the various services and during the time of adoration.

Kaikoura

(From an occasional correspondent.)

Mr. J. A. Scott, of the *Tablet*, paid us a welcome visit a few weeks ago on his canvassing tour. He made friends at first sight, and was remarkably successful in his mission. He got many subscribers and established himself in the goodwill of all with whom he had contact. He will be always most welcome to Kaikoura.

We have recently had the celebration of the Forty Hours' Adoration at Kaikoura. The picturesque church grounds and the beautiful weather on the occasion lent themselves admirably to an open-air procession, the finest witnessed for some years at the Sacred Heart Church. The celebrations commenced on