

Sub-Civil Service.—Aggregate merit: J. Coleman, P. Meehan, L. Buxton. Christian doctrine: W. Sullivan, J. Coleman, F. Gleeson. Geography: P. Meehan, L. Grimstone, L. Buxton. Arithmetic: J. Coleman, P. Cooney, L. Buxton. Chemistry: J. Coleman, L. Buxton, A. Smith. Algebra: P. Meehan, J. Coleman, R. Scott. English: J. Coleman, P. Meehan, L. Buxton. Latin: F. Gleeson, R. McVeagh, L. Buxton. French: J. Coleman, F. Gleeson, P. Cooney. Geometry: J. Coleman, L. Buxton, P. Meehan.

Elocution Competition (prizes presented by Mr. J. F. Montague).—Senior: L. Grimstone, H. Quinn. Junior: D. Ferguson, M. Bartley, G. Bryant.

Sixth Standard.—Aggregate merit: A. Snedden, A. Gibbons, P. Keeney. Christian doctrine: A. Snedden, P. Keeney, A. Gibbons. English: P. Keeney, A. Snedden, S. Hanlon. Writing: S. Dunn, S. Hanlon, M. Bartley. Arithmetic: A. Moverley, A. Snedden, A. Gibbons. Drawing: M. Bartley, P. Keeney, S. Dunn. Home exercise: A. Snedden, S. Dunn, A. Gibbons. Geography: A. Snedden, A. Gibbons, P. Keeney. Latin: A. Snedden, M. Bartley, A. Moverley. Book-keeping: P. Keeney, A. Gibbons, S. Hanlon.

Fifth Standard.—Aggregate merit: H. Taylor, D. Ferguson, H. Corrigan. Christian doctrine: H. Corrigan, H. Taylor, D. Ferguson. English: G. Bryant, D. Ferguson, W. Duff. Reading: G. Bryant, H. Taylor, D. Ferguson. Writing: A. Bourke, H. Taylor, R. Watson. Arithmetic: F. Bourke, G. Bryant, A. Bourke. Geography: H. Taylor, G. Bryant, H. Corrigan. Drawing: R. Watson, F. Bourke, D. Ferguson. Home exercises: H. Taylor, G. Bryant, A. Bourke. Application: L. Maloney.

Fourth Standard.—Aggregate: S. Quinn, T. Quinn, H. O'Connor. Religion: S. Quinn, H. O'Connor, E. Penwarden. English: T. Quinn, S. Quinn, H. O'Connor. Reading: J. Keeney, H. O'Connor, A. Pagni. Writing: E. Penwarden, T. Quinn, S. Quinn. Arithmetic: Vere Hunt, S. Quinn, T. Quinn. Geography: H. O'Connor, J. Keeney, S. Quinn. Home work: T. Quinn, S. Quinn, E. Penwarden. Orthography: J. Robinson, T. Quinn, J. Keeney. English essay: A. Dibley, H. O'Connor, T. Quinn.

Third Standard.—Aggregate: J. Ralph, F. Lowry, W. Robinson. Religion: F. Lowry, W. Robinson, J. Ralph. Arithmetic: J. Ralph, F. Lowry, W. Robinson. Reading: W. Robinson, J. Ralph, R. Twomey. Orthography: J. Ralph, W. Robinson, F. Lowry. Writing: J. Ralph, R. Twomey, L. Cullen. English essay: J. Ralph, R. Twomey, F. Lowry. English: J. Ralph, L. Cullen, R. Twomey. Home work: J. Ralph, L. Cullen. Geography: J. Ralph, R. Twomey, W. Robinson. Junior class: N. Dean, H. Hunt, L. Hunt, H. Dibley, D. I. Wanga (prize for arithmetic).

The attention of our readers is directed to an advertisement in this issue relating to that prosperous institution, the New Zealand Farmers' Co-operative Association, Ltd., of Christchurch, which is now regarded as the largest of its kind in the Dominion. Whilst its operations are mainly confined to the Canterbury district, it is represented in every centre throughout the Dominion and Australia, and also has a well-organised branch in London, where special care is given to consignments of wool, mutton, tallow, etc., shipped Home on behalf of shareholders and others. As will be seen by the advertisement, branches have been established at the following centres: Ashburton, Rangiora, Hawarden, and East Oxford, as well as agents at Leeston, Darfield, Little River, Akaroa, and Methven. Whilst the association gives a special bonus to its shareholders on purchases made during the year, it also endeavors to keep the ruling prices down to the lowest possible payable basis.

Reference is also made in the advertisement to the stock department, which is in a flourishing condition, and this is mainly due to the special rebate made to farmers selling stock through the association, which amounted in the past years to 25 per cent. of the commissions charged. This is equal to 5s in the £, which is undoubtedly a liberal allowance. The recent wool catalogue of the association for the second sale was a record one, and it is proof positive of the increasing support extended to the association by the farmers of Canterbury. The land department recently inaugurated is also making rapid progress, and every means is being adopted to effect a ready sale of all properties placed in the association's hands for disposal. There are numerous other departments, but an inspection of the head stores or the branches will give an indication of what the association is doing in the interests of farmers....

Messrs. Louis Gille and Co., of Melbourne and Sydney, have just received the *Catholic Home Annual* for 1909, which contains a great deal of useful information and a number of articles and stories suitable for family reading....

Take a half-holiday. Do not work on wash day. Lily Washing Tablets will do your washing in one-third the usual time. No rubbing, no drudgery; washing just a PLEASURE. Housewives of many years' standing emphatically endorse these

Domestic

By MAUREEN

Diet Value of the Lemon.

It is not generally known that lemon juice, taken in proper quantities, is a most excellent tonic. The juice of half a lemon taken in a tumbler of cold water, a half hour before breakfast every day will stimulate the liver and digestive organs, causing an increase in the appetite and making the skin fresh and clear. If the majority of women could be made to realise that their dull, colorless complexions generally are the results of the inactivity of their digestive organisms, there would be less use for objectionable cosmetics that never, in the slightest degree, resemble nature.

Hiccough Easily Stopped.

This is a most distressing and obstinate complaint for those in whom it occurs. We do not refer, of course, to the hiccough attendant upon great prostration of the system, but to those instances (very frequent indeed) of a simple spasmodic condition of stomach and esophagus, which assails the individual without any other symptom of disease, and in the treatment of which anti-spasmodics prove inert. Relief can be obtained by directing the patient to hold the arms straight above the head and to keep inspiring as long as is feasible, so as to retain the air in the lungs for as long a period as possible.

Deafness from Bathing.

'When the warm weather heats your blood and you long to lie to the cooling seaside and plunge boldly into the briny, pause, hesitate, consider,' says an eminent nose and ear specialist. 'Observe the numbers of bathers who during the season evince a sudden deafness, which often lingers for weeks at a time and sometimes becomes a permanent trouble. To avoid this, do two things. Remember the ancient instruction to wet the top of the head first, and never allow any cold water to percolate to the drum of the ear. Many people do not know that the sudden application of cold to the back of the ear will cause the delicate mechanism to expand sharply under the rush of blood to escape. This is always followed by partial deafness, which sometimes becomes a serious matter. Another thing to watch is the shampoo. The same danger lies here if the hairdresser is either unskilled or careless. In rinsing the hair the spray should first be applied to the top of the head and gradually brought down to the nape of the neck, thus obviating the trouble.'

Home Hints.

A glass of hot water at night, and cold water in the morning, will often cure biliousness.

A small quantity of oatmeal porridge taken at bedtime is the best of all remedies for sleeplessness.

If pots of mignonette are placed about a sick room flies will not remain, as they dislike the perfume.

If furs or apparel be enclosed in a box with a little oil of turpentine, they will remain free from the larvae of moths.

When lamp-wicks are a trifle large for the tube, and will not wind up and down easily, draw two or three threads from one side.

Use soapy water when making starch. The clothes will have a more glossy appearance, and the irons be less likely to stick.

To restore artificial flowers, hold them over the steam of boiling water for a few minutes, and they will be completely renovated.

Silk should not be packed away in white paper, as the chemicals used in bleaching the paper destroy the color of some silks. Blue paper is best.

The best preventive against moths is camphor broken into small pieces and placed in drawers. Pepper will also keep moths away from the fur.

Violin string is an excellent substitute for threading, pearl or other beads on, as it seldom snaps, which is often the case when cotton or thread is used.

One teaspoonful of common salt and half a tumbler of water, to gargle the throat every morning, is most beneficial, and also prevents sore throat with a cold.

Maureen

Messrs. Whitaker Bros., Wellington and Greymouth, have just received a supply of new books, a list of which will be found on page 20 of this issue....

LILY WASHING TABLETS

statements. Total cost of wash for family of ten, twopence.—L. HARRISON, Manufacturer, 184 Kilmore street, Christchurch,