

The following are the successes of the pupils of the Christian Brothers' School at the recent University and Civil Service examinations:—Matriculation and Solicitor's General Knowledge—Patrick John Collins, Edward B. M. Walmsley, George Douglas Wakelin. Junior Civil Service—Passed with credit, E. B. M. Walmsley, George Douglas Wakelin. Passed—James Patrick Monaghan, Patrick John Collins, James Fogarty, John Moroney, Thomas Fitzgerald. Master E. B. M. Walmsley comes 12th on a list of 896 candidates who were successful in passing the examination. This is very creditable when we consider that Master E. B. M. Walmsley was just the prescribed age, and that the examination is competitive and open to all between 15 and 21 years of age.

On Thursday of last week, at the invitation of his Lordship the Bishop, about 70 children of St. Vincent's Orphanage, South Dunedin, were conveyed in drags to Holy Cross College, Mosgiel. The day was an ideal one for an outing, and the merry little picnickers, who eagerly look forward to this annual treat so kindly provided for them by his Lordship, spent a most enjoyable time. On Friday, through the kindness of Messrs. J. F. M. Fraser and Stark, of the Otago Motor Association, the children of the Orphanage enjoyed a treat which was a complete departure from the ordinary style of picnics, namely a motor excursion to Portobello. The weather was not all that could be desired, but owing to the excellence of the arrangements, little or no inconvenience was caused by the rain which fell at intervals. The children journeyed by tram to Rattray street, where motor cars were in readiness. Rev. Father Coffey, Adm., accompanied the excursionists. On arriving at Portobello the party adjourned to the school, where refreshments were dispensed, after which they returned to St. Vincent's thoroughly delighted with their novel outing. Messrs. Fraser and Stark not only provided the motors and tram tickets, but also sent a liberal supply of sweets to the school for the children.

The half-yearly meeting of the Dunedin branch of the Hibernian Society was well attended, when the following officers were installed for the ensuing term, past president Bro. W. Butler acting as installing officer:—President, Bro. J. Saunders (re-elected); vice-president, Bro. W. Duggan (re-elected); secretary, Bro. J. O'Connor (re-elected); treasurer, Bro. J. Casey (re-elected); warden, Bro. C. Flannery; guardian, Bro. G. A. Sutherland; sick visitors, Bros. Jas. Deehan, Thos. Boyle, and Wm. Dunford (re-elected). The balance sheet for the quarter was read and adopted. Auditor Bro. D. S. Columb spoke in complimentary terms of the satisfactory state of the balance sheet. He said that there was a considerable reduction in the sick pay as compared with the previous quarter, and expressed the hope that the reduction would still further continue both for the sake of the branch and the members themselves. To show the amount of good the branch is doing in Dunedin and suburbs it is only necessary to mention a few items. The money paid for sick pay to members during the year 1908 was £393 11s 8d, and the amount paid for medical attendance and medicine for the same period was £254 3s 6d, or a total of £647 15s 2d. The number of members on the roll at the end of the year was 281, and, considering the number of Catholic young men in the district, there should be no difficulty in bringing the total up to 400 during the present year. It is to be regretted that Bro. D. S. Columb has been compelled to resign his position as auditor owing to his removal to Wellington. Bro. Columb was an able, efficient, and painstaking auditor, always going thoroughly into the various branch accounts, and leaving nothing undone. It is satisfactory to know that there are two able aspirants for the office, Bros. J. S. Columb and D. J. Corcoran. The election takes place on February 9.

PRESENTATION TO DEAN CAREW, GREYMOUTH

A very large audience assembled in the Town Hall, Greymouth, on Friday evening of last week, when the Catholics of the town and district presented the Very Rev. Dean Carew with an illuminated address and purse of 100-sovereigns in token of his devoted ministrations during the past twenty-five years. It was probably the most successful function of the kind ever held on the West Coast. To say the least, it was demonstrative and representative to a degree, and it passed off without a hitch of any sort (says the *Greymouth Evening Star*).

The proceedings opened with a concert, all the items of which were of a high-class character, and were voluntarily rendered by members of all the various congregations in town. The programme was contributed by the following:—Misses Kemple, Weber, E. Hannan, Kathleen Hannan, Mrs. O'Halloran, Messrs. F. McCarthy, J. E. Allen, G. T.

Moss, W. B. Cadzow, J. Berti, O. Egden, and Master E. Moss.

At the interval his Worship the Mayor (Mr. T. Eldon Coates) took the chair, being supported on his right by the guest of the evening, the Rev. Father O'Connell, Rev. Dr. Kennedy, Rev. Father Taylor, Rev. Father Goodman (Ahaura), the Hon. A. R. Guinness, several prominent members of the presentation committee, and leading citizens.

The Mayor, before opening the proceedings, read several apologies. One that was much applauded was from the Ven. Archdeacon York, who conveyed his sincere regret at not being able to be present to do honor to his sincere friend, Dean Carew, whose work stood out boldly as that of a man who devoted himself to the best interests of his fellows. Unfortunately a prior engagement entirely prevented him from being present to testify to his respect for Dean Carew. Apologies were also read from Mr. E. A. Burke, Hon. J. Marshall, M.L.C., and Mr. E. J. Scantlebury.

The Mayor, in expressing his hearty congratulations to Dean Carew on having been in charge of the Greymouth congregation for twenty-five years, conveyed to him his own personal respect and esteem. He had known Dean Carew for a great many years, and could say that the Dean had proved himself a most ardent worker. This was shown by the fact that when he came to Greymouth there was only the little church in Arney street, while now there stood the magnificent structure in the shape of St. Patrick's Church and the block of buildings at the corner of Alexander and Chapel streets, in which the schools were doing good and useful work. Speaking of Dean Carew as a citizen of Greymouth, he recognised that nothing that was for the general good of the community was ever overlooked by the Dean, who was ever ready with his advice and assistance in furthering any such movement. He then called on Mr. Fogarty to read the following address:—

'Dear Very Rev. Dean,—On behalf of the parishioners of St. Patrick's parish, it is with feelings of love and gratitude that we tender you our heartfelt congratulations on the completion of the twenty-fifth year of your ministry amongst us. During that long period you have, by the sanctity of your life, set us a steadfast example of Christian piety, and thereby won the esteem and admiration of all sections of the community and the undying devotion of your own flock. We feel it unnecessary to dwell at length upon the many great works you have accomplished during the time you have been in charge of this parish. Our beautiful church and well-equipped schools stand as monuments for this and future generations, to bear witness to the zeal you have ever displayed in the cause of God and His holy church. In asking you to accept this address and the accompanying testimonial as a slight token of the love and good-will of your devoted parishioners, we trust that God, in His infinite mercy, may spare to us for many years the blessings of your wise counsel and saintly example.—We remain, dear Very Rev. Dean, on behalf of the parishioners—P. M. Griffen, M. Phillips, D. Sheedy, Dr. J. McBroarty, P. Deere, M. Casey, F. McCarthy, M. Peat.'

Mr. Fogarty having read the address, little Miss Kathleen Hannan handed Dean Carew a purse containing 100 sovereigns, and the Mayor remarked that he hoped he would enjoy long life to enable him to spend another twenty-five years in Greymouth, before which time he hoped to hear him entitled to be called 'His Lordship the Bishop of the diocese.'

Mr. D. Sheedy, as one of the pioneer Catholics in the district, said it was a matter of pride and pleasure to him to have been able to come out to do honor to a man of such sterling worth as Dean Carew. He was gratified to see so many present to testify to the good work performed by Dean Carew during the twenty-five years he had been a resident in Greymouth. He had proved himself a man to be respected, and one whose life was a pleasure to follow. The respect that was borne towards him was not confined to his own flock, but was general throughout the community. He looked upon Dean Carew as an ideal priest, possessed of Christian charity, without which any religion was no good. He trusted that Dean Carew's life would be long spared to set the noble example that he had set for so many years to the young men and women of the parish, and that he would enjoy the good wishes of the congregation and townspeople who loved him so well.

The Rev. Father O'Connell, who had come over from Christchurch to be present and to represent his Lordship Bishop Grimes on the occasion, congratulated Dean Carew on having been the recipient of such tokens of appreciation of love and devotion after twenty-five years of devoted work in Greymouth. He had won the golden opinions not only of his people, but of the whole community, and thoroughly deserved the present tribute which had been paid him. He would assure Dean Carew that his Lordship would have been very pleased to have been present on this glad oc-