

## BISHOP LENIHAN AT VALLADOLID.

Two weeks ago there appeared in our columns, from our Auckland correspondent, a report of Bishop Lenihan's visit to his old Alma Mater at Valladolid (Spain). The following more detailed account of his Lordship's journey thither will be read with interest by his many friends in New Zealand. It is from the special correspondent of the *Catholic Times* of November 17:—

As we briefly stated last week, the Right Rev. Dr. Lenihan (Bishop of Auckland, N.Z.), accompanied by his former class-fellow, Father Lennon of Biundellsands, has been paying a formal visit to his Alma Mater at Valladolid. Travelling overland through France, they made their way to Lourdes, where the privilege of celebrating Mass at the Silver Altar in the Grotto was graciously accorded them.

At Pau they were heartily welcomed by the Rev. Father Tuckwell, the English Confessor in that beautiful health resort. On Saturday, October 28, his Lordship presided, by delegation of the Bishop of Bayonne, at the reception of two postulants in the Ursuline Convent, a ceremony described in a former issue, and on Sunday morning he offered the Holy Sacrifice in the convent church. Making their way to the Spanish frontier, his Lordship and Father Lennon arrived at Valladolid on Monday morning. The venerable rector, Mgr. Allen, met them with a warm welcome at the station, and after a slight rest at the English College, escorted them to the Palace of the Cardinal-Archbishop and the residence of the Bishop-Auxiliary, by whom they were cordially received.

The great improvements and additions recently effected in the time-honoured college of St. Alban's were the subject of most laudatory comment. Besides the complete installation of the electric light, the new dormitories, exhibition hall, billiard room, lavatories, etc., several minor arrangements for the comfort of the students in the garden and recreation grounds surprised and greatly pleased the visitors.

Their expressions of admiration and congratulation were heightened when, on visiting the country house, they found the former rural dwelling-place transformed into a complete suburban collegiate, adorned with a handsome new capilla built of pressed brick in the Roman style, with ample accommodation for the students, as also for the farm servants and labourers on the college estates. Here, too, has been erected a shady covered resort, affording protection against the prevailing winds as well as the strong rays of the Iberian sun. Everywhere the appointments are commodious and comfortable, showing the wise and fatherly consideration of the good rector at a time when, owing to war taxes and unfavourable seasons, money must be scarce.

At the close of the vacations the annual retreat by desire of the rector was conducted by Father Lennon, concluding on the Feast of All Saints. On Saturday, November 4th, the Feast of St. Charles, the rector's patron, Bishop Lenihan celebrated Pontifical High Mass in the college chapel, assisted by the priests from the Scots College in the city. In the sermon preached by Father Lennon at the Gospel reference was made to the fact that the Right Rev. Mgr. Allen, who sat in State in the sanctuary, was the first rector in 300 years who had ever witnessed one of his own *alumni* pontificating at that altar. A banquet to the guests and visitors, with appropriate and affectionate felicitations to the Lord Bishop of Auckland, concluded a unique day in the college annals.

On a later occasion the students entertained a large company with a concert and operetta in the new hall, and at an interval presented a handsomely illuminated address of welcome and a valuable rochet to their distinguished Albanian Bishop. His Lordship replied in feeling terms with an expression of his great indebtedness to their kind and estimable rector. That evening Dr. Lenihan and his reverend companion left for England, but the Bishop's portrait in his robes, painted at the expense of the rector, hangs in the dining hall to commemorate the name and character of one of St. Alban's greatest sons.

## ST. PATRICK'S CONVENT SCHOOL, WELLINGTON.

(From our own correspondent.)

The Ven. Archdeacon Devoy presided at the usual midsummer entertainment and distribution of prizes at St. Patrick's Convent School, Dixon street, Wellington, when there was a large attendance of parents and friends of the pupils present. The following programme was presented, several of the items being very well rendered:—Pianoforte duet, N. and L. Lavery; song, A. Foster; chorus, pupils; Scotch reel, L. Frost, F. Duff, and E. Murphy; recitation, R. Segrief; duet (vocal), L. Gallagher and A. Segrief; pianoforte solo, E. Coleman; vocal trio, A. Segrief, R. Segrief, and A. Foster; Irish jig, A. Foster; recitation, J. McKeegan; song, A. Segrief; song, L. Gallagher; recitation, V. Seward; chorus, children.

At the conclusion of the entertainment Archdeacon Devoy presented the prizes to the following successful pupils:—

### SPECIAL PRIZES.

Christian doctrine (silver medal, gift of Rev. Father O'Shea), Lily Lavery; good conduct (silver medal, gift of Archdeacon Devoy)—First class, Charlotte Gibbs; second class (gift of Mr. Tydeman), Mary Eller; third class, Mary Ryan and Nellie Beagley (equal in merit). Amiability, Mary Eller; shorthand—first prize, Ethel Cropp; second prize, Charlotte Gibbs. Music—senior division, Nora Lavery; intermediate division, Elizabeth Colman; junior division, Nora Collins and Rose Colman; primary division, Ruby Neill. Singing, Agnes Segrief. Needlework—First class (gift of Mr. Corrigan), Florence Duff; second class (gift of Mr. Whitaker), Mary Eller; third class (gift of Mr. Corrigan), Ruby Neill.

Class I.—Dux (silver medal, gift of Mr. H. E. White), Lily Lavery; mathematics, Charlotte Gibbs; drawing (model), Honora Doherty; drawing (freehand), Blanche Ryan; penmanship, Nora Lavery; Latin and French, Lily Lavery; punctuality, Charlotte Gibbs; excellence in essay writing, Honora Doherty; history and domestic economy, Honora Doherty.

Class II.—Christian doctrine, Kathleen Bohan; reading and recitation, Martha Meyers; penmanship, Kathleen Bohan; English and history, Amy Garvey.

Class III.—Christian doctrine, Leila Healy; reading and recitation, Vera Seward; penmanship, Florence Duff; English, Louisa Frost; composition, Teresa Meyers; arithmetic, Gerty Garvey; punctuality, Louisa Frost; drawing and mapping, Gerty Garvey.

Class IV.—Christian doctrine—First prize, Ellen Lavery; second prize, Agnes Segrief; English, Ellen Lavery; composition, Elizabeth Hayes; arithmetic, Agnes Segrief; punctuality, Mary Eller; drawing (freehand and geometry), Emily Segrief.

Class V.—Christian doctrine, Violet Ryan; English and penmanship, Lucy Devlin; calisthenics, Iris McKeegan; history and composition, Iris McKeegan; arithmetic, Lucy Devlin; reading and recitation, Rose Segrief.

### PREPARATORY SCHOOL.

Class I.—Christian doctrine, Hilda Flanagan; punctuality, Ruby Neil; arithmetic, Dorothy Grimstone and Ivy Thompson; mental arithmetic, Jessie Scott; composition, Jessie Scott; spelling, Eileen O'Connor; geography and drawing, Hilda Flanagan; object lessons, Jessie Scott; writing, Dorothy Grimstone; reading and recitation, Eileen O'Connor; general improvement, Teresa Corich.

Class II.—Christian doctrine, Emily O'Sullivan; arithmetic, Emily O'Sullivan; reading and recitation, Nita Thompson; writing, Nita Thompson; spelling and writing, Willie O'Sullivan.

The Sisters of Mercy tender their heartfelt thanks to the following donors of prizes:—Archdeacon Devoy, Rev. Father O'Shea, Mesdames Segrief, McCarthy, White, McCormick, Messrs. White, Tydeman, O'Connor, Bridge, O'Sullivan, Corrigan, Brookes.

## NAPIER.

(From our own correspondent.)

### SACRED HEART HIGH SCHOOL.

The annual breaking-up entertainment and distribution of prizes to the pupils of the Sacred Heart High School, Napier, took place on December 10. The numerous exhibits of paintings and needle and art work were much admired by the visitors, those of Misses Herlihy and Puffett attracting most attention. An entertainment, consisting of vocal and instrumental selections and recitations, was well given. A trio (six pianos and two organs) and a duet (six pianos, two organs, and five violins) received much applause. A vocal solo by Miss M. Puffett was sung with much expression.

At the close of the concert Mr. A. L. D. Fraser, M.H.R., complimented the teachers and pupils upon their great success during the past year, and the Very Rev. Dean Grogan having addressed a few kind and encouraging remarks to the pupils, Mr. Fraser distributed the prizes.

### MARIST BROTHERS' SCHOOL.

The presentation of prizes to the pupils of this school was made by the Very Rev. Dean Grogan, S.M., and in addressing the boys the Rev. Dean referred to the excellent work done by the school during the past year, as evidenced by the good results of the examination held by Mr. Inspector Hill, and complimented Brother Brandan and the teaching staff on their success.

### ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL.

The pupils attending this school broke up on the 21st. A programme of 19 items, including songs and recitations, was most creditably gone through. The Very Rev. Dean Grogan, who distributed the prizes, addressed the children at some length and referred to the ability and impartiality of Inspector Hill when examining the Catholic schools, and how indebted one and all should feel to that gentleman for having in his own time so kindly consented to examine the schools in the past. A difficulty had now originated with the Board, and an intimation had been received that the Inspector would not be able to oblige them next year, but the Dean felt confident that on reflection the Board, prompted by a feeling of fair play, would be induced to renew their sanction, and that the Catholic children would not be deprived of what could only be regarded as a right.

It will be remembered that at the recent examinations the Inspector enlorged the methods of teaching adopted by Mother Ursula, who is in charge of this school, the percentages of passes being remarkably high.

A Brisbane newspaper reports the death of Mrs. Macpherson, the widow of the late Mr. Alexander Macpherson, of Fortitude Valley. The deceased lady was a native of the Scottish Highlands, and came of a family which has given a high and eminently gifted prelate to the Catholic Church, commissioned officers to the British army, and a surgeon to the royal navy. With her own children most Catholics in Brisbane are acquainted, and it would be superfluous of language to say of them anything further than that they are worthy of the good Catholic father and mother from whom they sprang. Mrs. Macpherson was a lady of sweet and gentle disposition. Her affection and unflinching interest in all that tended to the welfare, both spiritually and temporally, of her acquaintances endeared her to a large circle of friends by whom the news of her demise was received with the greatest grief.