

DIOCESE OF DUNEDIN.

The following are the results of the Trinity College examinations in musical knowledge held at St. Dominic's College, Dunedin, in October last:—

Intermediate Honours.—Miss E. Millar, 66.

Intermediate Pass.—A. Lake, 77; J. Griffen, 68; G. Meenan, 64.

Junior Honours.—W. Heenan, 94; M. Ross, 94; M. Kelman, 88; E. Kircaldy, 88; M. Shain, 87; K. Hannigan, 78; C. Watt, 68; M. Cutten, 62.

Junior Pass.—W. Heenan, 99; A. Kerr, 94; K. Hannigan, 94; A. Lobb, 91; M. Carey, 87; E. Hay, 85; I. Leslie, 80; H. McKay, 77; V. Blakely, 73; L. Freed, 71; C. Watt, 66.

The results of the practical examinations held in November are as under:—

Senior Division.—Singing: A. L. Bridger, 67 (pass).

Intermediate Division.—Pianoforte: E. Hay, 92 (honours); K. Cartwright, 84 (honours); E. Ward, 83 (honours); E. Kircaldy, 71; K. Melmon, 69; C. Watt, 67; K. Hannigan, 66.

Junior Division.—M. Montagne, 85 (honours); M. Carey, 85 (honours); M. Jachman, 80 (honours); A. Kerr, 76 (pass); M. King, 74 (pass).

Preparatory Grade.—E. Hooper, 76 (pass); M. Gawne, 66.

The Rev. Father Walsh, late of Kaikoura, was on a visit to Dunedin last week prior to his departure to the Home countries.

An extremely pleasant social evening was given by the Cathedral choir to their friends on Tuesday evening in St. Joseph's Hall.

The Dublin correspondent of the *New Era* reports that the Rev. Michael Headen, for the diocese of Dunedin, was ordained at Clonliffe College, on Sunday, December 24, by his Grace Archbishop Walsh.

The new Catholic church at Ranfurly, now in course of erection, will be a very handsome and commodious building when completed. It will be finished in a few weeks, and will probably be opened for worship shortly after the arrival of his Lordship Bishop Verdon.

At the musical knowledge examinations held here in October last under the auspices of Trinity College, London, the whole of the pupils sent up by the Sisters of Mercy, South Dunedin, succeeded in passing. The following are the names—Junior pass: Annie Sheridan 93, Maggie O'Mahoney 87, Norah Twomey 80.

Among the Irish people in Dunedin much satisfaction is expressed at the fact that the relief of Kimberley—the first real success of British arms in South Africa—was carried out by three Irishmen: Lord Roberts (Waterford), General French (Roscommon), and General Kelly-Kenny (Clare).

The Rev. Father Moore, who recently left Bendigo (Victoria) for a trip to the Old Country, reached Dunedin on yesterday (Wednesday) morning by the Monowai for a short tour in New Zealand. Previous to his departure from Bendigo, Father Moore was made the recipient of the most flattering testimonials and valuable presentations from people of all classes and creeds in and about the Golden City.

OBITUARY.

MRS. ENGLISH, WAIKOUAITI.

We record with deep regret the death of Mrs. English, wife of Mr. Thomas English, of Island Farm, Waikouaiti, on February 15. The deceased lady was highly respected and very popular, and her demise, which occurred at the comparatively early age of 55 years, caused general regret in the district. Mr. English and family have the sincere sympathy of a large circle of friends in their bereavement. The funeral took place on Saturday, the service at the cemetery being conducted by the Rev. Father McMullan.—*R.I.P.*

MRS. O'CONNELL, SEACLIFF.

General regret was felt at the announcement of the death of Mrs. O'Connell, wife of Mr. Daniel O'Connell, which occurred at her residence, Seacliff, on Friday morning. The deceased, who had attained the age of sixty years, was an old and highly esteemed settler, having been a resident of the Colony for many years. Besides her husband she leaves a family of ten children to mourn their loss. Mrs. Sheehy (Moonlight), Mrs. Kelly (Oamaru), Mrs. Toomey (Waikouaiti), and Mrs. Henry Coughlan (Dunedin) are daughters. Of the sons Messrs. James and John O'Connell are residents in Otago. The interment took place on Sunday at the Waikouaiti Cemetery, when the Rev. Father McMullan, of Port Chalmers, conducted the service at the graveside.—*R.I.P.*

After a most successful season in Melbourne and Sydney—nearly half a year in both cities—Fitzgerald Brothers' Circus has arrived in New Zealand, and will open in Dunedin on Monday, February 26. It is unnecessary to inform our readers of the excellence of the show, for nearly every person in the Colony has, at one time or another during past visits, enjoyed the varied and entertaining programme provided by the popular and enterprising proprietors. On this occasion many new features and novelties, procured at considerable expense in Europe and other parts of the world, will be produced, and as an evidence of the public appreciation of the bill of fare provided, the fact that the circus had a season of three months in Sydney is a guarantee that the proprietors have left nothing undone to make it the most complete ever seen in the Australian colonies. A glance at the posters will give our readers some idea of the many novelties which will be introduced during the brief Dunedin season.—*.

THE WAR IN SOUTH AFRICA.

On Saturday came the news that General French had succeeded in relieving Kimberley on the previous Thursday. The intelligence, it is needless to say, was received with great enthusiasm throughout the Colony. From the particulars to hand, it appears that on the 12th General French crossed the Modder River and captured three laagers, with stores. On the same day Generals Kelly-Kenny and Tucker crossed the Riet River. On the 14th General Kelly-Kenny outflanked the Boers at Jacobdal, when the enemy was compelled to retire across the Modder River from his position at Magersfontein, where it will be remembered the Highland Brigade under General Wauchope met with such a severe reverse. Prior to entering Kimberley General French seized the enemy's laager South of Kimberley, containing stores and ammunition. From this it is evident that the Boer force, which was commanded by Cronje, had to make a hurried retreat, and was not able to take away its stores. It is supposed that the larger portion of Cronje's force is retreating towards Bloemfontein, the capital of the Free State, and that the smaller is going northward. It is said that the Boers were compelled to cross the Modder in order to avoid starvation. General Kelly-Kenny's troops are harassing Cronje's rear guard, and as the enemy's cattle are dead beat, it is expected that the Boers will be intercepted before being able to get to Bloemfontein, which is about 90 miles from Kimberley. The whole of these movements were carried out under the direction of Lord Roberts. It was a significant coincidence that the relief of Kimberley—the first real success of the British forces during the war—was conducted by three Irish Generals—Lord Roberts, and Generals French and Kelly-Kenny, representing respectively the counties of Waterford, Roscommon, and Clare.

NEW ZEALAND: GENERAL.

At the last meeting of the Ashburton Catholic Literary Society Mr. J. Healy was appointed librarian.

We have received a parcel of used postage stamps for Rev. Father Kreymsborg's mission from Miss A. Riordan, Charing Cross.

The Floa Soap Works at Petone, near Wellington, were totally destroyed by fire on Thursday morning. The fire originated in the upper story, and had obtained a firm hold when discovered.

It is said that a new township in the Wanganui district, sections in which were recently offered for sale by auction, has been named Ladysmith.

The many friends of Mr. Robert Darroch (says the *Wairarapa Times*) will be pleased to hear that he has been selected by the Wellington Education Board as instructor in school management to the city pupil teachers.

The *Government Insurance Recorder* for the current quarter is to hand. The number contains a quantity of useful information with regard to life insurance business, as well as reading matter of a lighter character.

In a recent issue of the *N.Z. TABLET* our Auckland correspondent stated that Mr Maurice Lavery, who had passed his matriculation examination, had been a student at the Marist Brothers' College for three years. A correspondent informs us that Mr Lavery had been at the college only 18 months, and that he scored 80 per cent for Latin in the examination.

The Very Rev. Dr. Pestre, S.M., who had been making a short stay at Waimate, left there on yesterday (Wednesday). It is understood that Dr. Pestre will shortly be leaving for France to attend the General Chapter of his Order which takes place in the month of September of every seventh year. Two delegates from the New Zealand province will be elected and will accompany him on his journey and take part in the deliberations of the Chapter.

The attention of our readers is directed to the lengthy list which appears elsewhere (p. 5) of Catholic officers at the seat of war. This is the second list of the kind which we have published. Both combined give a very incomplete return of our co-religionists that hold commissions in the British army in South Africa. But, none the less, the lists afford striking evidence of the extent to which not merely Catholic men in the rank-and-file, but also Catholic officers, are engaged in the defence of the Empire.

We learn from a Christchurch correspondent that the Slattery pair are expected in Christchurch this week, and that steps have been taken, by the distribution of pamphlets and otherwise, to place the full facts of their discreditable career full square before the local public of all creeds. Dunedin may look forward at an early date for the infliction of the presence of this undesirable pair, and possibly the chief centres of population between Christchurch and Dunedin.

ACCORDING to statistics published by some of the London papers regarding the use of telephones in this Colony, it is shown that New Zealand has 60 telephones to every 10,000 inhabitants, whereas Great Britain and Ireland have only 18. The only countries ahead of New Zealand in this respect are Sweden, with 113 telephones per 10,000 inhabitants; United States, with 101; Norway, with 97; Switzerland, with 93; and Canada, with 67. Germany, with 29, is behind New Zealand, but ahead of Great Britain; Switzerland, with 16, Belgium, with 14, are slightly behind Great Britain, and Austria (9) France (7), Spain (6), Italy (4), and Russia (2) are practically nowhere in comparison.

The following pupils of the Sisters of Mercy, Greymouth, passed the Trinity College Practical Musical Examinations:—Senior honours—Mary C. Sheedy (piano), 83. Senior pass—Mary C. Sheedy

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