

celebrated in St. Mary's Church. Sincerest sympathy is expressed for the bereaved widowed mother and sorrowing relatives.—R.I.P.

In view of the advanced state reached by the Cathedral building it is probable that at an early date arrangements will be made to afford a public inspection.

The following pupils of the Convent of Mercy, Lyttelton, passed the theory examination held in connection with Trinity College, London:—Intermediate honors—Myrtle Wilson, 83; Alice Davies, 80; Lúchí Loader, 80; Intermediate pass—Minnie Richardson, 77; Elsie Wilson, 75. Junior honors—Lucy Childs, 93; Joyce Stuart, 84. Preparatory—Sarah Welsh, 93; Kitty Purcell, 93; Maud Hannay, 93; Beatrice Wales, 87; Mary Welsh, 80; Johanna Lugaro, 79; Alice Beecroft, 62. Alice Davies also passed the senior local centre of the Royal Academy of Music, with 83 marks.

The following pupils of the Convent of Mercy, Akaroa passed:—Intermediate—Eveline Le Lievre (honors), Martha Vangioni (honors), Ada Hammond (pass), Olive Le Lievre (pass). Junior—Ursula Le Lievre (honors).

The following pupils of the Sisters of Mercy, St. Mary's Convent, Colombo street North, were successful in passing at the recent musical examinations in connection with Trinity College, London:—Intermediate division—Trudie Schmidt, 93 (honors); Kathleen Molloy, 70; and Gertrude Cassin, 66. Junior division—Maud Cassin, 97; Kitty Zachariah, 95; Violet Shaw, 94; Nessie Bower, 92; Ada Shepherd, 90; and Mary Molloy, 89 (all with honors). Preparatory division—Vera de la Cour, 93; and Julia Scully, 93 (both specially commended). The following pupils were also successful at the examination in connection with the Royal College of Music:—Florence Agnes McDonnell, 92; Nellie Turner, 82.

The following pupils from the Convent of Mercy, Darfield, were successful in passing the theory of music examination, held last June, in connection with Trinity College, London:—Junior division—Annie Gill, 98 (honors); Cissie Baker, 95 (honors); Maggie Gill, 95 (honors); Maggie McMullan, 95 (honors); Vera Holmes, 92 (honors); and Alice Jarman, 87 (honors).

The complimentary conversazione tendered to his Lordship the Bishop in the Alexandra Hall on last Tuesday evening was largely attended, the building being quite crowded. Among those present were a number of the clergy. Part of the hall was furnished as a drawing-room and the remainder carpeted, provided with small tables, and set off with palms and pot plants. At an interval in the programme Mr. E. O'Connor, on behalf of the parishioners, welcomed the Bishop, eulogised his work on the West Coast, and expressed kindly regards for future success in all his undertakings. In replying the Bishop expressed pleasure at being again in their midst, and narrated the nature and results of his work during the past two or three months. Referring to the Cathedral, he thought the contractors would complete its building in time for opening at the end of next year. He thanked those present for gathering in such numbers around him and hoped he would long have health and strength to carry on the work God had placed before him. He most cordially thanked those who had organised the social and also those who had supplied the programme. Refreshments were handed round, and during the evening songs were contributed by Miss L. Cameron, Miss Pender, Mrs. A. Mead, Messrs. C. Read, E. McNamara, R. A. Horne, E. Akins, selections by Painter's (ladies) Estudiantina Band, and Geoghegan's orchestra, violin solo by Herr Zimmerman, clarinet solo by Mr. W. H. Corrigan, and a lecturette on early Canterbury experiences by Mr. G. H. Hart, of the 'Press.' The duties of accompanists were shared by Mrs. A. Mead, Miss Katie Young, and Mr. R. A. Horne. Mr. E. O'Connor, as secretary, supervised the arrangements, and with the valued assistance of a ladies' committee ensured the thorough success and enjoyment of the occasion.

DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND.

(From our own correspondent.)

September 10.

The interior work in St. Benedict's Church is nearly completed, and the Rev. Father Gillan is working hard in order that the improvements shall be free of debt on completion.

The Rev. Father O'Gallagher, of Huntly, is progressing well after his accident. It was not so serious as reported. Rev. Father Patterson journeyed up to see him, and was pleased to find him better.

'Catholic Presbyterian Church' was the title assumed by a rev. gentleman at the Presbyterian Jubilee here last week, and its adherents (we are told) numbered forty millions. How many more 'Catholic' churches will there be?

A large gathering of the parishioners of St. Patrick's assembled in St. Patrick's Convent High School last Thursday evening to commemorate the first anniversary to the priesthood of the Rev. Father Holbrook, of the Cathedral. Amongst those present were Rev. Father Patterson, Adm., Fathers Tormey and Furlong, of St. Benedict's, and Father Holbrook. An address to Father Holbrook was read by Miss Gladys Foley, after which she handed him a beautiful bouquet. After a few musical items had been got through the Rev. Father Patterson rose and said it gave him infinite pleasure to be amongst them that night to do honor to Father Holbrook upon his first anniversary of his ordination to the holy priesthood. He had been closely associated with Father Holbrook since his arrival in Auckland, and he could assure them that in him they possessed a good and worthy priest. To him had been allotted the work of the Sunday School, and right well he had attended to it. With them all he wished him 'Ad Multos Annos.' Father Patterson then presented Father Holbrook, on behalf of Mesdames McIlveney and McDonnell, Miss Hobbs, and Messrs. M. O'Connor, M. Walsh, and A. Kohn, with a fine watch guard and greenstone pendant, a travelling rug from Mrs. A. Martin; a rattan lounge from the teachers and pupils of the Sunday school; a sofa cushion from Miss Harkins; a gold cross from Miss Leonardo, and a silver matchbox from the boarders of St. Patrick's convent schools. Father Patterson, in conclusion, remarked that such evidence of practical sympathy was an encouragement to Father Holbrook. Rev. Father Furlong, as a friend and companion of Father Holbrook from boyhood, and later on in College, said it gave him much pleasure to be present to do honor to Father Holbrook. He liked to see such a good spirit existing between priest and people, and said it was a good augury for the future. Father Tormey expressed his delight to be amongst them. St. Patrick's parishioners were noted for their kindness and generosity towards their priests, and what he saw to-night but confirmed the good opinion he had held. To the Sisters of Mercy he paid high tribute, saying he had known the Order in the old country, and here it was worthily fulfilling its traditions in inculcating a love for the Church, its prelates, and pastors. He congratulated Father Holbrook, and hoped he would celebrate many anniversaries. Mr. M. J. Sheahan added his quota of praise to the good work performed by Father Holbrook, notably his arduous work in the Sunday school. Father Holbrook, who was loudly applauded on rising, said he could hardly express himself in words, as he felt overwhelmed with the praise bestowed upon him, and the numerous and valuable presents showered upon him. He heartily thanked his generous donors, and all who participated in bringing to a head the successful gathering to-night. In particular the good Sisters of Mercy, with whom he was associated in the good work of the parish, also their administrator, Father Patterson, Fathers Furlong and Holbrook, and Mr. Sheahan for their kind references to him. Not even in dear old Wexford could he have received such honor. This day twelvemonth was brought forcibly to his memory, and he felt pleasure in having beside him in Father Furlong, one who was present at his ordination. He only wished that one other who was present that day outside the altar rails were here to-night—his dear mother, whose heart would be gladdened. In conclusion, he hoped to continue to merit their hearty co-operation in the performance of God's work. Vocal numbers were given by Misses Maud Donovan, Graham, Duffin, Beehan (2); choruses by the convent pupils, duet, cornets by Masters J. and W. Ewart and sailor's hornpipe by Misses Barry and Fairweather. Misses Graham and Fairweather and Rist were accompanists. The pleasant evening concluded with the singing of 'God Save Ireland.'

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