

**Greymouth**

(From our own correspondent.)

May 14.

Announcements recording the successes of the pupils attending the local convent schools are so frequent that residents were not surprised when it was announced that Doreen Daley, aged 12½ years, had been awarded first place in the Dominion for pianoforte playing. It is not long since that a Government inspector of schools, while on relieving duty here, expressed his amazement at the high standard of the work done by the convent pupils. He averred that in many respects the convent school was a training college which was unique in his experience.

The large amount realised for the purpose of erecting a Dean Carew Memorial Boys' School should enable the committee to consider the question of secondary classes for the boys. At present the Catholic boys of Greymouth are placed at a disadvantage in that there is no provision for teaching those who have passed the Sixth Standard. Up till recently, advanced boys' classes were taught by the nuns, but no doubt for good and sufficient reasons this permission has been withdrawn, so that some Catholic boys are now attending the State schools. Not all town parents can afford to send their boys to college. It is, of course, right and proper that Catholic girls should be well educated, and also acquire accomplishments, but it would be a grievous mistake, and one fraught with baneful effects, if Jack, Tom, or Bill, the future Catholic fathers of this Dominion, were neglected. The Catholic parish schools are the foundation of the Church, and everything

possible should be done, for the boys attending those schools will have to take up the burden in the years to come. The Catholic boy has much to contend with when he goes out into the world. He has not certain influences that other boys have—on his own merits must he stand. In every business serious losses are incurred when there is understaffing, and it is safe to say that in no profession are such losses so injurious as in that of teaching. Time cannot be recalled, so that if the bulk of our working men's sons are not to be hewers of wood and drawers of water suitable buildings must be erected, and the Brothers' teaching staff must be strengthened. In a parish where £4600 was raised in a few months it should not require much effort to increase the pittance the Brothers at present receive, and also to secure the services of an extra Brother for teaching higher classes. The extra fees obtainable, and a well organised quarterly social, would bring in the necessary funds.

In the recent municipal elections, Mr. J. D. Lynch was, for the second time, returned unopposed to the mayoral chair. He has also been elected chairman of the Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Lynch is a "hustler" and takes an active interest in all matters pertaining to the welfare of the town and district.

Mr. Hugh Doogan, barrister, who is slowly recovering from a long and very severe illness, was returned on the Borough Council, being second at the poll. Mr. Fogarty and Mr. McGinley were also returned.

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