

out direct from London. These prizes are given to the candidates gaining highest honors in both theory and practice in the same year. Miss Muriel Blake, also of St. Mary's Convent, was awarded second medal in the senior division. The Sisters are to be congratulated on the success of their labors.

This morning the Irish Envoys paid a visit to the Marist Brothers' Schools at Tasman street and Boulcott street, where they were presented by the boys with tokens of remembrance. At Boulcott street they were welcomed with the singing of 'God save Ireland' and other Irish songs, and welcomed by the Superior, who said they came not among strangers but among the descendants of Erin's ranks. They must return to the Old Land, he added, with the message that the children in Wellington were true to the traditions of their race; they had preserved their faith with God and man; in a word, they were as Irish as the Irish themselves. Messrs. Hazleton, Donovan, and Redmond replied in stirring speeches, which were received by the boys with loud applause. At Tasman street an illuminated address with views of New Zealand scenery was presented to the Envoys by the boys. The boys of both schools were given a holiday in honor of the occasion.

Speaking at the Sacred Heart Church, Hill street, last Sunday the Rev. Father Hickson, Adm., announced that it had been decided to form a Senior Cadet Company in connection with the Thorndon Catholic parish, on the same lines as the St. Agne's cadets (Wellington South), and St. Vincent Cadets (Te Aro). That decision, he said, met with the full approval and concurrence of the Defence authorities. An officer of the department attended at the Guildford Terrace Schoolroom on Friday night to explain the steps that had to be taken to carry out the project. There was a good attendance, and a number of names were handed in. A meeting is to be held later on. In the meantime the names of those willing to join will be taken. It is anticipated that a real good company will be formed from the material offering. The advent of this new company brings the total senior cadet Catholic companies in Wellington to five, with three junior cadet companies, representing approximately a strength of 600.

## DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

May 29.

There will be First Communion of the children in the Cathedral on Sunday, June 18.

Information has reached his Lordship the Bishop of the death in Belgium of the Superior-General of the Sisters of the Sacred Heart, Rev. Mother Digby.

Playing in the fourth grade football matches on Saturday last on Richmond Park, the Marist Brothers Old Boys' team defeated Richmond by 3 points to nil—a try scored by R. Lafferty.

Mr. W. F. Roche, late traveller for the Kaiapoi Woollen Company, is now representing the Crown Clothing Company, for which his business ability and popularity will contribute in no small measure in enhancing trade.

On a brief visit to Timaru last week his Lordship Bishop Grimes viewed with satisfaction the progress made in the erection of the fine new church. It is rapidly approaching completion, said the Bishop, and will undoubtedly prove to be the handsomest parochial church in the Dominion.

His Lordship the Bishop left for Waimate on Saturday last, and officiated there on Sunday. During the three weeks his Lordship expects to be on an episcopal visitation of the parochial districts, he will be engaged at Morven and Makikihi. He will be assisted in his appeal on behalf of the Cathedral fund in the Waimate parish by the Rev. Father Smyth, S.M., of Timaru.

On Saturday last the staff of St. Bede's College celebrated the feast day of the patron saint of the institution for the first time, when the Rev. Father Graham, S.M., rector, entertained to dinner all those of the local clergy who could find it convenient to attend. Among those present was the Very Rev. Dr. Kennedy, S.M., Rector of St. Patrick's College, Wellington.

On last Friday morning Messrs. Hazleton, M.P., W. A. Redmond, M.P., and J. Donovan visited Nazareth House. His Lordship the Bishop, the Very Rev. Father Price, Adm., and Rev. Father Quinn, S.M., were also of the party. The institution was inspected and much admired by the visitors. The children charmingly entertained the visitors, and Mr. Hazleton thoughtfully, and on behalf of his confreres, addressed the inmates.

The boring operations of the Otira Tunnel on the Westland side are progressing steadily and satisfactorily, according to latest reports. The present length of the completed chainage makes one mile 25 chains under the hill from the portals. The lining, which has been completed, makes five chains short of a mile of completed tunnel. A great amount of permanent work in the nature of approaches and completed line outside the tunnel has also been effected at Otira, and at the Bealey end too, although on a somewhat lesser scale.

A very enjoyable and successful social evening, under the auspices of St. Joseph's Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul (Mission to Catholic seamen) was given on last Tuesday evening in the hall of the Lyttelton Club. Among the attractions was a eucharist tournament. Four prizes were donated by Bros. J. Gardiner and A. Cowan, the principal prizes being won by Miss G. Gelliey and Mr. Haughey. A concert and social are being arranged by the conference to be given at Governor's Bay on June 1, and it is hoped by means of these gatherings during the next few months to materially augment the building fund of the hall, which is intended for the use of Catholic seamen visiting the port, and for the better carrying on of the work of the society.

His Lordship the Bishop, accompanied by Mr. E. O'Connor, secretary of the St. Patrick's Day celebration committee, visited Nazareth House on last Wednesday afternoon. The visitors were received by the Rev. Mother Superior and a number of the Sisters, and made a tour of inspection of the children and other inmates. His Lordship, after referring to the absence of one who had always shown himself a friend of the institution (the late Mr. G. R. Hart), called upon the secretary to hand the Rev. Mother the balance sheet, which had been duly audited, together with a cheque for £76 8s 6d, the net proceeds of the St. Patrick's Day concert. The Rev. Mother expressed her sincere thanks to his Lordship and also to those who had assisted in any way in realising such a handsome sum from a concert.

## DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

(By Telegraph from our own correspondent.)

May 29.

The Marist Brothers' senior football team achieved a meritorious win on Saturday afternoon, beating the champions of many seasons—the Ponsonby team.

A Solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated this morning at the Chapel of the Sisters of the Sacred Heart, Remuera, for the repose of the soul of Rev. Mother Digby, Superior-General of the Order, news of whose death was received last Tuesday by cable. Rev. Father Ormond was celebrant, Rev. Father Finn deacon, Rev. Father Doyle sub-deacon, and Rev. Father Holbrook master of ceremonies.

The many friends of Mr. Nerheny will learn with regret of the death of his wife, which occurred to-day after a long and painful illness. Widespread sympathy is felt throughout the city for the husband and family. Deceased was a native of Manchester, where she was married. She had been a resident of Auckland for a quarter of a century. In addition to her husband there are left two sons and two daughters to mourn their loss. She was an estimable, kindly, gentle lady, who was widely esteemed.—R.I.P.

A meeting of the committee of the late Coronation Bazaar was held yesterday afternoon in St. Mary's Convent. Mr. Thomas Holbrook (secretary) presented a rough statement of receipts and expenditure, which indicated a net profit of £1106. This is exclusive of the proceeds of the sale of art union tickets, which it is considered will raise the amount to £1200—a handsome donation to the Mater Misericordiae Hospital funds. The committee is to be highly congratulated on such a result, especially when it is remembered that the hall in which the bazaar was held is not conveniently situated for such a purpose.

Last week Rev. Father Hunt, C.S.S.R., was the guest of the Bishop while giving a retreat to the students of St. Mary's Convent High School, Ponsonby. Previous to that he had given missions in Rotorua, Mamaku, and Whakatanu. He speaks highly of the life of self-denial and self-sacrifice of the Mill Hill Fathers, who are engaged in the Maori mission. On Sunday Father Hunt began a fortnight's mission at Devonport, to be followed by missions at Birkenhead and Otahuhu. At Devonport he is ably assisted by Rev. Father Golden. The mission there bids fair to rival the most successful yet held at that marine suburb.

Mr. Moriarty, *Tablet* representative, who is in Auckland at present, has been introduced to priests and people by his Lordship the Bishop in the following letter read in the churches yesterday:—

'The bearer, Mr. Moriarty, is travelling representative of the *N.Z. Tablet*, of which I was editor for thirteen years. The *Tablet* is the great exponent and defender of Catholic truth and Catholic rights and interests, and under the able direction of my learned and brilliant friend, Mr. J. A. Scott, M.A., is one of the strongest and most fearless and virile religious newspapers in the English-speaking world. I cordially commend it to every Catholic in this diocese of Auckland, and I desire to see a copy of it coming regularly week by week into every Catholic home within my jurisdiction. I commend the bearer, Mr. Moriarty, to the best courtesy and kindness of every Catholic in the diocese, and most heartily wish his campaign for the old and reliable Catholic paper a complete success. I commend him to the kind offices of the clergy in every part of the diocese.'

Mr. J. J. Sullivan delivered a lecture last Friday evening in St. Benedict's Hall on 'Ireland: Her Glories in Field and Forum, and Her Case for Self-government. Despite the inclement weather, there was a splendid at-

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