

happy to be present that morning and witness such a demonstration of Catholic life and activity, which would act as a stimulus where such may be needed. The display at the altar rails was a distinct edification to the congregation, and, personally, he was gratified at the flourishing state of the association on the right lines. Distinguished as the members were in the field of sports, they, too, proved themselves to be faithful in the discharge of their religious duties, which was of more importance. The main function of the association was to take charge of the youth on leaving school, to interest him during hours of recreation, and generally to keep a watchful eye upon him. Without such kindly supervision there was always a danger of some going astray. In this, therefore, the association was engaged in a very noble and very laudable work, and fulfilling a necessary function in the Catholic life of the city. On retiring three hearty cheers were given for Father Price. Several toasts were duly honored. Among invited guests were representatives of the H.A.C.B. Society and Catholic Club. On the motion of Mr. J. R. Hayward (president of the club) a vote of thanks and appreciation was passed to the executive committee. Feeling reference was made to the death of Mr. E. O'Connor, a vice-president of the association, and of Mrs. Watson, mother of one of the members, a vote of condolence with the relatives being recorded in both instances. Mr. C. Lafferty occupied the chair during the after-breakfast proceedings. The officers in charge of the Marist Brothers' School Cadets on parade were Lieutenants Thom, McCarthy, and Christopher.

In his report to the North Canterbury Board of Education of the recent examination of the schools under the control of the Sisters of Mercy of St. Mary's Convent, Colombo street, the Inspector (Mr. W. Brock) writes as follows:—'St. Mary's Catholic school: This school on the whole makes a satisfactory appearance, giving strong evidence of teaching on enthusiastic lines. A fair measure of work has been covered, and a creditable amount of progress has been made. Reading, drawing, and singing are good subjects, while geography is promising. Writing has improved, and greater continuity of style is observable. Sewing is, as usual, of excellent quality. Standards V. and VI. are satisfactory classes, presenting fairly full, well-prepared programmes. The results range from fair in arithmetic to good in composition and writing. Standards III. and IV: These classes obtain a commendable amount of success in the various tests; composition is mainly a good subject. Standard II. makes a creditable appearance, and with continued effort should make a good class for promotion at the close of the year. Standard I. has been carefully taught, and makes a good display, all subjects reaching a satisfactory level, while spelling is distinctly good.' The preparatory class also came under review and elicited a fair comment. The primary division of St. Mary's Collegiate School was examined in conjunction with St. Mary's parochial school, and the remarks made in connection with that school apply to the various classes of which it is composed in Standards I. to VI.

In his examination report of the Convent School at Darfield, conducted by the Sisters of Mercy, the North Canterbury Board of Education Inspector (Mr. Thomas Hughes) in a general summary comments as follows:—The school is conducted in accordance with the regulations prescribing the course of instruction in primary schools. Pupils are grouped for instruction in a suitable manner. A marked improvement is noticeable in the attendance of pupils. The results obtained in the various standards are given as 'satisfactory,' 'generally satisfactory,' and 'suitable.' Time tables are constructed on approved lines; they provide for suitable courses of study. Schemes of work, outline programmes, generally, satisfactory in quality and amount. The methods of instruction are suitable, and the teaching sympathetic and earnest. The order, discipline, and behaviour of the pupils are in general commendable, the training afforded is directed towards the formation of character.

SUCCESSFUL NEW ZEALANDERS.

At the recent Sydney University junior examination twelve students were presented from the Marist Brothers' Training College, Hunters Hill, and all passed. Among these were four students from New Zealand; two from Napier, one from Greymouth, and one from Christchurch, all former pupils of the Marist Brothers' primary schools. Francis Merrick and Richard Taylor are from Napier. The first-mentioned obtained five first-class passes and one second class. Gerald Gill, from Christchurch, obtained five first-class passes and one second class. Cyril Whittaker, of Greymouth, obtained three first-class passes, two second class, and two third class. Another student, Charles Meadth, obtained six first-class passes and one second class, getting *prox. acc.* for algebra. As these boys are all being trained for the Order, it can be seen that they are being well equipped to take their places as teachers in the schools.

Ashburton

(From our own correspondent.)

August 6.

Beautiful spring-like weather is now being experienced here. The many severe frosts and plentiful rain supply promise well for this season's harvest in this county.

The programme for the evening at the last weekly meeting of the Catholic Young Men's Club took the form of a progressive euchre tournament, the prize for which was presented by Mr. D. McDonnell. A very enjoyable evening was spent, the winner being Mr. T. Purcell. A vote of thanks to the chairman (Rev. Father O'Hare) terminated the meeting.

DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

(From our own correspondent.)

Rev. Father O'Farrell has been transferred from the Sacred Heart parish to that of St. Benedict's to replace Rev. Father Finn, who, through ill-health, has been compelled to relinquish his duties for a little while.

Mr. Martin Kennedy, central treasurer of the Irish envoys fund, writing this week to the local secretary in Auckland, said: 'Now that the campaign is over we have time to look back on the movement and share in the general rejoicing of all our people on the brilliant success it has been, not only by the liberality of the subscriptions but also in the personnel of the envoys and the good effected throughout the Dominion by their illuminating addresses. They have dispelled many illusions hitherto levelled against us, Catholic Nationalists, and made many converts to Home Rule, who previously would not give it a hearing. The success was largely due to good organisation, and organisation could only be done effectually by a capable head in each centre, and any share I had in obtaining such men was due in most part to our hierarchy and priests, to whom I appealed in the first instance throughout the Dominion.'

Last Sunday a new church was opened at Henderson by the Right Rev. Mgr. Gillan, V.G., assisted by the Rev. Father Carran. Some time ago four and a-half acres of land were secured, and now a suitable little church has been, thanks to Monsignor Gillan and his energetic assistant (Father Carran), erected there. In this they have been assisted by the parishioners, particularly by the Austrians who, at the opening ceremony last Sunday, attended in large numbers. A handsome new altar was presented to the church by Monsignor Gillan. The first Mass in the church was celebrated at 10.30 o'clock by Rev. Father Carran. Monsignor Gillan addressed the congregation and heartily congratulated them upon erecting one more church in the diocese. He thanked all who worked so assiduously to accomplish this meritorious work of erecting a building to the honor and glory of God.

The music of the Mass was rendered by the choir, mostly composed of boys from St. Benedict's.

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