

St. Mary's Convent, Ponsonby

(From an occasional correspondent.)

On Wednesday, April 10, a ceremony of profession took place at St. Mary's Convent, Ponsonby, when ten young ladies were admitted to the Order of Mercy. The names of the candidates were: Sister M. Felix Dwyer, Toowoomba; Sister M. Ita Myell, Maitland, N.S.W.; Sister M. Aquin Cole, Lahinch, Ireland; Sister M. Paul O'Hara, N.S.W.; Sister M. Austin Le Lievre, Akaroa; Sister M. Patricia Neylon, Dunedin; Sister M. Dorothea Ware, Queensland; Sister M. Cordelia Walsh, Queensland; Sister M. Magdalen Ryan, Queensland; Sister M. Veronica Kane, N.S.W. His Lordship Bishop Cleary celebrated Mass, and was assisted by the Ven. Archdeacon Brodie, of Waihi, and in the choir were also present the Rev. Father McGuinness (Te Aroha) and Rev. Father Skinner (Auckland). After the ceremony the clergy and guests were entertained by the community. Among the visitors were the Rev. Father Furlong, who had just returned from Ireland, Rev. Father Edge (Ponsonby), Rev. Father Holbrook (Auckland), Rev. Fathers Ormond, O'Farrell, O'Doherty, Finn, Mrs and Miss Le Lievre (Akaroa), Misses Leahy (Blenheim), Misses Casey, Jones, Nicholas, O'Donnell, Ryder, and Miss Bell, Cambridge Education Diplôme, at present organising schools in Auckland. The convent chapel was most artistically decorated for the occasion, and the music, incidental to the ceremony, was very capably rendered by the convent choir. The occasion was marked by the arrival of four young ladies from Ireland, who volunteered their services for the furtherance of the good works of the Sisters of Mercy in Auckland.

At the teachers' examination held in January last, the following candidates presented from St. Mary's Convent, Ponsonby, were successful:—Katherine Kenny, C certificate; Mary Cecilia Gullen, D and partial C; Maud Towers, completed D and C (two subjects); Julia Dowling, completed D and C (one subject); May Cole, completed D; Bridget Rist, partial D; M. Fortune, partial D; B. Marnell, partial D; G. Price, partial D; J. Whelan, partial D; F. McCabe, passed in drawing C; B. Toohey, passed in drawing D; N. Shine, passed in drawing D.

Dannevirke

(From an occasional correspondent.)

April 19.

The first of our winter socials was held in the Catholic Hall on Tuesday evening, and, notwithstanding the inclement weather, the hall was comfortably filled. The arrangements were capably carried out by Mr. M. J. Lyons (secretary) and the ladies' committee.

The marriage of Miss M. Curtis, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis, of this town (formerly of Maharahara), to Mr. G. Adler, was solemnised at St. Michael's Church, on Wednesday by the Rev. Father Cahill. The bride was prettily attired in a white duchess satin with wreath and veil, and was attended by her two sisters and niece as bridesmaids. Mr. and Mrs. Curtis afterwards entertained a large number of guests at Morgan's Tea Rooms. The happy couple subsequently left for Auckland and Rotorua, where the honeymoon is to be spent.

Mr. T. Cotter, who has been a valued member of this congregation for the past four years, has recently taken his departure for Hastings. Mr. Cotter has always taken a keen interest in Church work, and his loss to the parish will be greatly felt. On Sunday morning, after the first Mass the Rev. Father Cahill, on behalf of the congregation, presented Miss Cotter, who represented her father, with an illuminated address, in which tribute was paid to Mr. Cotter's zeal for the progress of the Church, and to Mrs. Cotter and family for their aid and assistance in all matters appertaining to the welfare of the parish.

For Children's Hacking Cough at night,
Woods' Great Peppermint Cure, 1/6, 2/6.

Waihi

(From an occasional correspondent.)

April 19.

At last night's ordinary weekly meeting of the Waihi Men's Catholic Club the following telegram from St. Benedict's Club was read:—'Members of St. Benedict's Club offer hearty congratulations. The thanks of all who value the best things in life, home, and social purity, are due to the Catholics of Waihi for the attitude adopted at Socialist meetings held last Sunday.'

THE RELIGIOUS AGITATOR

RACY ADDRESS BY THE ARCHBISHOP OF ADELAIDE

His Grace the Archbishop of Adelaide, speaking at the opening of a new school hall at Brompton on Sunday, March 24, delivered the following address as reported in the *Southern Cross*:—Those who know me—and there are many in South Australia who do—think me as little likely to give offence to any Australian citizen as man can be. I begin, therefore, by defining my terms. Heaven knows I mean no rudeness by the words which I use. Among the population of South Australia there are many Catholics. Some would call them Roman Catholics, and they are welcome to so call them if they choose. Most South Australians are not Catholics. I class them, therefore, under the generic term—non-Catholics. I hope I hurt no one. The hurting of any South Australian is a thing alien to my thoughts. I intend no offence in any form. If I give offence, I give it unwittingly and unwillingly; and beg pardon beforehand for my fault. It is with non-Catholic that my present concern lies. My experience of them is pretty well as large as can be the experience of one who does not hold with their religious views. To make clearer what I wish to say, I take of non-Catholics one thousand of the average type. I divide the thousand into two groups. In one group there are, out of the one thousand, nine hundred and ninety-nine. The other group is—out of the thousand—in a glorious minority of one. Let me paint both classes as, with forty-two years of Australian life to guide me, I know them.

The Larger Group.

I will take a sample of the larger group first. He is one of the nine hundred and ninety-nine who form the majority. He is broad-minded; as he is kind-heartedness itself. He is a shrewd man of business, ever alert in his undertakings, and will strike a good bargain when he can. He makes money more or less, but he is by one means a slave to money. He is free-handed in his almsgiving. No public charity, no genuine case of private distress, ever appeals to him in vain. He may not be over remarkable for his punctuality in attendance at church. It may be that his Sunday visits to his place of worship are few and far between. Still, he has a genuine respect for religion. Supposing his purse allows it, he will cheerfully give help to religious cause. One fact stands out prominently. He will never scorn his neighbor on account of that neighbor's faith. You may believe what you like, you may say what prayers you like and where and when you like and as often as you like. Your belief and your praying may cause him wonder, but neither your belief nor your praying will ever draw insult from him.

In the Minority.

The non-Catholic Australian, who is in the proud minority of one in a thousand, is a being of an altogether different type. He may be a church-goer; he may not be a church-gower. I do not know. . . . I put the dogmas of his creed briefly:—(1) Hopelessly out of every chance of salvation is everybody who loves a horse. I marvel greatly if our friend in the grand minority of one really reads his Bible about which he talks so much. In page after page of the