

At the conclusion of the ceremony his Grace was presented with the following address by Mr. M. J. Brennan, on behalf of the Catholics of the district:—

'May it please your Grace,—On the occasion of this your first visit to Taranaki as our Archbishop, we, your faithful diocesans of Opunake, Pungarehu, and Okato, desire respectfully to offer you our warmest welcome. Furthermore, we wish to assure you that, like all the Catholics of this archdiocese, we have sincerely rejoiced at your elevation to the Apostolic See of Gortyna, and in whom we see a worthy successor of St. Titus. Your visit to this unimportant and out-of-the-way parish shortly after your consecration gives us an assurance that the humble and unpretentious will always be the object of your paternal solicitude. Your presence amongst us is an encouragement to us to become worthier children of the Catholic Church, and we pray Almighty God may grant you length of days and His choicest blessings to assist you in the labors and duties of your exalted office.

John O'Connor, P. O'Sullivan, W. Fleming, A. Gilhooly, M. Fleming, Thomas Tobin, John Doody, Thomas Fleming, L. J. Menard, S.M., M. J. Brennan, Martin Deegan, W. K. Connell, J. McHardy, R. McLaughlin, R. Fleming, J. Fleming, E. Aylward, J. A. Clarke, James Duggan, G. E. Julian, F. A. Chapman, H. F. Annis, Sam. R. Fever, J. C. O'Rorke, D. T. Leahy, E. O'Hanlon, J. Fleming, J. McDavitt.

The address was in book form and written in black and red after the style of a medieval manuscript. The cover was dark green leather ornamented with sap green silk ribbon, the whole being the creditable production of a local amateur.

The Archbishop in reply expressed his thanks for the warm welcome he had received and proceeded to explain what is meant by the Catholic Federation.

On Thursday his Grace administered Confirmation to thirty candidates in the church at Pungarehu, afterwards paying a visit to Cape Egmont lighthouse before returning to Opunake.

Napier

(From an occasional correspondent.)

The following pupils were successful at the practical examination in music held on September 15, at St. Joseph's Convent, by Mr. Henry St. George, representative of Trinity College, London:—

Associate (A.T.C.L.), Lilian Strangman, 81 (violin).

Junior grade—Honors, Hazel Cox, 80.

Preparatory grade—Honors, Kate Mullaney, 81.

Solo Singing—Intermediate grade, Murial Northcroft, 67.

Piano—Certificated pianist: Kathleen Cox, 68; Mary McGrath, 62.

Senior grade—Hilda Sweetapple, 72; Ernestine Latapie, 71; Nellie Brown, 64; Marion Bendell, 63.

Intermediate grade—Kathleen Atkinson, 69; Rae White-white, 69.

Junior grade—Doris Collison, 76; Murial Collison, 69; Margaret Treston, 66; Alice Downs, 62.

Preparatory—Leonora Casson, 85 (honors); Jean Fraser, 74; Tai Tuck, 69; Irene Cameron, 65; Thelma Pickering, 62.

First Steps—Millie Kuiti, 92; Eileen Collison, 65.

Stratford

(From our own correspondent.)

September 19.

On September 9, there passed away at his residence, Stratford, Mr. Henry William Ryan, a highly-esteemed and much-respected resident. He leaves a widow, one son (Mr. William Ryan, of Wanganui), and two daughters (Mrs. Thacker and Mrs. Bianchi, of Stratford) to mourn their loss. The funeral left the Catholic Church on September 11 for the Koputama Cemetery. The deceased was an old resident of Stratford.

The burial service was conducted by Rev. Father Maples. The deceased, who was a convert, died fortified by the rites of the Church.—R.I.P.

His Grace Archbishop O'Shea arrived from the south on Saturday evening, September 13, and was met at the railways station by a large number of the congregation. His Grace celebrated the first Mass on Sunday, and after the second Mass administered Confirmation to 172 candidates. At Vespers his Grace delivered a very impressive discourse.

A quiet wedding was solemnised at the Catholic Church on September 17, the contracting parties being Miss Margaret A. Leydon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leydon, Toko, and Mr. J. Charteris, of Taihape.

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