

Wakefield

(From an occasional correspondent.)

The week ended, September 21, will long be remembered by the Catholics of Wakefield and district, for on that date there concluded the most successful mission that has ever been conducted here. At the request of the congregation our worthy parish priest undertook to preach a mission here. Every morning and evening our people gathered from far and near to hear the able and eloquent pastor, and be instructed by him in the beautiful mysteries of our holy religion. The opportunities offered by the mission were gladly taken advantage of, and out of an adult population of about 130 persons and 60 children, only a very few indeed neglected the opportunity offered. On last Sunday, 120 persons received Holy Communion, this being a most edifying and touching sight, and a fitting tribute to the earnestness of the missionary. The ladies of the congregation had provided breakfast, and invited every member of the congregation to partake of their hospitality in a large marquee very kindly lent for the occasion by Mr. H. J. Harris.

After full justice had been done to the many good things provided, Father Ainsworth returned most heartfelt thanks to his people for the very loyal and practical way in which they had attended the mission. He specially thanked all those who had assisted him to make the house to house visitation right through this district.

Mr. E. S. Hoult, on behalf of the congregation, thanked the ladies who had been instrumental in providing the breakfast. Mr. McBride, on behalf of the committee and congregation, thanked the Rev. Father for his very great kindness in coming to preach a mission amongst them. Thus passed the most eventful day ever spent by the local Catholics as a body. The mission was brought to a close by the renewal of Baptismal vows, Rosary, and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Remuera

(From our own correspondent.)

Last Sunday being the fourth Sunday of the month was observed as the general Communion day for the children of the parish. Some fifty children were present at the first Mass, and received Holy Communion in a body. A number of Latin and English hymns were rendered in a most devotional manner by the children. The celebrant of the 11 o'clock Mass delivered an important discourse upon religion in the home, during the course of which parents were reminded of the three influences that unite to make a good child, and develop him into a good man—viz., the Church, the school, and the home. The preacher pointed out that of these three the home is the most important, and further, that in nine cases out of ten all the work of the Church and the school, the priests and the nuns, is all so much beating the air unless there is the good influence of good example and practical religion in the home-life of the child. The work done in the Catholic schools must be backed up by the support and confirmation, which only the lives and examples of parents can give. But the Church, the school, and the home taken together form a kind of trinity that makes the unity of a Christian life. In conclusion, the speaker reminded parents that they were placed over their children by God, and that God never placed children over their parents, consequently parents should instil into the minds of their children a wholesome regard for, and appreciation of, the Fourth Commandment of God. In most cases this can be done by moral suasion, but where that fails parents should not scruple to resort to physical methods.

Onehunga

(From our own correspondent.)

The quarterly Communion of the Onehunga branch of the H.A.C.B. Society took place on Sunday last,

when there was a large muster of Hibernians. The Very Rev. Dean Mahoney paid a high tribute of praise to the society, and complimented it on the splendid work it is doing for the Church in New Zealand. He urged all parents to see that their sons joined the juvenile branch as soon as they became of age, thus early securing for them the great spiritual and temporal benefits offered by the society. It is the intention of the local branch to hold a big Hibernian Sunday in Onehunga at the end of the next quarter, when they hope to arrange for a combined muster of the Auckland, Otahuhu, and Onehunga branches at Holy Communion, to be followed by a breakfast, and a sermon on Hibernianism at the 10 o'clock Mass, at which the members will be present in regalia.

A grand Michaelmas fair was opened in St. Mary's Hall on last Monday evening by his Worship the Mayor (Mr. John Rowe). The proceeds, which are for the parish funds, are steadily flowing in, in response to the appeals of daintily attired maidens who seem to possess a charm for extracting coins from the pockets of mere men. The fair will continue for a week.

The pupils and ex-pupils of the Convent Schools are busy preparing for the annual entertainment, when the charming operetta 'Cinderella' will be staged.

Lyttelton

(From an occasional correspondent.)

A impressive ceremony took place in the convent chapel of the Sisters of Mercy, Lyttelton, on September 24 (Feast of our Lady of Mercy), when two young ladies received the holy habit, Miss Nellie O'Connor (in religion Sister Mary Bernard), youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward O'Connor, of Hokitika, and Miss Winnie Hannan (Sister Stanislaus), of Dunedin. The Very Rev. Dean Hills, S.M., V.G., officiated, and was assisted by Rev. Father Cooney. The occasional sermon was preached by Very Rev. Dean Hills. The music was tastefully rendered by the Sisters' choir. After the ceremony, the friends of the newly received Sisters were entertained at luncheon by the community.

Otaki

Much interest (says the *Otaki Mail*) has been taken in the district in connection with the essay competitions held in connection with the Paraparaumu Horticultural Society's Show. The subject was 'The visit of H.M.S. New Zealand to Wellington,' and special prizes were kindly offered by Mr. F. P. Walkley. There were fourteen competitors. The result was announced at the show on Wednesday evening, September 10, as under: First prize, Rewa Fisher; second, Essie Tompsitt; third, Audrey Mack; h.c., Thomas Hagan (Te Horo) and Dorothy Booth (Otaki). The three first-named are all pupils of the Otaki Convent. The essays were judged by Mr. C. Earle, editor of the *Dominion*, who, in a covering letter to the society, stated that, on the whole, the essays were very creditable. The first prize essay was altogether plainly superior to the others. The expressions of the writer had been clearly expressed, there was evidence of keen observation of the matters that had come under her notice, while the writer had also displayed some originality. It was not easy to pick the others, as five or six were very even. The judge specially mentioned Dorothy Booth's essay as a most ambitious effort, but the writer had attempted a rather higher flight than she had been capable of sustaining. Mr. Earle complimented the writers of practically all the essays on their legible and neat handwriting.

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