

were several Irish Catholics amongst the crew, they resolved to celebrate the feast of their Patron Saint with great rejoicings; therefore, it was on this day that Catholicism was implanted by the sons of St. Patrick on Banks Peninsula. Let us now follow their

progress on the Peninsula and later in Canterbury.

Akaroa

The Catholics lived for many years without priests to bless their marriages and to baptise their children. When they learnt that

some Missioners were established at the Bay of Islands they wrote to the Vicar-Apostolic in order to ask him for a priest. This desire was not satisfied until four years later.

In January, 1840, there arrived at Auckland, a French warship, the "Aube," commanded by Lavaud. Mgr. Pompallier learnt from him that he was proceeding to Akaroa where several French emigrants were arriving to form a colony. Mgr. Pompallier then resolved to go there himself with Fathers Comte, Tripe, and Brother Florentin. They set out in the mission schooner, the "Sancta Maria," and arrived at Akaroa in September. The French emigrants arrived there on August 16 in the ship "Le Comte de Paris." The French emigrants had arrived almost at the same time as the "Aube," and began to install themselves in their new country. Father Comte was elected Superior of the Mission, and with the aid of the French marines he built a small chapel and a house, and began to busy himself with his work, baptising the children who were brought to him by their parents, even some Protestants desired Baptism. As the Missioners knew the language of the country, they visited the Maoris who were scattered along the coast instructing them and baptising a great number.

Mgr. Pompallier, on leaving Akaroa, went South in order to visit the Catholics who were established in Port Chalmers, and who had escaped shipwreck on the rocks near Moeraki. There were too few colonists to maintain their priests in permanent residences, so, after several fruitless efforts, the Missioners who had come with the intention of establishing themselves at Akaroa were compelled to content themselves with making visits there each year. Mgr. Pompallier's last visit to the Peninsula was on April 16, 1846.

(To be continued.)



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Coadjutor-Bishop of Auckland during Dr.
Pompallier's Episcopate, and afterwards
first Bishop of Wellington.

MUSIC EXAMINATIONS

St. Catherine's Convent, Invercargill

The following are the results of the practical examinations held by Mr. Haigh, of the Royal Academy of Music:—

Primary Division.—Frances Cameron, 134 (distinction); Pat McGrath, 126; Kathleen Stafford, 121; Phyllis Shortall, 116; Marjorie Crosbie, 113; Inelda Wills, 112; Mollie Martin, 101. Elementary Division—Kathleen Leonard, 131 (distinction); Cecilia Connolly, 130 (distinction); Maisie Kilkelly, 124; Muriel Grace, 119; Mabel Pasco, 112; Leo Smith, 103. Lower Division—Gemma Lister, 130 (distinction); Eileen Crowe, 107. Local Centre—Intermediate: Mary Fitzgerald, 128; Rhoda Lynch, 120. Final Grade—Thelma Paton, 109.

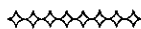
Trinity College Practical Examinations, conducted by Dr. Warriner:—

Licentiate completed—Mary O'Meara, Mary Deegan. Higher Local—Madeline Spencer, 63. Senior (honors)—Isa Gerrard, 80; Kathleen Lynch, 80; (pass)—Dorothy Crosbie, 74; Nina Hardy, 70. Intermediate (honors)—Kathleen Martin, 80; (pass)—Rita Thomson, 74. Junior (honors)—Marjorie Fitzgerald, 83. Preparatory (honors)—Nellie

Darbie, 85; Linda Myers, 83. First Steps—Mavis Myers, 81; Emily Dickens, 80.

Theory, Associated Board:—Rudiments—Misses Hardy, Barrell, Fraser, Crowe, McNamara, Lynch, Timpany, Crosbie, Gerrard, Martin. Division III—E. Crowe, D. Crosbie, R. Thomson, D. Stone, M. Fraser. Division II—M. Graham, J. Cahill, M. Grace, M. Fitzgerald, M. Barrell, C. McNamara. Division I—N. Darbie, C. Connelly, E. Waterston, G. Lindsay, K. Shand, M. Crosbie, K. Stafford, G. Lister, M. Kilkelly.

Trinity College:—Art of Teaching and Higher Rudiments—Mary Henley, Mary Deegan. Advanced Intermediate—Kathleen Martin, 86 (honors). Intermediae (honors)—Mary Fitzgerald, 95; Madeline Spencer, 91; Kathleen Martin, 89; Rhoda Lynch, 88.



ASSOCIATED BOARD RESULTS.

ST. DOMINIC'S COLLEGE, DUNEDIN.

Associated Board results:—Licentiate Diploma—Performers' certificate, Adelina Maura McGrath; Teachers' certificate, Tui Hutton. Local Centre Examination.—Advanced Grade—Pass (violin), Ada Sligo.

Schools' Examination.—Higher Division—Margaret Mary Comer. Lower Division—Louie Brensell, Noeline Marshall. Elementary—Distinction, Mollie O'Reilly; pass, Jack Byrnes, Pearl Gray, Zeitha Johnstone,

Reginald O'Reilly, Mavis Thurston. Primary—Jim Byrnes, Florence Hayward, Frances Woods.

OBITUARY

MR. J. W. MCCARTHY, MOTUEKA.

News of the death of Mr. James W. McCarthy, son of Mr. and Mrs. John McCarthy, of Motueka, which occurred with almost dramatic suddenness on Friday afternoon, November 28, came as a great shock to the community where deceased was well known as a resident and prominent member of several sporting bodies, particularly the Golf and Anglers Clubs, in which he took a very keen interest. It was known that deceased had been in indifferent health for some time, but his demise at the early age of 24 years was quite unexpected and cast a gloom over the town and district. The esteem in which deceased was held, as also his parents, was amply demonstrated on Saturday afternoon, the 29th inst., when residents from all parts joined the funeral cortege to pay their last tribute of respect to his memory. Requiem Mass was celebrated at the local Church by the Rev. Father Cullen, who afterwards officiated at the graveside. Many floral tributes were forwarded by friends and organisations with which deceased had been closely associated.—R.I.P.