



ALL OUR CARDS ON THE TABLE

(With acknowledgment to the *Irish World*.)

was hailed with delight by the children. Four hundred prizes of various descriptions were distributed. The children were very pleased with the financial success of their little undertaking. They are to be congratulated for the interest they take in, and the love they have for their school.

On Sunday, the 9th ult., at 2.30 p.m., his Grace Archbishop O'Shea administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to 42 candidates. St. Joseph's Church was too small to accommodate the congregation that assembled, many having to stand outside. His Grace spoke a few words to the children and exhorted them to pray that they may always retain the glorious faith in which it was their privilege that day to be confirmed. He asked them to pray especially that human respect would never cause them to be ashamed of their religion. His Grace went on to say that God had a special work for each child to do, but the most important work for all was the salvation of his or her soul. When the ceremony in the church was over, the children walked in procession to the school, which was that day to be formally opened and blessed. They formed a guard of honor from the gate, and as his Grace passed along all knelt to receive his blessing. The Archbishop was met on the verandah by the church and school committee men. After the blessing of convent and school Archbishop O'Shea returned to the verandah, from which he addressed the large gathering assembled on the lawn. He said it gave him great pleasure to be present at such a gathering, and congratulated all concerned in the erection of such a fine school. It spoke volumes for the devotedness of the Catholic people that in a small town like Granity such an edifice could be raised. The Catholics of Granity were determined that their children should not be deprived of a Catholic education. In providing a school for their children they did not wish to hurt the feelings of their separated brethren, nor to insinuate that secular education could not be had in the schools provided by the State. Catholics

believe that education means more than inculcating secular knowledge—it means training the child to be a good citizen on earth, and later a good citizen for heaven. True patriotism depends on Christianity; Christianity depends on morality, and morality is the outcome of religion. When his Grace concluded his brief address, "Faith of Our Fathers" was sung by those assembled, and then the convent and school were open for public inspection. About 200 people availed themselves of the opportunity of viewing the interior of the building. Afternoon tea was served, and the gathering dispersed well pleased with the kindly feeling existing, which was visible from the fact that all creeds had shown their good-will, many giving practical support.

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(From our own correspondent.)

October 12.

The practical examination held in connection with the Trinity College of Music, London, took place on the 29th ult. at the convent of the Sisters of Notre Dame des Missions, and the following numbers of pupils were successful: Teachers' diploma: L.T.C.L., 2; teachers' diploma: A.T.C.L., 4; teachers' diploma (singing), 1; higher local (honors), 1; senior, 1; intermediate (honors), 1; intermediate, 3; junior (honors, piano), 1; (violin), 1; junior (piano), 8; (violin), 4; preparatory (honors), 3; preparatory (violin), 1; (piano), 1; first steps, 5.

Rev. Father Tymons left on the 6th inst. by the Maruka for Sydney, where he will attend the conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, and also the centenary celebrations of St. Mary's Cathedral.

Rev. Father Goggan, S.M., who is at present visiting Napier, has been conducting a three days' retreat for Children of Mary at St. Joseph's Convent.

The penny collection for the schools has received a marked impetus owing to the efforts of Rev. Father Clancy.

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