

student in Meeanee and 16 as a teacher in St. Patrick's College. Leaving Sydney on December the 17th., he will break his journey at Port Said in order to visit the Holy Land. After staying six months in Luxembourg, he will visit Ireland and then return to New Zealand, via the United States. Father Gondringer's home in Luxembourg is about three hours by rail from the battlefields of the Western Front, to which he hopes to pay more than one visit, as he has received many requests from the relatives of fallen New Zealanders to visit the graves of their dear ones, and bring back some slight token or souvenir. As far as is humanly possible he undertakes to render a similar service to others who may care to take advantage of the offer. The S.S. Omar, by which Father Gondringer will travel from Sydney, left England on October 16, carrying, among other passengers, the Very Rev. Dean Holley, S.M. (provincial), and the Very Rev. Dean Regnault, S.M., of St. Mary's, Christchurch.

At the Trinity College Music examination held by Mr. Myerscough on Wednesday and Thursday, 35 pupils of the Sacred Heart College, Lower Hutt, presented themselves for examination in the several branches, and a pass was obtained in each instance, honors being secured in no less than 17. The examiner stated that he was delighted with the work of the candidates and complimented the College on the excellence of its music teachers. The record is looked upon as being a fine one, and the results of the examinations are most gratifying to the college authorities and the candidates.

The many friends throughout New Zealand of the Rev. Father Smyth, S.M., of the Sacred Heart Basilica, Thorndon, will regret to hear of the death of his father, Mr. John Smyth, of Co. Limerick, Ireland, news of which he received by cable last Saturday. Father Smyth is the only member of the family in New Zealand. Solemn Requiem Mass was offered at the Sacred Heart Basilica last Wednesday morning for the repose of the soul of deceased, in the presence of a large congregation. Rev. Father Moloney, S.M., was celebrant; Rev. Father Fay, S.M., deacon; Rev. Father McDonnell, S.M., sub-deacon; and Rev. Father Smyth, S.M., master of ceremonies. The clergy were represented by the following: Ven. Archdeacon Devoy, S.M., Rev. Fathers Mahony, S.M., Hannigan, O.S.S.R., Connolly, Cullen, Quealy, Gondringer, S.M., Quinn, S.M., Riordan, Sweeney, Griffin, and Buckley. The various religious Orders and schools were also well represented. St. Patrick's College Choir under the conductorship of Rev. Father Ryan, with Rev. Father Schaeffer at the organ, rendered the incidental music, after which the "Dead March" from "Saul" was played on the organ by Father Schaeffer.—R.I.P.

DIocese OF AUCKLAND

(From our own correspondent.)

October 21.

Rev. Father Golden's name was omitted from the list of Clergy who were present at the Requiem Mass in the Sacred Heart Church for the repose of the soul of the late Father Carran. He was also present in St. Mary's Convent at the recent jubilee celebrations in connection with the Sisters of Mercy, when he read and presented an "Ode" composed by himself and beautifully illuminated by Mrs. Madden, of Otahuhu, to Rev. Mother Josephine.

A Solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated at the Sacred Heart Church, on Wednesday, October 12, for the repose of the soul of Miss Muriel F. McGarry, youngest daughter of Mrs. Catherine and the late Mr. Henry McGarry, Ardmore Road, Herne Bay. Right Rev. Mgr. Ormond was celebrant; Fathers Finn and O'Connor, deacon and sub-deacon respectively; and Very Rev. Chancellor Holbrook, master of ceremonies. There were also present Fathers Brennan, Kelly, Brady, and Moore, as well as the Rev. Mother and a number of Sisters of Mercy; Sister Euphrasia and Sister Xavier, of St. Mary's, being the aunt and sister of deceased. The Children of Mary, of which sodality deceased had been a member, carried the remains from the church to the hearse and also to the graveside. Deceased was very popular, as was evidenced from the number who attended the Requiem and at the interment in the Otahuhu cemetery.—R.I.P.

Mr. Leo Whittaker, the well known Auckland musician and former conductor of St. Patrick's Cathedral Choir, is now settled in London for some time. He intends studying the latest methods in pianoforte and singing, and to be in London for the musical season—1921-22. He hopes to visit Scotland, France, and Belgium before his return to New Zealand. Mr. Whittaker has already made short excursions out of London, notably to Cranleigh, amid delightful Surrey scenery, where he had the pleasure of meeting Messrs. Lawson Wood, and Longhurst.

An excellent musical entertainment was given by the pupils of St. Mary's Convent High School, Ponsonby, in the Town Hall Concert-Chamber, on Wednesday, October 19, before a large audience. A large and well-trained orchestra, consisting of violins, cellos, and pianos opened the programme with "Erin" and "The War Dance of the Priests." Two choruses, "Venetian Gondoliers," and "Erin, the Tear," were sung with fine effect, and the senior pupils also gave two part songs, "In the Dell and the Dingle," and "Good-night." Miss Dalice Brady sang "Kathleen Mavourneen." Two Chopin piano solos were played by Miss N. Trembath, "Polonaise" in C minor, and Miss D. Ryan, "Etude." A piano duet was contributed by Misses D. Ryan and Sheelah Kelly, and piano quartets were played by Misses Cook, Lang, Bew, and French, who gave "Tancredi," and Misses Kendall (2), Atkinson, and Kessing, who played "Valse Brillante." The entertainment concluded with a well-acted and staged operetta, "The Enchanted Palace." The costumes and scenery in this piece were very pretty, and made an effective display. The characters in "The Enchanted Palace" were taken by Misses Y. McVeagh, F. Maskell, R. Nicholas, A. Ibbotson, D. Brady, D. Johnson, G. Simmonds, M. Moynihan, M. Adye, P. Snelgar, P. Flynn, P. Noon, and H. Stansfield. Misses S. Kelly and N. Gaw were the accompanists.

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DIocese OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

October 18.

At the Sacred Heart Church, Addington, on a recent Sunday, members (in regalia) of the local branch of the Hibernian Society, in observing their first general Communion, approached the Holy Table to the number of about 30. Rev. Father Eccleton, Marist Missioner, who celebrated Mass on the occasion gave an appropriate address, in the course of which he expressed the hope that every Catholic man in the parish would join the Society.

A fairly large number of members of the Christchurch Celtic Club attended a special meeting last week, to say farewell to Mrs. J. Smyth, a prominent and valued member of the Club, prior to her departure for Westland. The president (Mr. H. Nevin) voiced the regret of the members at the loss to the club occasioned by Mrs. Smyth's severance from it, and asked her acceptance of a small present as a mark of their esteem accompanied by their sincere good wishes. Several other members eulogised the departing guest for the services she had rendered the club. Mrs. Smyth expressed her thanks for the gift and appreciation of the kindness which prompted its presentation.

At the fortnightly meeting of the Christchurch Celtic Club, held in the Hibernian Hall, Mr. K. Nevin presided over a good attendance. The evening's programme was a debate on the subject, "Is country life preferable to town life?" Mr. J. Ormandy led in the affirmative and was supported by Messrs. Stanley, Congreve, and T. Twomey, while the Messrs J. Flannelly, Cecil McGrade, and V. Twomey took the negative. After an interesting debate the decision was given in favor of the affirmative side on the casting vote of the chairman. Eleven new members were added to the club's roll. A motion of condolence with Mrs. McDonnell on the death of her son-in-law, Mr. Casev, was passed.

The mission now in progress at the Cathedral is proving most successful, appreciation of the efforts of the Marist Missioners being shown by the very large numbers of the parishioners who attend the various exercises. The congregations at the early Masses afford striking evidence of the spiritual results of the mission, while the seating accommodation of the Cathedral is taxed to its utmost each evening. The devotions on Tuesday evening were in