

lavishly given both blood and treasure. In literature, and in art, too, the fortunes have been linked together, but I say she is no longer going to be the Cinderella of the British Empire. I want her to retain her share in the firm, but carried to a separate account. I do not want a divorce, but I want for her a restitution of conjugal rights (Enthusiastic applause.) Well, now, gentlemen, some few years ago I was offered a seat in Parliament by some foolish people who thought I deserved it. Well, I did not. I thought, and I think wisely, that I can do those that I love far better service by taking my own way and doing my duty in that state of life to which it has pleased God to call me, and I have exercised my abilities in that direction. You have perceived very kindly the object I have mixed up with my own works. Now in pursuance of that object, I am about to take your kind message of comfort and encouragement—to that as the wandering Arab in the desert, when he utters his morning and evening prayer, turns his face with his heart full of devotion towards the burial place of his prophet and his creed; so Irishmen, all over the world, when they utter their prayers for their native country, turn their hearts towards that little Island in the Atlantic which they are proud to proclaim as the birth-place of themselves or their fathers." (Prolonged applause.)

The Rev. Fathers O'Neil and Hegarty, C.S.S.R.,—arrived here by the Manapouri yesterday, from Sydney. They are to give a series of missions here, commencing at Parnell on Sunday next. Much good is expected to result from the visit of the good Redemptorist Fathers to the diocese of Auckland.

CHRISTIAN BROTHERS' SCHOOLS, DUNEDIN.

THE annual distribution of prizes took place in these schools on Friday, the 18th inst., His Lordship the Bishop presiding, and a number of the friends and relatives of the boys being present. The large room in which the ceremony was held had been tastefully decorated with ferns and foliage for the occasion, and a prettily executed banner containing the word "Welcome" occupied a prominent position. A quantity of the exercises, copies, and mapping, and written work of the boys generally, was shown, and proved to be as usual very admirable and consistent with the high character of the Brothers' teaching. A new feature this year was the printing of the programmes of the entertainment and the questions for the scholarship examinations, which had been done by the Christian Brothers themselves in a press constructed by a member of the community. The work was very neat, and in nothing betrayed the amateur. We may add that the questions for the scholarship examinations were of an advanced class, and far from easy. They convincingly proved that the boys who had gained so high an average in answering them had been well instructed and had worked hard. Before the distribution of prizes was made by his Lordship the Bishop the following programme was performed: 1. Chorus, "Welcome! Welcome!" Singing Class. 2. Dialogue, "Brutus and Cassius," W. Woods, T. Lynch. 3. Piano Solo, "Signal March," J. Macedo. 4. Vocal Solo, "Home and Mother," F. Murphy. 5. Recitation, "The Voice and Pen," A. Hall. 6. Piano Solo, "The Minsirel Boy," W. Haydon. 7. Recitation, "The Incheape Rock," W. Corbett. 8. Chorus, "Don't Fret," Class. 9. Vocal Solo, "O Breathe Not His Name," J. Sullivan. 10. Recitation, "Collier's Dying Child," F. Heley. 11. Piano Solo, "Last Rose of Summer," A. Hall. 12. Vocal Duet, "Gipsies We," F. and A. Murphy. 13. Recitation, "Irish Valour," T. Lynch. 14. Violin Solo, "Irish Airs," E. Sheedy. 15. Recitation, "Dimes and Dollars," J. Macedo. The various items were very creditably given, and each of the performers acquitted himself admirably. When the prizes had been distributed, the Bishop delivered the following address:

He said: Since we met last year in this hall a new schoolroom, capable of accommodating 80 boys, has been added to this institution, and that addition has not been made a moment too soon. The number of boys attending the school has been steadily on the increase. In the year 1883 the number was 234; in 1884, 255; and this year, 279. So far this is satisfactory, but I have something to say as regards efficiency. The Superior of the Christian Brothers, who devote themselves so disinterestedly and energetically, and I must add so successfully, to the education of youth, asked me to read the examination papers. These appear highly satisfactory. To be sure they are not all free from mistakes; but I think no one can read them without being pleased at the penmanship, almost universally, and at the evidence the papers afford of good teaching and a fair amount of industry and success on the part of the boys. It has been found difficult to decide as to the winner of the junior scholarship, and, indeed for both scholarships several of the competitors have run what may be termed a neck-and-neck race. We have done our best, however, to be just, and have given the prizes to the boys who, in our judgment—after having made a very careful and anxious investigation—best deserved them. Throughout the percentages of marks have been high. This is also very satisfactory, and I hope we shall be enabled to make similar reports. For a long time I have been anxious that some of our boys should present themselves at the matriculation examination of the New Zealand University; but hitherto the school has not sent up any candidate. The reason is because none of the pupils can be induced to remain at school sufficiently long to enable them to make the necessary preliminary preparation. I know there are difficulties, not small, to be overcome as regards many. These I need not enumerate for you; you are already aware of them. Some parents also do not care to pay the fees, particularly as the result is, of course, uncertain. If, however, any boys can manage to remain sufficiently long in this institution, means will be provided to save them the expense of these fees, and prizes will also be given to the two most successful candidates who gain the highest number of marks. In the case, too, of really clever, industrious boys, additional help will be forthcoming. I hope these inducements will help to remove some of the obstacles to the realization of our desires on this subject. The conduct of the boys has been throughout the year very satisfactory. Hardly any complaints have reached me, and I hope it will always

be so. Boys should consider it a great blessing and a great privilege to be permitted to receive their education in this school, and should consequently feel their responsibility in reference to their conduct not only in the school but everywhere. Pupils of the Christian Brothers should be remarkable for the propriety of their words and actions, and for gentlemanly deportment. They should scorn everything unbecoming a Christian and a Catholic, and I am happy to think that the great majority of them do so. If at any time there should be found any amongst them forgetful of what they owe themselves and this school, such, if they do not amend after one or two admonitions, will certainly be removed from the school. Although for the present it is useless to protest against the cruel injustice done to us in compelling us, after having provided such schools as this for our own children, to contribute largely to provide free and godless education for the children of well-to-do people, I nevertheless renew to-day the protest I have so many times made from this place, and remonstrate against the system of public education which prevails in this country. It is our duty to do this, but it is still more our duty to exert ourselves to the utmost to render our schools as efficient as possible and to leave nothing undone to multiply these schools. Did we neglect to do all this our position in the sight of God would, according to the teaching of St. Paul, be worse than that of infidels, because in that case we should be neglecting our own and those of the household of the faith. I do not think I ought to delay you any longer. We have to thank you, ladies and gentlemen, who have come here to-day to patronise this exhibition. We have also to thank the Brothers for the great seal and success with which they carry on this school. It is very satisfactory to know that the additional room provided has not been provided a minute too soon. We trust it will be necessary before very long to provide another school in some other part of the town. I think this establishment is now sufficiently large, and that whatever we do in the way of future progress should be commenced elsewhere. I thank you all, ladies and gentlemen." His lordship added a few words with relation to the expected visit in Dunedin of the Cardinal Archbishop of Sydney. He said that his Eminence would visit the schools, and he, the Bishop, hoped that the boys would prepare an entertainment for him, something of no great length but very choice. He then dismissed the schools until Feb. 1. His Lordship also returned thanks to those friends of the schools who this year had been very liberal in presenting prizes. We append the prize list:

PRIZE AND HONOUR LIST.

[Note.—The examinations for prizes are distinct from those for the scholarships. The two highest in each subject are here mentioned, the first being the prizeman.]

SENIOR ROOM.

Bishop's Scholarship Class.—Christian Doctrine (Mr. Petre's Prize): J. Connor, C. Meade. English (Mr. Gourley's): G. Stone, J. Meenan. Latin (Mr. Callan's): C. Columb, L. Pavletich. French (Mr. Callan's): C. Columb, L. Pavletich. Arithmetic (Mr. Caldwell's): C. Columb, D. Hartnett. Euclid (Mr. Woods): L. Pavletich, D. Hartnett. Algebra (Mr. Conway's): L. Pavletich, C. Columb. Book-keeping (Mr. O'Sullivan's): C. Fottrell, T. Lynch.

Special Prizes.—Highest Scholarship Marks (Mr. Petre's): C. Columb. Most Progress (Mr. Roche's): W. Woods. Good Conduct (Mrs. Haydon's): J. J. Farrell. Home Work (Mr. Columb's): W. Woods, C. Columb. Elocution (Mr. Perrin's): T. Lynch, W. Woods. Penmanship (Mr. Petre's): D. Hartnett, W. Woods. Mapping (Mr. Petre's): James Maguire, L. Pavletich. Dux (silver medal, presented by the Catholic Literary Society): C. Columb.

Bishop's Scholarship Certificate (this certificate is granted to those who in the examination for the Bishop's Scholarship gain not less than 70 per cent. of marks in at least four subjects, of which arithmetic must be one).—C. Columb, L. Pavletich, D. Hartnett, James Farrell, A. M'Ilroy, D. Falkner, T. Lynch, G. Stone.

Bishop's Scholarship.—This, the gift of the Most Rev. Dr. Moran, was awarded to Leonard J. Pavletich; Charles Columb was highest, but having won this year's he cannot also, per regulations, hold next year's scholarship. There were 18 candidates.

The results are as follows:—

Names.	C. Dict.	Englsh.	Latin.	French.	Arithmetic	Euclid.	Algebra.	Bk-keep	Total.	Per cent.
Charles Columb	96	87	84	90	95	94	98	97	740	92.5
Leonard Pavletich	81	80	87	86	100	8	100	85	727	90.8
Daniel Hartnett	90	76	74	82	91	94	88	93	688	86.0
James Farrell	96	77	72	87	89	96	87	88	684	85.5
Alex. M'Ilroy	74	51	76	80	77	97	87	86	661	82.6
Daniel Falkner	92	83	70	78	85	89	86	73	656	82.0
Thomas Lynch	92	75	71	81	85	70	85	92	651	81.3
William Haydon	84	73	71	80	68	9	75	83	630	78.7
William Woods	89	61	59	72	62	79	68	85	575	71.8
John Connor	78	77	73	70	50	86	63	4	551	68.8
John Meenan	88	72	62	74	32	75	42	93	528	66.0
George Stone	93	78	74	74	71	81	68	55	520	65.0
Edward Sheedy	85	75	38	72	60	57	36	89	515	64.3
Henry Griffin	83	41	67	80	58	7	33	36	415	64.3
William Hayes	70	70	50	67	37	81	57	82	514	64.2
Christopher Fottrell	81	40	4	57	95	80	96	96	454	56.7
Charles Meade	85	78	36	70	25	34	26	7	429	53.6
Eugene Sullivan	64	44	45	63	52	47	32	68	376	46.8

a, signifies "absent for this subject."

Junior Scholarship Class.—Christian Doctrine (Mrs. Haydon's prize): A Cousins, James Farrell. English (Mr. Gourley's): G. Haydon, James Bradley. Arithmetic (Mr. Caldwell's): William Morkane, James Bradley. Geometry (Mr. Wood's): M. Hickey, G. Haydon. Book-keeping (Mr. Conway's): M. Hickey, James Bradley. Special Prizes.—Home Lessons (Mrs. Bunbury's): James Bradley, William Morkane. Home Exercises (Mr. Smith's): M. Hickey,