

CHRISTCHURCH.

(From our own Correspondent.)

ON Sunday, February 3, the Very Rev Father Cummings distributed the prizes to the pupils attending the Catholic school at Halswell in the presence of a number of their parents and friends. After presenting the prizes he complimented the pupils, also the teacher, Miss Booth, on the progress made in the school during the year, and the excellence of the needlework, which was especially creditable. The following is the prize list:—Good Conduct—Leo Kennedy, B. Kilbride, David Burke, and Joseph Dempsey. Regular Attendance—B. Kilbride and Joseph Mealing. Needlework—Mary Burke, Maude Kennedy, Mary Kilbride, Lizzie Streeter, Madge Green and B. Kilbride. Fancy Work—Leo Kennedy, Mary Kilbride and Mary Murphy. Drawing (freehand and model)—Edward Kilbride, Joseph Mealing, James Dempsey and Patrick Wall. Singing—Mary Kilbride, Maude Kennedy, Lizzie Streeter and John Kilbride. Mapping—Edward Kilbride, Joseph Mealing, Garret Burke and Patrick Wall. Diligence—Patrick Leach. Music—Leo and Maude Kennedy (equal), Patrick Leach and Mary Murphy. Standard prizes—Standard V: Mary Kennedy and Edward Kilbride. Standard IV: Leo Kennedy and Garret Burke. Standard III: Mary Kilbride, Joseph Mealing and James Burke. Standard II: Patrick Wall, David Burke and Lizzie Streeter. Class III: Joseph Dempsey, John Kilbride and Willie Leach. Class II: Frank Dempsey, Madge Green, Francis Burke, Wionie Streeter and B. Kilbride. Special prizes—Teddie Wall, Johnnie Green, Maurice Burke, Eiley Murphy, Sissie Green, Moyner and Willie Kilbride.

THE CHURCH AT SUMNER.

The Sumner property, which the late Mr A. J. White purchased about five years ago and subsequently bequeathed to the Catholic bishop of Christchurch for ecclesiastical purposes, is really a very handsome donation. The whole property was bought by Mr White for a little over £300. The plot of ground on which the building stands is a corner section of about half an acre in extent and in a

Cummings, also the then Superioress, the Rev Mother Philomena, were consulted as to the form of the proposed monument. After much deliberation it was then decided that the monument should be a memorial window, which should be placed in the Pro-cathedral, near which sacred edifice the deceased prioress had spent so much of her religious life. The Rev Mother St John, who was then and is yet in Europe, was communicated with and requested to select a subject for the window, and she selected a subject fully in harmony with name by which Mother St Gabriel was known in religion. The subject chosen is the Annunciation—a scene which depicts the Archangel Gabriel making known to the Blessed Virgin Mary the happy tidings that she was to become the Mother of God. The design for this subject was sent to this city, submitted to and approved of by Bishop Grimes, the Vicar-General and the Sisters, and subsequently returned to France. But the monument could not be got out to this Colony sooner, as six months were required to manufacture the window, and as its reconstruction was necessitated by a mistake in the measurement. These unforeseen events could not, however, be prevented, and the window has arrived and will be soon ready for unveiling. The window was manufactured in Lyons, and is an exceptionally good, neat, beautiful and artistic specimen of workmanship. The expenses of the window will be about £50, and persons anxious to contribute towards them may forward their contributions to the address of the honorary treasurer, Mr E. O'Connor, J.P., who will cordially answer sums of money sent to him for this praiseworthy purpose.

LEESTON.

The Very Rev Father Cummings drove to Leeston early on Sunday morning last, in order to preach in the church at that township at High Mass and at Vespers. He returned to this city on Sunday morning last, and he will deliver, at the pro-Cathedral on Sunday evening next, a panegyric on the great patron Saint of Ireland.

THE BAZAAR.

The Rev Father Galerne occupied the chair on Sunday afternoon last at a well-attended meeting, in the convent in Barbadoes street,

OUR WORD FOR IT.

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very convenient and central position. Indeed, the position of the section is so central as to be almost in the very middle of the bay in which the watering place is situated. A lawn and tennis club made the selection of land and upon it erected the present building, which is a substantially constructed wooden hall, with an iron roof and capable of comfortably accommodating about 300 persons. The grounds, which are fenced round with a live hedge, were once a lawn and tennis court, but after they had been used for a time for this purpose, in them the members of the club and their friends ceased from some cause or other to hold their gatherings, and the premises were put up for sale. The hall is fairly high and nearly a square in form, and well lined within with matched boards. An altar and some seats, also a few interior fittings and alterations, would include everything necessary to change the whole structure into a nice little church. Apart from the altar and seats the main expense would be the windows, which in consequence of the hall not being used for a long time, have been considerably injured, and are at present closed up with boards. Some weeks ago the Right Rev Dr Grimes said he would like to have the building renovated and Mass celebrated therein before long. Were, therefore, a few persons to earnestly interest themselves in the preparing of the hall for divine service, Mass would soon be said not only once but also occasionally at Sumner. The property is worthy of attention, and the sooner that it can be used for the purpose for which it must now be devoted the better.

MOTHER ST. GABRIEL

At High Mass at the Pro-cathedral on Sunday next the festival of the Archangel Gabriel, a memorial window, now in course of erection, in honour of the late Rev Mother Marie St Gabriel, will be unveiled with great solemnity. Mother St Gabriel, who died at Lyons on the 26th of July, 1893, was a religious for twenty-seven years, and for seventeen years the Superioress of the Convent in Barbadoes street of the Sisters of our Lady of Missions. Towards the end of the year of her demise a movement was made to erect a suitable monument to her memory, and the Right Rev Dr Grimes, the Very Rev Father

of the convent bazaar and art-union committee. A good deal of work was done, and, among other things, it was arranged that the art-union in connection with the bazaar should be drawn on the eighth day of November next. It was decided that the committee should meet every Sunday afternoon in order to transact business necessary to make the bazaar and art-union a thorough success. The Rev Father Cahill, of New South Wales, and the secretary (Mr O'Connor) were also present.

The Vespers of the Blessed Virgin were sung at the pro-Cathedral on Sunday evening last, and the Rev Father Cahill preached a very instructive discourse on Divine faith.

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And without a sign of fear;
He wasn't a strong man, either,
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