

agitation and example have, however, had the effect of arousing strong feeling among other colonists concerning the iniquity of the present godless system. Correspondents from many parts ask advice. We cannot do better than quote words, which, before last election, our late chief dictated to us in answer to the question—"What should be the policy of Catholic electors?" The words of the late Bishop MORAN are applicable in 1896 as in 1893. "In my opinion," said his Lordship, "Catholics should act as intelligent and determined men, who, having a cruel grievance, know how wisely to utilise the means within their reach towards the redressing of this grievance. They should quietly confer together, try to understand one another, keep in mind the obligations of justice and loyalty, which are the paramount obligations of this moment; carefully keep away from the meetings—committee or others—of their enemies, be guided by their natural leaders, who are both wise and wary, and move as one man from the North Cape to Stewart's Island."

CONGRATULATION.

THIS number of the NEW ZEALAND TABLET should reach Auckland on next Sunday 15th inst, the day of the consecration ceremony. It bears our sincere congratulations to Most Rev. Dr. LENIHAN, and to the priests and people who now call him ruler and father.—*Ad multos annos.* May a reign of many years give opportunity of displaying the kindness towards the orphan and the poor, the gentleness and consideration to his people, the wisdom of administration and the zeal for holy religion and Catholic education which have characterised the years of his priesthood. The burden laid upon his young shoulders is very great. A devoted clergy and a faithful people will make the labour easy and the burden light. We respectfully wish his Lordship a long, a happy and a prosperous episcopate.

At the examination connected with the School of Art, Wellington, held on the 2nd of September, five pupils of the Sisters of Mercy, Lyttelton, presented themselves for freehand drawing. All passed successfully. Miss Julia Mahar obtaining special merit. The other candidates were:—Misses Eveline O'Brien, Mary Murray, Rosie Gellately, and Master J. Loader.

WE give elsewhere a concise account of the proceedings in celebration of the golden jubilee of the Archbishop of Tasmania. For the substance of our report and for the Cardinal's discourse we are indebted to the admirable report appearing in our contemporary the *Launceston Monitor*.

WE draw the attention of our young readers to the new competitions which we commence in this issue. As a very large number correctly located all the sentences in the last competition, we intend to make them somewhat more difficult this time. Most of the errors made in the last competition arose through carelessness, so we would advise competitors to do their work as carefully and neatly as possible.

A WEEK'S mission was commenced at Mosgiel on Sunday morning last, when the Rev. Father McCarthy, C.M., preached a most earnest and eloquent sermon. The church was crowded, and there is every prospect of a most successful mission.

It is a matter of great surprise to Protestants how Catholics, numerically weak and financially far from strong, manage to contribute so largely to church and school and charitable institutions. The Catholics of Christchurch, who, in the past, have done so much for holy religion and the great cause of Christian education, have given a fresh instance of the generosity which springs from lively faith and a sense of duty. The Very Rev. Father Cummings, V.G., S.M., made an appeal a few Sundays ago for funds for the improvement of the Pro-Cathedral. The *Lyttelton Times* of Monday thus speaks of the result of this appeal:—"The services yesterday at the Pro-Cathedral were of a highly interesting and attractive nature. On this occasion a special appeal had been made to the regular congregation for liberal contributions to the renovation fund of the church. The appeal was met in the most liberal manner, upwards of £102 being donated at the two services. Allusion was made at each service to the help given by M. and Madame Musin, to both of whom the Very Rev. Father Cummings tendered his thanks for their contributions to the services of the choir. At the evening service three of the greatest pieces in musical literature were rendered, viz., 'O rest in the Lord,' 'With verdure clad' and Handel's immortal 'Largo.' Special mention must be made of the services of the fifty boys who have been trained by the Rev. Father

Galerne, and whose efforts were most praiseworthy, M. Musin being especially pleased by the effect produced by their united voices. Miss Venie Flower's singing was most acceptable and materially assisted the choir in its work. Altogether the result of the services was very satisfactory."

DURING the past week the Vincentian Fathers have been conducting a successful mission at St. Patrick's Basilica, Oamaru, the devotions both morning and evening being attended by large and devout congregations. The mission has been conducted, says a local paper, in an eloquent and impressive style, and has provoked much religious fervor among the Catholic community.

A VERY successful and enjoyable entertainment was given in the school-room of St. Mary's church, Milton, on Monday last. Notwithstanding the numerous other holiday attractions there was a large audience, the school-room being well filled. Musical items were supplied by Misses O'Neill and Lynch and Mrs. King, and by Messrs P. Curran and J. A. Scott, step-dances were given by Messrs J. Costello and T. Molony, and recitations by Mrs. Condon and Mr. Scott. The audience were enthusiastically appreciative and almost every item was encored. The entertainment concluded with a play called "Popping the question," which kept the audience in roars of laughter, one or two "unrehearsed effects" furnishing, if possible, even more entertainment than the play itself. The characters were sustained by Mrs. Condon, Misses McTague, O'Neill and Lynch, and Messrs J. McTague and J. Lynch. All did extremely well and the performance was a highly creditable one. At its conclusion the Rev. Father Ryan thanked the audience for their attendance and the performers for the evening of hearty and genuine fun which they had provided.

FOUR pupils of the Sisters of Mercy, Christchurch, were presented for the drawing examination in connection with the Technical School of Arts, Wellington, held on September 2. All passed, and one of them, Miss Dorothea Loughnan, obtained "excellent." The other candidates were Misses Nellie Slattery, Nellie Joyce and Ruby Jackson. At the recent Canterbury College pass examinations, held on October 27, the Sisters sent three pupils for the music examination, and the three were successful. The names are Misses May Gamble, Florence Heard and Nellie Slattery.

TWO CHRISTMAS COMPETITIONS FOR OUR YOUNG READERS.

1. A special book prize will be given to the boy or girl under 16, who sends to us the best selected poem on Christmas or some subject directly connected with Christmas. The poems must reach the editor not later than December 10th, accompanied by the name, age and address of the sender in a sealed envelope.
 2. Two book prizes will also be given to the two smartest young readers under 16 years, who locate the greatest number of the sentences which will appear in four issues of the N. Z. TABLET—November 13th, 20th, 27th and December 1.
 3. Competitors must mention the PAGE, COLUMN AND NUMBER OF LINE in which each sentence occurs.
 4. Illustration: The sentence in issue of last week, "Their hands met," is found on page 11, column 2, line 3.
 5. Neither head lines nor advertisements are to be taken into account for the purpose of this competition.
 6. Competitors must cut out coupon headed "Christmas Competition Coupon," and forward it with *nom de plume* on face of coupon, and name, age and address in sealed envelope—the latter to be opened after the award has been made.
 7. Should more than two competitors successfully locate all the sentences, the writing of the competitors will be taken into account. Each competitor will therefore transcribe in best style and enclose with coupon the first three sentences of the leader in our issue of December 1.
 8. To give time to all our readers in north and south islands, the competition will be open till December 17, on or before which day all letter addressed "Editor N. Z. TABLET," and marked "competition" on outside, must reach Dunedin.
- NOTE—Competitors should send in the four filled coupons enclosed in an envelope.

"CHRISTMAS COMPETITION COUPON."

(NEW ZEALAND TABLET, November 13.)

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LOCATE SENTENCE IV.—Under the cloak of religion.

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LOCATE SENTENCE V.—Earnest and eloquent sermon.

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