

very copious and comprehensive body of Catholic controversial literature, and there is scarcely any difficulty, doctrinal or historical, in connection with the Church which is not ably and fully dealt with in its publications. They are, in almost every case, terse, clear, and to the point, and are sold at a price that brings them well within the reach of the great majority of our people. They are most useful to Catholics themselves, who must be ready nowadays, at a moment's notice, to give a reason for the faith that is in them, and they are simply invaluable for clearing up the difficulties that may be experienced by non-Catholics. We earnestly commend them to the notice of our readers, and from personal knowledge and personal experience we can assure them that there is scarcely a more effective way of interesting their non-Catholic friends in the Church, and of helping them to the light of faith than by the judicious circulation of these admirable leaflets. In the words of one of the most successful of the Paulist Fathers we would say: "Throw much truth, some will stick. As to good books, and pamphlets, and periodicals, they are like bread upon the dining table; we may dispense with some things in moving souls towards the truth, but never with the apostolate of the Press."

THE gentleman selected by Bishop Verdon to succeed Mr. Scott as editor of the TABLET is the Rev. H. W. Cleary, of Ararat, Victoria. Father Cleary is well known as a writer, having been for many years a regular contributor to leading Irish and Australian Catholic magazines. His great work, "The Orange Society," has met with a marvellous success, having run through no less than 11 editions in a little over six months. The TABLET is extremely fortunate in securing the services of such a man.

THE following subscriptions to the South Dunedin Catholic Orphanage have been received during the week:—Mr. McCrorie (Caversham), £2; a Friend, 5s. Contributions towards the erection of the Orphanage will be thankfully received by the Sisters of Mercy, South Dunedin, and by the Catholic clergy of Dunedin, and will be duly acknowledged in the columns of the TABLET.

THE Addison's correspondent of the *Westport Star* writes:—"For geniality, fluency, energy, hard-hitting (here I speak for sinners, including myself of course), and all the qualities that go to make an ideal pastor, commend me to Father Costello, who, judging by the number of communicants, has just concluded a most successful mission here. The men especially were so touched by the earnest appeals of the Rev. Father, during his very brief sojourn, that they donned the 'black cloth' instead of the gum-boots, and wended their way to the little chapel on at least one morning of the mission. May 'His Reverence' long make the coal port his headquarters."

DURING the week we have received parcels of stamps for Father Kreyenborg's mission from the following:—Mrs. J. S. C., Maori Point; E. A. McNamee, Garston; Mrs. T. C., Maori Point; Kate Herlity, Patearoa; and from Pleasant Point (no name).

FULL details appear in our Wellington correspondent's letter of the success of the pupils of St. Mary's Convent in the recently instituted examinations under the Associated Board of the Royal Academy of Music. Mr. Aitken, the examiner, in conversation with an interviewer after the examination, paid a high compliment to one of the convent pupils. Asked as to the musical training in these colonies, Mr. Aitken said that it was generally very fair. "In fact, I saw some brilliant examples in Australia," he said, "and in Wellington I heard as artistic singing as I ever heard, by a convent pupil, Miss Lottie McDonald." Miss McDonald has never been at any other school than the convent, or had any other teachers than the nuns.

AT the urgent desire of the writers, we publish elsewhere two very kindly references to the retiring editor of the TABLET. We do so the more readily as it affords us an opportunity of thanking them in particular, and the large body of our readers in general, for the kind appreciation which they have extended to the TABLET and its editor during the past year. Personally, we feel the keenest regret at severing a connection which has been to us so pleasant and enjoyable, and which has enabled us to make numbers of warm and true-hearted friends in almost every part of the colony.

WE take the following from the last number of the *Sydney Freeman*—His Grace the Most Rev. Dr. Redwood, Archbishop of Wellington, New Zealand, who, after the consecration of St. Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne, went on a visit to Queensland, was back in Sydney at the end of last week. While in Sydney he was the guest of the Marist Fathers. On Saturday his Grace left for New Zealand accompanied by the Very Rev. Father Devoy, V.G., Wellington. A

number of friends were on board the steamship to wish the Archbishop a *bon voyage*, among them being the Right Rev. Dr. Lenihan, Bishop of Auckland, the Very Rev. P. Le Rennetel, S.M., and Very Rev. Dr. O'Haran (private secretary to his Eminence the Cardinal). Several laymen were also present, including Messrs. Charles O'Neill, J. F. McDonall, T. McDonall, T. J. O'Neill and Foote. By the same steamer two good Sisters of Mercy, from Maitland, left for Dunedin to join the convent of their Order recently established there by his Lordship Dr. Verdon. Two young ladies, Miss Cunningham and Miss Thompson, also left, one to join the Dunedin Convent and the other the Convent at Hokitika.

MR. EDWARD J. PIGOTT, who for the past nine years has been in the employ of the N.Z. TABLET Company, has severed his connection with the office to take up a more lucrative position on the staff of the *New Zealand Times and Mail*, Wellington. We are sure that all his friends both in the North and South Island will wish him every prosperity in his new sphere of labour. During the many years he represented the TABLET both in Dunedin and in the country, he never failed to make friends with all with whom he came in contact, and to leave the very best impression after him. We wish Mr. Pigott a full measure of success, and we congratulate the *New Zealand Mail* on getting so energetic and valuable an acquisition to their staff.

LARGE congregations attended the celebration of the ceremonies in St. Patrick's Church, Masterton (says the *Wairarapa Star* of the 1st inst.) in connection with the festival of "Quarant Ore" on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, special music being sung by the choir under Mr. A. R. Bunny's direction. Mozart's "Eleventh Mass," the Mass of the Assumption, and Schmid's "Mass in A" were well rendered, Miss Carrick officiating in the capacity of organist. Miss Sheen sang "The peace of God" on Sunday night, and Mrs. Bunny and Miss Pender the "Ecce Panis" on Tuesday morning. The sermons on the occasion were preached by the Rev. Father John Clancy, of Wellington, and the Rev. Father Tom McKenna, of Pahiataua, and large numbers approached the sacraments of Penance and Eucharist. A procession of the school children on Tuesday morning brought the ceremonies to a close. The altar had been tastefully decorated for the celebration by the Misses Carrick, Nellie Chapman and Cissy Hourigan.

We take the following from the *Ashburton Guardian*:—"The following are the passes in examinations in musical knowledge held for the Trinity College, London, in Gates' School of Music, on June 5 last. Mr. H. A. Gates, local secretary; Mr. D. J. Jones, supervisor:—Junior Division.—Pass—Misses Kate Rooney, 93; Elizabeth Mary M'Owen, 92; Violet Johnston, 88; Margaret Small, 83; Mary Digby, 83; Alice Ethel White, 81. Honours—Misses Violet Johnston, 85; Kate Rooney, 82; Elizabeth Mary M'Owen, 77 (over age for certificate); Mary Digby, 60. Intermediate Division.—Pass—Misses Margaret Brick, 79; Lizzie Brick, 79; Annie Bullock, 76; Kathleen Mary Orr, 76; Irene Beatrice Hamilton, 75; Ethel Lilian Makeig, 71; Margaret Susannah Burr, 60. Honours—Misses Annie Bullock, 62; Lizzie Brick, 61. Misses M'Owen, White, Burr, Makeig, Hamilton, and Orr, are from the classes of Mrs. Bowman Fox. Misses M. and L. Brick, Bullock, Johnston, Rooney, Small, and Digby are from the schools of the Monastery of Jesus, and all the honours certificates have been gained by the last named schools." It will thus be seen that the Convent pupils have not only taken first place in both the pass divisions but they have also carried off every one of the honours distinctions. We congratulate both teachers and pupils on their success.

A PRETTY wedding was celebrated at the residence of Mr. Dennis Roughan, Tuapeka Flat, on Tuesday, 23rd ult., when Miss Roughan, eldest daughter of Mr. Roughan, was united to Mr. John Porter of Auckland. The ceremony was performed by Very Rev. Father O'Leary (Lawrence), and was witnessed by a number of friends of both bride and bridegroom. The bride's dress was of shot grey material, trimmed with white silk crepon and silver passanterie with a spray of orange blossom on the bodice. She also wore orange blossom in her hair and carried a lovely bridal bouquet, the gift of Mr. Thomas Barton. She was attended by her sister, Miss Winnie Roughan, who was neatly attired in a pretty dress of fancy shot material, trimmed with silk to match, and wore a pretty gold bar brooch, the gift of the bridegroom. Mr. Robert Porter, of Gore, brother of the bridegroom, acted as best man. After the ceremony upwards of 150 guests partook of a sumptuous wedding breakfast provided by the bride's parents, at which Rev. Father O'Leary proposed the health of the bride and bridegroom, and Mr. John Roughan, uncle of the bride, responded. In the afternoon the bride and bridegroom, accompanied by a number of their friends drove to Waitahuna and back. After ample justice had been done to the well-provided tables, the dancing portion of the guests adjourned to the barn where dancing, interspersed with songs, was kept up with animation. The card tables were well patronised by the elderly portion of the guests. Mr. P. Skinner, on

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