

THE MAORI MISSION.

Very Rev. Father A. Lighthouse, of Whangaroa, Superior of the Maori Mission, requests us to publish the following acknowledgment:—

To the Catholics in the diocese of Auckland:—'I have the pleasure to inform the Catholics in the diocese of Auckland that the collection taken up for the Maori Mission on Pentecost Day amounted to £40, which amount has been forwarded to me by his Grace the Archbishop of Wellington.

'I take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to the pastors and their respective flocks for their united efforts to make this collection a success, which affords a strong proof and an edifying example of their practical sympathy with their less fortunate brethren in the holy Faith, the poor natives in the diocese.'

T I M A R U.

(From our own correspondent).

November 20.

The Rev. Brother John, Provincial of the Marist Order in Australasia, passed through Timaru on Friday last on his way South.

The following pupils of the Sisters of St. Joseph, Temuka, were successful at the recent musical examinations conducted under the auspices of Trinity College, London—Misses Earl, Scannell, Beri, O'Donohue, Boulston and Waiting. Misses E. Fitzgerald and Jackson (pupils of Miss Fitzgerald), and Misses Dennehy, Egan, Venning, A. Goulding, Burns, Hoare, Knight, and M. Goulding (pupils of Miss E. McGuinness) were also successful.

PRESENTATIONS TO REV. FATHER TYMONS,
WANGANUI.

THERE was a large meeting of parishioners in St. Mary's Hall Wanganui, on the evening of November 16, on the occasion of a farewell social to the Rev. Father Tymons, prior to his departure for Palmerston North. An excellent musical programme was rendered during the evening by Mesdames Lloyd, Ryan, and Meehan, Misses Dempsey and Simpson, and Messrs. McCulloch, Hoden, and Day. During the interval two addresses—one from the congregation of St. Mary's, and the other from the St. Columba Literary and Debating Club—were presented to Father Tymons. Prior to the presentation of the addresses the Very Rev. Dean Kirk referred to the approaching departure of Father Tymons, who had been amongst them for some years, during which time his exemplary life and devotion to duty had endeared him to all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance. He (Dean Kirk) was pleased that Father Tymons had been rewarded for his zeal by being appointed to the charge of the large and important parish of Palmerston North. His many friends desired that he should not leave Wanganui without some slight expression of their esteem which would call to mind those years he had spent amongst them.

Mr. Lloyd then, on behalf of the St. Columba Club, presented Father Tymons with an address in which the members expressed their sincere thanks for what he had done for the club, for he had shown himself a true friend of the members, and had always at heart their moral and intellectual improvement. Whatever results had been achieved by the club were due, in a great measure, to his efforts.

Mr. J. K. Simpson presented the address on behalf of the congregation. This was signed by the Very Rev. Dean Kirk and Messrs. Lloyd (chairman of committee), and E. Loftus (hon. sec.). After referring to the regret felt at the approaching departure of Father Tymons, the address went on to say that during his sojourn in the district he had been in every way a worthy condutor of their beloved pastor, and by his zeal and energy in carrying out the good works of the parish, and his devotion to duty, he had endeared himself to all. Whilst regretting his departure the parishioners of St. Mary's congratulated him at the same time upon the recognition of his abilities by his Grace Archbishop Redwood. As a slight token of their affection, they hoped he would accept the accompanying present, which would serve to keep him in mind of the days he had spent in Wanganui.

In replying, Father Tymons said it would be very hard for him to say how deeply grateful he felt to them for the exceedingly kind way in which they had expressed their appreciation of his humble services. The handsome tributes showed their generosity to one so little deserving of it, as he knew he was. He accepted them with great pleasure, not only for their intrinsic value, but also because they were given as representative of their generosity and kindness and as a token of their appreciation of his services. The gifts would serve as souvenirs of the happy days he had spent amongst them. The addresses somewhat disconcerted him, for he felt they told him what he ought to have been, not what he was. He thanked them heartily for their kindness, the more so because outside the sanctuary they had seen so little of him, as the large country districts engaged most of his time, thus preventing him from holding social intercourse with them or seeing them in private life. He expressed regret at leaving Wanganui, and explained it was not his choice. He had no say in the matter; it was according to the discipline of the Church. During his short stay he had learned to appreciate the congregation of St. Mary's, and had always found them indulgent and sympathetic. He was sorry to sever his connection with the St. Columba Club, as he had taken a great interest in it. He paid a tribute to Brother Alfred, who had done much for the Club in a quiet way. He could not conclude his remarks without referring to the very great kindness he

had always received from the Very Rev. Dean Kirk. He was pleased at having the opportunity of placing on record his indebtedness to the Dean, who some four years ago had received him very kindly, and ever since had set him a priestly example. Father Tymons concluded his remarks by again thanking his friends for their kindness, and then wished them good-bye.

Before his departure Father Tymons was also the recipient of an address from the pupils of the Marist Brothers' school.

A M O N G T H E B O O K S.

CATHOLIC TRUTH SOCIETY.

The Land I Love Best is a series of eight charming short stories by the gifted Irish authoress, Katherine Tynan (Mrs. Hinkson). The stories are evidently sketches from nature—incidents of real life—and are redolent of the humour, the pathos, and the resignation of the Irish peasant under the stress of trial. 'A Daughter of Erin' is, perhaps, the best of the series. As usual with this class of short stories—now so much the vogue—the plot is usually thin, but the interest in Mrs. Hinkson's stories is well sustained from start to finish. *The Land I Love Best* is published by the Catholic Truth Society, and is neatly and appropriately bound in cloth adorned with shamrocks and Irish tracery.

The Catholic Truth Society also sends us an interesting and well written penny life of Cardinal Wiseman (32 pp.), compiled, with the author's permission, from Mr. Wilfrid Ward's *Life and Times of Cardinal Wiseman*. A very important addition to the Society's cheap popular series of publications is *The Dogmatic Teachings of the Roman Catacombs* (pp. 20, 1d). This welcome pamphlet is from the pen of Monsignor Campbell, whose long residence in Rome and wide acquaintance with Christian archaeology greatly enhance the value of his little brochure. By the aid of inscriptions, pictures, symbols, etc., in the Catacombs he shows how in the early days of the Church, Christians believed in prayers for the dead, the intercession of saints, the veneration of relics, the Sacrifice of the Altar, and other distinctively Catholic doctrines and practices, which show that we are the true heirs of the faith of those far-off days. Another useful penny publication of the Society is a little waistcoat-pocket booklet entitled *My Friend the Agnostic*. It puts into a nutshell the substance of the controversy between the Catholic and the Agnostic. From the same publishers we have received a further instalment of the very readable and edifying biographical series entitled *Saints of the Rosary*. They include lives of the Blessed Jane of Portugal, the Blessed Maria Bartolomea (a bedridden saint), and the Blessed Columba of Rieti (pp. 32 to 40 each, 1d).

OF INTEREST TO CATHOLIC CHOIRS.

Boosey and Co., London, have forwarded to us Part. II of *Arundel Hymns*. They are chosen and edited by the Duke of Norfolk and Mr. Charles T. Gatty, and have the approval and blessing of the Holy Father. The English hymns are of a high order of merit—chiefly by Cardinal Newman, Prior Aylward, Fathers Faber and Caswale, and Lady Catherine Peter, and are a welcome change from the trashy metrical compositions with which Catholic choirs are so painfully familiar. A number of Latin and older English hymns are also included, and the whole are wedded to original tunes and special adaptations and arrangements of ancient melodies which ought to make them a welcome addition to the repertoires of our church choirs. (Pp. 60, 1s).

VARIOUS.

The *Ave Maria* has reprinted in pamphlet form (pp. 16, 5 cts.) Henry Brownson's article on *The Proof of Miracles*. The author confines himself to New Testament miracles. He deals with the proof of miraculous facts, their supernatural character, and their value as evidence of divine revelation. The pamphlet abundantly repays perusal. The *Ave Maria* itself now runs into no less than 160 pages monthly, and, what with its improvement in type and paper, and its general literary excellence, forms an ideal magazine for the Catholic home.

St. Peter's monthly magazine keeps on improving, especially in the matter of illustrations. The October number contains a continuation of the serial story 'The love of Comrades,' and highly interesting and well-illustrated articles on the Beethoven family in Bonn, the Greek Islands, the Congressional Library, together with several other stories and sketches of more than average interest.

For Christmas and New Year presents we recommend our readers to go to the D.I.C. The wonderful variety and magnitude of the Company's stock is almost bewildering, from the highest class goods to the most moderate priced. Beautiful leather goods, brushware, basket and rush work, ornaments, jewellery, dolls, puzzles, outdoor and indoor games, all the latest Christmas and New Year cards, etc. A visit to the D.I.C. Fancy Goods Showrooms will well repay you. D.I.C., High and Rattray streets, Dunedin.—* * *

Residents of Dunedin, and visitors from the country districts during the show and race week, will note that Messrs. A. and T. Inglis, the well-known drapers of George street, Dunedin, are now showing the latest novelties in all departments. The firm has just received large shipments of new goods from the leading manufacturing centres in the Home countries, including the latest fashions for summer wear, and intending purchasers would do well to make an inspection of these before buying elsewhere.—* * *