

prize, J. Kollet; next in merit, R. Collins, J. M'Padden, M. Scanlon, D. Hannan, J. Cullen. Fifth class—Prize, R. D'ath; next in merit, J. Price, W. Crombie, F. Grace. Preparatory School.—Senior division—First prize, M. Grace; second prize, W. Townsen; next in merit, J. Butler, P. Mulligan, M. Reid, M. Duffy, J. Saunders. Junior division—Prize, B. Devine; next in merit, F. Armstrong, P. Saunders, A. Rains. Science: Senior division—Botany—First prize, H. Lichtscheindl; second prize, G. H. Harper; third prize, M. Hanning; next in merit, J. Burke, J. Hickson, B. M'Carthy, S. Cimino, F. M'Lean, W. Butler. Junior division: Geology—First prize, O. Thornton; second prize, E. Smith; third prize, W. Organ; next in merit, D. Hannan, M. Ryan, J. Mahar, T. Hunt, E. E. Kimbell, O. D'ath.

Commercial course: Bookkeeping—Senior division—Prize, D. Reid; next in merit, C. Holley, C. Nolan, O. Thornton. Junior division—Prize, I. Nicholls; next in merit, F. Houldsworth, W. Fallon, W. Miller. Commercial accounts: Second division—Prize, O. Thornton; next in merit, C. Nolan, C. Holley, O. D'ath. Junior division—Prize, I. Nicholls; next in merit, W. Fallon, F. Houldsworth, W. Nidd. Commercial correspondence: Senior division—Prize, J. Prendergast; next in merit, C. Nolan, C. Holley, D. Reid. Junior division—Prize, J. Healy; next in merit, T. Cullinane, P. Hackett, J. Prendergast.

Fine Arts: Mechanical drawing—Hon. mention, W. Organ. Frechand drawing—First division—Prize, S. Cimino; next in merit, H. Lichtscheindl, J. Casey, D. Reid, E. E. Kimbell. Second division—Prize, C. Cimino; next in merit, P. J. Garvey, M. Lanigan, R. Grace, J. Mahar. Third division—Prize, M. Reid; next in merit, I. E. Nicholls, H. Hayward, J. Butler.

Music—Excellence in Instrumental music (piano)—Senior division—Prize, J. Henley; next in merit, S. Cimino, E. Harper, J. M'Brice, M. Ryan, E. Smith; hon. mention, E. E. Kimbell. Junior division—Prize, J. O'Connor; next in merit, F. Grace. Violin—First prize, M. Lanigan; second prize, P. J. Garvey; next in merit, C. Cimino, R. Grace, H. Lichtscheindl, L. Ryan, L. Taylor, W. D. Millar; hon. mention, J. E. Ainsworth, J. Ward. College Choir—Prize, P. Mulligan; next in merit, C. Cimino, E. E. Kimbell, E. Harper, T. O'Dea, F. Dunne, M. Hanning, C. Holley, J. Hickson, J. Henley; hon. mention, J. Ainsworth.

Gymnastics—Senior division—Prize—H. Lichtscheindl; next in merit, G. Harper, T. Hunt, F. M'Lean, G. Vickers, P. Hackett, P. B. Skerrett; hon. mention, J. Hunt. Junior division—Prize, M. Lanigan; next in merit, P. Mulligan, R. Blandall, J. Saunders, K. Skerrett, T. M'Evedy, E. Holmwood, R. Grace, P. Ryan; hon. mention, J. Cullen.

Prizes obtained by four next in merits—R. Collins, T. Cullinane, M. Duffy, P. Fay, T. Hunt, J. Malony, C. E. Nolan, J. Price.

Whilst the prizes were being given out, Dr. Watters made mention of the fact that two of the college students, Masters S. Cimino and J. E. Ainsworth, passed with honours and obtained certificates last Trinity College musical examination, whilst two other pupils, Masters E. E. Kimbell and G. Ward, obtained passes.

The college reopens on the 31st of January next.

## CONFIRMATION AT ST. JOSEPH'S CATHEDRAL, DUNEDIN.

ON Sunday at 3 p.m., the sacrament of Confirmation was administered in St. Joseph's Cathedral by his Lordship the Bishop, assisted by the Rev. Fathers Lynch, Adm., Golden, O'Neill and Coffey, a large congregation being also present. Before administering the sacrament the Bishop explained fully its meaning, the privileges it conferred, and the obligations it imposed. The candidates for confirmation numbered 200: 112 males, and 88 females. After the ceremony the Bishop again addressed the children. He briefly but earnestly exhorted them to be on their guard against the indifference of the age, and the many dangers by which faith is menaced. He said he had two requests to make of those whom he just confirmed. One of the greatest evils of the present day was the immoderate use of strong drink. He deplored the excesses consequent on its abuse. The young should shun the habit which blighted so many lives and brought ruin to so many homes. He thought that next to drink the use of tobacco by the young was a matter for great regret. He would ask all those confirmed that day to solemnly promise Almighty God to abstain from fermented liquor and the use of tobacco until they were 21 years of age. He thought that if they abstained from drinking and smoking until they were 21 there would not be much danger of their afterwards injuring their health by the immoderate use of tobacco or of their becoming drunkards. Of course exceptions would be found, but speaking of people generally he believed that total abstinence to 21 meant Christian temperance, if not total abstinence throughout life. At the desire of the Bishop all knelt down and pledged themselves in the manner recommended. The Bishop then addressed at some length the grown persons present. He said one thing noticed in the examination of the candidates was that those who attended Catholic schools knew the Christian doctrine very well, but many of those who through distance were unable to attend Catholic schools, were not so well instructed. These had, through special classes formed in view of confirmation, sufficient instruction to pass the examination, but not enough to satisfy him. He called on all Catholics who valued their faith to send their children to Catholic schools, where they would be brought up among Christian influences and in an atmosphere of faith. He denounced the present State system of education as anti-Christian, and expressed his belief that it aimed at the destruction of faith. Children were brought up without any proper idea of God, without any proper idea of Jesus Christ, and without the inculcation of Christian morality. He promised on another occasion to show where godless education had its origin, who were its promoters, and from their own expressions what was their object. If the purely secular system of education were allowed to go on unchallenged and unmet, he thought that in twenty-five years there would not be a vestige of revealed religion in the rising generation. Godless religion practically taught the young to ignore God and His Christ. It placed the things of this world prom-

inently before a child's mind to the exclusion of spiritual things, and induced a spirit of religious indifference which paved the way to infidelity. He concluded by urging his people to continue their self-sacrifice in maintaining schools where, together with an excellent secular education, their children would be taught to adore and love God, and to recognise and revere Jesus Christ.

## OPENING OF A CHURCH IN PALMERSTON NORTH.

AFTER a week of boisterous and severe weather, Sunday, December 7, turned out a lovely day, a real holiday, for many who at considerable inconvenience travelled some 69 miles to be present and witness the opening of the most beautiful Catholic church in the Manawatu by his Grace Archbishop Redwood. Special trains were run from Wanganui and Foxton. His Grace blessed the church at an early hour on Sunday morning. There were five services before the Solemn High Mass, which was at 11 a.m. The Very Rev. Dr. Watters, celebrant, Very Rev. Father McNamara, V.G., deacon, and Father Broussard sub-deacon, Father Kirk, master of ceremonies. There were present, his Grace the Archbishop, Father Dawson, Father Patterson. The Archbishop preached two most eloquent sermons. There were many non-Catholics present, who were very much impressed with the discourses. The choir was well strengthened on the occasion, having a full orchestral band to assist the singers. Rev. Father Patterson conducted the choir. Mesdames Pascal, Lloyd, and Cordoza, and Messrs. Roe (principal tenor of St. Mary's Cathedral, Wellington), Keodal and Henderson gave admirable assistance. Mr. Isherwood was leader of the band. The new church will seat 450, tower and spire ascend 120 feet, length of church, 82 feet; width, 34 feet; studs, 22 feet. There is a large gallery and organ loft, and a nice stained glass window, the rose shape. It is beautifully furnished with large statues, candelabras, chandeliers, and well lighted with 74 lights. All is finished inside and out. Mr. Larcombe is architect, Mr. Malcolm builder, and Rev. Father Patterson priest in charge.

## ANOTHER GREAT WIN.

### AN INVALID FOR 12 YEARS.

MRS. FANNY DENT, wife of a gentleman employed in the Lambton Collieries, kindly allows us to publish the following facts of her interesting case and wonderful recovery, which we gather from her correspondence, and which we shall be glad to allow anyone to peruse who wishes to do so.

Mrs. Dent had been in a state of extreme debility for twelve years, frequently quite unable to do any work, the slightest kind causing great fatigue, with severe pains in the limbs, back and left side. So severe was the pain that she would have to sit or lie down frequently. Walking exercise was very trying and she could only walk very slowly. She had long seen Clements Tonic advertised, but like many more people her husband was prejudiced against "patent medicines," but (now we use her own words) "I knew some one who had tried Clements Tonic, and I decided to get a bottle on the quiet and say nothing about it if it did me no good. The effect I thought something wonderful. I felt better after the first dose, and by the time I had taken half a bottle I was a different woman. My husband, friends and neighbours soon noticed the change in me, and they could not make it out. I had to tell the truth that it was Clements Tonic that was making me strong, I could not keep the secret, I was only too glad to give the credit to Clements Tonic. After finishing the bottle, work was no trouble to me, but rather a pleasure, and after doing a heavy day's washing I could go for a walk instead of having to go to bed, as always happened before taking Clements Tonic. One of my neighbours said to me last week, 'Why, Mrs. Dent, you are doing wonders this week, how is it you are so strong now?' She knew I had done more that week than I had been able to do in 12 years before (she had known me this time for I am an old resident of this locality, having lived here for 15 years.) I replied, 'Yes I feel a wonder to myself, so I'll tell you the secret, I have been taking Clements Tonic, and I cannot tell you the benefit I have derived from it. You know what my sufferings have been and now I have a genuine taste of good health.'

Mrs. Dent wrote us those particulars of her remarkable cure in March. She wisely, however, decided to continue the medicine to "clinch the cure" as it were. Some time afterwards she wrote as follows—

Waratah Commonage N.S.W.

Dear Sir,—It is with great pleasure that I pen these few lines. I have been as you know a great sufferer from weakness and debility for years. I was under several doctors but they never did any good. I DESPAIRED OF EVER BEING BETTER, but as I stated in my last letter I saw Clements Tonic advertised. I tried a bottle and its effect was something wonderful. I felt better almost immediately and was a new woman after finishing the first bottle. Before taking Clements Tonic it was a great trouble even to do a little house-work, but afterwards my work was a pleasure and my friends and neighbours were surprised at the change in me. I cannot say too much in praise of it, and can only gratefully describe my case and strongly advise all who suffer from weakness, headache, pain in the side, ringing noises in the ears and shortness of breath to take Clements Tonic. I feel sure it will do them as much good as it has done me.

Yours Gratefully,

FANNY DENT.

We have great pleasure in thanking this lady for allowing us to publish the case. We constantly hear of similar ones which people object to have published through a false delicacy. We only want to publish them in the interests of suffering humanity. Surely it is not wrong for people to acknowledge the genuineness and reliability of an article, when they have proved it to possess the properties we claim for it.