

initiated and another proposed. The election of officers will take place at the half-yearly meeting on July 7. The following nominations have been made: President, Bro. J. W. Callaghan; vice-president, Bro. J. Delany, secretary, Bro. E. Fitzgibbon; treasurer, Bro. J. Pearsey, warden, Bros. D. Smith, M. Fitzgibbon, L. Rawnsley, guardian, Bros. A. Guthrie and S. Parkinson; sick visitors, Bros. S. Philpott and J. Walsh. All arrangements have been made in connection with the Society's concert to be held on Tuesday next, and the function promises to be a great success. This branch has of late made rapid progress; the members take part in various forms of amusement, such as cards, draughts, and dancing, when the business of their meetings is concluded. The chaplain, Rev. Father Answorth, has earned the gratitude of the Society for the kindly interest he has taken in its affairs and for his persistent appeals to his parishioners to join the branch. At the next meeting Bro. Fitzgibbon will begin a series of short lectures on Irish history.

DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

June 27.

His Excellency the Governor has re-appointed his Lordship Bishop Grimes as a member of the Board of Governors of Canterbury College.

Mention was made in the Pro-Cathedral on Sunday of the death, in Melbourne, of Mrs. (Captain) Bell, an erstwhile parishioner and lady of considerable literary attainments.

At High Mass in the Pro-Cathedral on Sunday his Lordship the Bishop read the rejoinder to the Bible-schools Conference. It was sufficiently clear and exhaustive in itself, added the Bishop, to need no comment.

Last week members of the Catholic Club played in their rooms a card match with a party representing the firm of Messrs. A. J. White, and defeated the visitors by 34 games to 28. After the match the social evening was continued with songs, recitations, etc. Mr. H. Rossiter provided the piano accompaniments.

During his recent feast day, that of St. John the Baptist, his Lordship the Bishop received a number of congratulatory letters and telegrams, not only from all parts of the diocese but from various parts of the Colony. He also received a number of cheques, amounting to about £1000, in aid of the Cathedral building fund. In honor of the occasion the contractors of the Cathedral placed in position one of the Maltese crosses which are to surmount the flanking towers.

Addressing the congregation on Sunday the Bishop alluded to the silly, pernicious, and obviously unauthorised chain letter prayer, exposed in the last issue of the 'Tablet.' One of those (said his Lordship) had been handed to him, and he had heard of others in circulation. The proper destination of such was the waste-paper basket or the flames. His hearers, he added, should get a copy of the 'Tablet' containing the exposure, and, better still, become subscribers to the paper—the only Catholic one in the Colony—which no Catholic home should be without. Others of the clergy spoke in a similar strain at their respective services.

The feast of St. John the Baptist, patronal feast of the diocese, and also of his Lordship the Bishop, was observed last week with befitting solemnity. A Triduum was commenced in the Pro-Cathedral on Wednesday evening, when a sermon was preached by the Very Rev. Dean Foley. The Rev. Father Cooney was the preacher on Thursday evening. At eight o'clock on Friday morning there was Pontifical High Mass. His Lordship the Bishop was celebrant, the Very Rev. Vicar-General assistant priest, the Very Revs. Dean Foley and Father Marnane deacons of honor at the throne, the Rev. Fathers Cooney and Aherne were deacon and subdeacon respectively of the Mass, and the Rev. Father O'Connell master of ceremonies. Rev. Fathers Goggan, Hyland, Price, Graham, O'Dwyer, Richards, and Mahony were present in the sanctuary. The music was Dumont's No. 1 Royal Gregorian Mass, sung for the first time in compliance with the recent Papal decree. At the conclusion the Bishop thanked the clergy for their attendance in such numbers, and expressed his pleasure at the large attendance generally at the ceremonies. During the afternoon the pupils of the Sacred Heart Convent of the Sisters of the Missions entertained his Lordship the Bishop and clergy at a musical festival. The following was the programme—Duet, 'Marche militaire,' Misses V. Barker, D. Peachey, I. Rule, E. O'Malley, (organ) Miss O'Connor, festal song, the pupils; festal greetings, the pupils; instrumental selection, (violins) Misses L. Sim, A. Rantin, (organ) Miss O'Connor, (piano) Miss Barker; action song, junior pupils; trio, 'Serehata,' Misses E. Poff, L. Dwyer,

Buchanan (2), A. Riordan, D. Amyes, (organ) Miss O'Connor, duet, 'The coming of the king,' Misses B. and A. Riordan, recitation, 'The road to Heaven,' Miss R. Young; chorus, 'O'er the hill,' the pupils; instrumental selection, 'Stars of night,' (violin) Miss L. Sim, (harp) Miss R. Young, (organ) Miss O'Connor, (piano) Miss Barker, song, 'Galilee,' Miss Mary O'Connor, instrumental accompanists, (violin) Miss L. Sim, (piano) Miss Barker; duet, 'Polonaise,' Misses J. McLaren, H. Ryan, M. O'Connor, and L. Barker. During the entertainment a presentation of an unique kind was made to the Bishop. It took the form of a beautifully carved piece of wood worked by the Sisters. This was heart-shaped, and contained gold and silver coins (totaling a substantial amount) mounted on silk and adorned with the Bishop's initials. The woodwork, neatly designed in oak leaves, also contained his Lordship's initials. The solemn ceremonies of the Triduum were concluded in the evening. The Rev. Father Price preached on St. John the Baptist. His Lordship the Bishop pontificated at Benediction, attended by the Very Revs. Vicar-General and Dean Foley as deacon and subdeacon respectively.

The following is a summary of the general report furnished by the inspector, Mr. L. B. Wood, on the Marist Brothers' Boys' School, recently examined by him.—'The present examination of the school, the first conducted by the Board's inspector, was undertaken at the request of the manager, the Very Rev. Father Le Menant des Chesnais. It occupied two very full days—about 20 hours in all—one half the time being taken up in examining the boys orally and by written tests, and the other half in discussing and illustrating methods of teaching incidentally suggested in the course of the examination, and on the necessary perusal of written papers and inspection of exercise books, registers, and time-tables.' The report here goes on to describe the teaching facilities, stating that the premises set apart for the school provide ample accommodation, but that the interior arrangements leave much to be desired. The time-tables setting forth the scheme of instruction and daily routine of work are skilfully constructed; they put the school week at 25 hours, 22½ hours being given to secular subjects on the lines of the public school syllabus, and the balance to religious instruction. The next part of the report treats in detail of the various standard subjects, some being commended, with remarks on the readiness and intelligence displayed, such as by the boys of Standards VI. and III., who, on tackling oral problems on everyday transactions and the composition exercises on the themes prescribed by the examiner, presented substantial elements of merit. A few of the subjects and some of the lower classes do not come in for such satisfactory notice, owing principally to the fact of a necessarily slight change in the classification of the pupils and the short year since the last examination. Sufficient prominence has, however, been given to whatever the existing defects are and which will not obtain during the ensuing year. In concluding a report which, on the whole, is eminently satisfactory, the inspector writes: 'Throughout the examination the boys applied themselves earnestly to their work, and they answered with cheerful alacrity to the best of their ability. They would materially lighten the burden of their preparation and at the same time improve their chance of making sound progress, if they could be got into the habit of attending with greater regularity; a truth which has been almost incessantly instilled into their minds and those of their parents in season and out of season by the clergy. The percentage of passes is given at sixty per cent.—a result that must not be lost sight of in view of the fact thus noted by the examiner: 'In granting promotion the head teacher has exacted a good standard of attainment in the fundamental subjects, and his judgment recorded in the accompanying schedules very closely agree with the results of the inspector's tests.'

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There was a total of six applications for complete patent from Canterbury inventors advertised in the Government 'Gazettes' for the month of May. The whole of these applications, with one exception, were prepared and filed by Baldwin and Rayward (Canterbury representative, A. H. Hart), Patent Attorneys, Gloucester street, Christchurch. ...