

At the meetings of the city and Newtown branches of the H.A.C.B. Society held this week resolutions were passed congratulating the winner of the Plunket Medal, who has always taken a very keen interest in matters Hibernian.

### New Plymouth

The following pupils of the Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions, Taranaki, passed the theoretical examinations held in connection with Trinity College, London, in June last—

New Plymouth (Monastery of the Presentation)—Intermediate honors—Pansy Whitton, 83. Junior honors—Norah Walsh, 100; Katie King, 98. Preparatory—Ila Henderson, 96, Helen Holmes, 95.

Stratford (Monastery of Our Lady of Perpetual Succor)—Intermediate—Millic Brake, 67. Junior honors—Annie Curd, 86. Junior pass—Dorothea Bayley, 71. Preparatory—Kathleen Sexton, 91; Annie Kennedy, 93.

Opunake (Monastery of St. Theresa)—Senior honors—Helen Middleton, 90. Senior pass—Maude Middleton, 72. Intermediate honors—Katie McReynolds, 81. Intermediate pass—Annie McReynolds, 69. Junior honors—Olive Fischer, 97. Junior pass—Kenneth Brennan, 72. Preparatory—Maggie McReynolds, 86, Allan Brennan, 76.

At the practical examinations in connection with the above college, conducted by Mr. Mistowski, M.B., Oxon., on September 16, the following pupils were successful.—Monastery of the Presentation (New Plymouth): Higher examination, certificated pianist—Annelia Smith. Senior pass—Mary Dolan, 66. Junior pass—(Singing) Mabel Clarke, 77, (piano) Ila Henderson, 71; Katie King, 71; Alice Corry, 61. Preparatory—Daisy Fussell, 82, Irene Connell, 78, Doten Healy, 76, Aileen McClelland, 72.

Monastery of Our Lady of Perpetual Succor (Stratford): Intermediate pass—Mary Callaghan, 73, Agnes Blair, 70, Millic Brake, 68. Junior honors—Dorothy Bayly, 85. Pass—Margaret Corkill, 75, Madge Cuthbertson, 70, J. Reader, 61.

Monastery of St. Theresa (Opunake) Senior pass—Helen Middleton, 61. Intermediate pass—Maude Middleton, 71. Junior honors—Katie McReynolds, 80. Pass—Olive Fischer, 75.

### DIocese OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent)

October 2

The first distribution of prizes in connection with the Cathedral Christian doctrine classes is fixed for Sunday next.

The Rev. Father McDonald, of St. Mary's, Manchester St., who, I regret to state, has been in bad health of late, has gone to Wanganui on sick leave.

The Rev. Father O'Connell, having completed his labors in the interests of the Cathedral fund sabbath-school collections in the centre of the city, commences this week his visitation of the Sydenham portion of the parish.

The annual collection in aid of the diocesan charities was made on Sunday. At the Cathedral the Very Rev. Father Le Menant des Chesnais, V.G., made an eloquent appeal on behalf of Mount Maadala Asylum, which at the present time contains about 150 inmates, the adjoining Sacred Heart Orphanage having 45 children.

The Rev. Father O'Connell, who recently made a tour of the Hawarden parochial district, was much impressed with the various centres, and people he met. Very pretty and nicely equipped churches meet the requirements at Chevrot, Hamner, and Waiata, whilst at Hawarden itself almost everything needful is supplied. The pastor, the Rev. Father Price, is due to arrive back in the Colony from his trip home on October 9.

The fifth annual meeting of the Catholic Club took place last evening, Mr. J. R. Hayward presiding over the attendance. The committee's report stated that the club had undoubtedly had the most successful year since its inauguration. The club was in a thoroughly sound financial position, thanks to the secretary, Mr. G. Dobbs, and the committee was convinced that, under capable management, it was certain to go ahead with leaps and bounds and become an up-to-date Catholic club, second to none in the Colony. There were 61 financial members. The balance of assets over liabilities stood at £103 12s 10d, and there was a credit balance of £1 1s 7d on the profit and loss account, after deducting £10 15s for overdue subscriptions and writing off £10 18s for depreciation

of the billiard table and furniture. A number of socials, concerts, and lectures had been successfully given, and there had been an interesting debate. The incoming committee was urged to try and foster these styles of entertainment and enlightenment. The committee expressed regret at the retirement of Mr. R. O. Duncan from the active management of the Club, and also at the departure of Mr. J. F. Shanley. The thanks of the club were due to Messrs. L. Birks, P. Pender, and G. R. Hart, for lectures, to Mr. H. Rossiter for his services as musical director, and to Bishop Grimes and the clergy, especially the Rev. Father Mahony, and Sir George Clifford for assistance of various kinds. The balance sheet stated that the receipts had amounted to \$105 8s 5d, and the expenditure had been £85 9s 1d. The report and balance sheet were adopted, on the motion of Mr. Rossiter, seconded by the Rev. Father Mahony, who said that he was very much in favor of having a literary side to the club, and he would recommend that this be one of the first considerations of the incoming executive committee. A special vote of thanks was accorded the 'N.Z. Tablet' and local press for reports. The election of officers resulted as follows:—President, Mr. J. R. Hayward, vice-presidents, Messrs. M. O'Rielly, H. Rossiter and G. Dobbs; executive committee, Messrs. J. Chase, Beveridge, D. Edmonds, D. O'Connell, and J. Cronin, treasurer, Mr. W. Hayward, jun.

In the Catholic portion of Linwood Cemetery and over-shadowed by the great pines which surround it, there is a plot reserved as the last resting place of the religious of Our Lady of Missions. Some few months ago a small number of laymen of the Cathedral parish took upon themselves the duty, as a tribute of the love, respect, and veneration held for the Sisters, to enclose their little 'God's acre,' and erect in its midst a noble, yet eloquent memorial. The enclosure consists of a concrete foundation, surmounted with an iron railing. From the centre of the plot there rises a massive Latin cross from a pedestal of five tiers, all of white stone. Carved in the centre of the cross is the emblem IHS, with the words, 'Religious of Our Lady of the Missions' at the base. On the topmost tier is inscribed the name of Rev. Mother St. Therese, Vicar-Provincial; on the second tier, Sister Mary St. Joachim and Sister Mary St. Thomas, on the third, Sister Mary St. Sophia and Sister Mary St. Brendan. Inland in the centre of the bottom tier appears, 'Requiescat in pace.' As an appreciation, the following letter has just been received from the Superior-General—

Deal, July 26, 1905.

Gentlemen,—On reading Mother M. St. Philomena's letter I felt that I should write to you personally to express my deepest gratitude in acknowledgment of the great kindness and generosity you have testified to our dear Sisters at Christchurch. Among the many instances of your kind-hearted benevolence, the one which touched me most profoundly was the thoughtful and delicate attention you have had in enclosing our Sisters' burying ground and erecting the symbol of our holy Faith over their last resting place. When the photo was unfolded the sight of their graves caused us a bitter pang, for it recalled the memory of those departed ones, who had left all near and dear to them to labor for God's glory in a distant land. Nevertheless it is an unspeakable joy to think they spent themselves amongst a people unsurpassed for generosity and endowed with the most noble sentiments of fidelity and gratitude. I am sure our dear Sisters, who are lying under the shadow of the Cross, are mindful of their benefactors and will obtain for you many graces before the throne of God. At the mother house we have placed you amidst our most special friends and benefactors, and daily prayers are offered up also in each of our convents to obtain the choicest blessings for yours and your dear families. Having been faithful through life to the precepts of Him Who first bore the Cross, may you reap, both here and hereafter, the magnificent reward promised to the faithful servant.

Renewing the expression of my most sincere gratitude for all your kindness, both past and present, towards our Sisters—I remain,

Yours very sincerely in J.C.

MARIE DU ST. ROSAIRE,  
Superior-General.

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