

DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

October 15.

The Redemptorist Fathers are to commence a mission of several weeks' duration in the Cathedral on the second Sunday of Advent.

The following are the candidates who were presented for the examination in practical music held at the Convent of Mercy, Lyttelton, by Mr. Charles Edwards, L.T.C.L.:—Junior pass, Kathleen M'Conville, 78; Myrtle Bunnell, 70. Preparatory, Maud Blackler, 73.

The annual diocesan collection in aid of the various Catholic charitable institutions, transferred from Rosary Sunday, was taken up in the Cathedral and other churches of the same parish on Sunday last. Special references were made regarding the Magdalen Asylum at Mount Magdala, and Nazareth House, which will benefit by the appeals made.

Mr. J. A. Hickmott, who was clerk of works in connection with the building of the Christchurch Cathedral, now occupies a similar position on important works in the Empire City. At present he is engaged on the new National Bank in Grey street—a magnificent structure which is to cost upwards of £25,000. The plans of this fine building were prepared by Mr. John S. Swan, and when completed will form quite an architectural feature of the city.

The following were the successful candidates presented by the Sisters of Mercy Collegiate High School, Colombo street, at the practical examinations of the Trinity College of Music, conducted by Mr. Charles Edwards, L.T.C.L.:—Higher Examinations—Vera de la Cour, certificated pianiste; Mabel Thomas, certificated pianiste. Local Centre Examinations—May Thompson, senior pass. Intermediate division: Ethel Barnett, intermediate pass; Florence M'Donald, intermediate pass. Junior division: Doris Blank, junior honors; Eileen Davitt, junior pass; Mary C. Roche, junior pass. Preparatory division: Christina Cooper, distinction; Glauys Penny, distinction.

The following are the successful candidates, examined by Mr. Charles Edwards, examiner for Trinity College, London, at the Sacred Heart Convent, Lower High street, (Sisters of the Missions.) Twelve candidates were presented, and all passed:—Higher examination (A.T.C.L.), Lottie Barker; higher examination (certificated pianiste), Mary Gabriel O'Connor; senior honors, Annie Riordan; senior pass, Kura Robinson, Lily Dwyer, and May Parsons; intermediate honors, Florence Lyford, Nellie Coakley and Eily Murphy; intermediate pass, Mary Wildey; preparatory (distinction), Isabel Greene; preparatory pass (violin), Vera Barker.

In recent letters from Bishop Grimes, received by the Very Rev. Vicar-General, there are contained some interesting particulars of his Lordship's movements in and about the great metropolis. He visited St. Anne's on the nineteenth anniversary of his episcopal consecration, and remained there some days; he, later on, celebrated Pontifical High Mass and also preached in the beautiful church, St. Anne's Church (he writes), now consecrated and out of debt, looks splendid. The Fathers attached thereto, of whom there are six, visit the poor a great deal, and engage in much missionary work. Between 600 and 800 children attend the parish school. At a garden party in the historic grounds of the old presbytery about 900 visitors were present on an occasion mentioned. His Lordship assisted at the opening of a beautiful new church of the Marist Fathers at Kew, and presided at a distribution of prizes at Richmond, and at a similar function at Greenwich. Materially, he says, London is greatly improved since his last visit. Most of the former notorious slums have been wholly swept away, and large and airy dwellings now occupy the site of what were miserable dens.

Greymouth

(From our own correspondent.)

October 12.

At the last meeting of the local branch of the H.A.C.B. Society, feeling reference was made to the death of Bro. W. Heffernan, who was one of the oldest members of the branch. The secretary was instructed to write a letter of condolence to the family of the deceased.

An oratorical competition for a gold medal presented by Very Rev. Dean Carew to the St. Columba Club took place at the club rooms last Monday evening, and attracted eight competitors. There was a

good attendance, including a large number of ladies. The following members took part:—Messrs. P. C. Heaphy ('W. E. Gladstone'), Arthur Fraser ('Chas. Bianconi'), Donald Butler ('Lord Nelson'), Thomas Heffernan ('R. J. Seddon'), M. J. O'Connor ('N.Z. Liberal Government'), W. Packer ('Robert Emmet'), Thomas Barry ('Queen Victoria'), and John McNamara ('C. S. Parnell'). The judges gave their decision in favor of Mr. D. Butler. The final game in the St. Columba Club billiard tournament was played last week, and resulted in a win for Mr. E. Heaphy, with Mr. T. O'Donnell second. Mr. Donald Butler was elected a member of the committee in place of Mr. McEvedy. The oratorical competition arranged by the executive of the Federated Catholic Societies takes place on October 30. The competition was originally fixed for September, but on account of the competition already arranged by the local club taking place in the same month, the Federated Executive kindly extended the time until October. Messrs. M. J. Phillips, M. J. Fogarty, and R. C. Heffernan have been appointed judges of the competition.

St. Patrick's Church, Greymouth, was the scene of a very pretty and interesting ceremony on Monday, October 1, the occasion being the marriage of Miss Lizzie Flaherty, second daughter of Mr. A. J. Flaherty of this town and formerly of Maori Creek, to Mr. Robert Moore, third son of Mr. J. Moore, of Auckland. A Nuptial Mass was celebrated by the Very Rev. Dean Carew, who also performed the marriage ceremony. The bride, who was given away by her father, was attired in a French grey voile costume, trimmed with mervilleux silk and chiffon, and wore a white chiffon hat. The bridesmaid was Miss Sarah Flaherty (sister of the bride). The bridegroom, who is a prominent member of the St. Columba Club and Hibernian Society, was attended by Mr. James Flaherty as best man. After the ceremony the wedding party drove to the residence of the bride's parents, where the wedding breakfast was laid. Later on the happy couple left for their future home in Barrytown, bearing with them the good wishes of their many friends for their future happiness and prosperity. They received a large number of useful and handsome presents including several cheques. Included in the presents were a beautiful oak and silver salad bowl and silver breakfast cruet from the local Children of Mary, of which the bride was an esteemed member.

DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

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October 12.

His Lordship the Bishop left for Opotiki last Tuesday. He will visit the various parishes in the Bay of Plenty and will be absent about five weeks.

Rev. Father Williams, recently ordained in Ireland for this diocese, is expected to arrive towards the end of the year.

The Island steamer arriving this week brought the sad news of the death of the Right Rev. Dr. Lamaze, Vicar-Apostolic of Central Oceanica.

The procession on Labor Day in Auckland was a great success. Its preparation and carrying out must have entailed a great outlay of money and labor.

The old hall, which long ago did duty as a presbytery at St. Patrick's parish, and latterly was used as a hall, has been removed across the water to Lake Takapuna Orphanage, where it will be utilized for the church.

The Sacred Heart College Rugby fifteen has been presented with the banner won by them in the secondary schools' Rugby champion contest. A social function was held to commemorate the event at the college. The boys made a present on the occasion to their coach, Mr. George A. Tyler, of the All Blacks.

The winter series of socials in St. Benedict's parish were brought to a close in St. Benedict's Hall last Wednesday evening. A progressive euchre party formed the first part of the programme. Amongst the ladies Miss Foughey won first prize, Miss Creamer the second; Mr. J. Watson won the gentlemen's first prize, and Mr. J. Melican the second. An excellent supper was provided.

Last Sunday afternoon the children of St. Patrick's Cathedral parish renewed their Baptismal vows. They mustered strongly at the convent schools, Hobson street, and, with the Children of Mary and Guard of Honor confraternities, marched in procession to the Cathedral. The children's choir sang very nicely the appropriate music. Rev. Father Holbrook addressed the children, and explained to them the meaning and importance of renewing their Baptismal vows. After the ceremony the procession reformed and returned to the convent schools.

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