

mous election to the chairmanship for another twelve months. He thanked them for their cordial co-operation in all matters appertaining to the interests and welfare of the hospital, and he assured them that he would in the future as in the past do his utmost to assist it to maintain the high reputation it had so deservedly gained. Monsignor O'Reilly congratulated Messrs. Foy and Court on their re-election to the office of trustees at the recent annual meeting, and eulogised their efforts in the past.

Mr. Foy referred to the harmonious relations that existed between the chairman and the trustees; they had all worked together for the benefit of the institution without any friction.

THE IRISH ENVOYS IN AUCKLAND

(From our own correspondent.)

Last Tuesday afternoon, February 5, Messrs. J. Devlin, M.P., and J. T. Donovan, accompanied by his Lordship the Bishop, visited St. Benedict's Hall and addressed the children of our schools, who filled the big hall to the doors. There were on the platform Very Rev. Father Gillan, V.G., Rev. Fathers Holbrook, Cahill, Sheridan, and several members of the committee. Mr. Devlin expressed his delight at seeing so many of them to welcome the envoys from Ireland. When he returned to Ireland he would tell the children there about the vast crowd of girls and boys he saw in Auckland under the fostering care of the Sisters and Brothers. He himself was a Christian Brothers' pupil, and to that Order he was indebted for his education. He exhorted them to be good and obedient children, and when they grew up they would be good Catholics and citizens of this bright and happy land. He asked them to always remember with pride the dear old land of their fathers, where so much had been done and so much suffering endured to give to them to-day that grand faith of theirs. Mr. Donovan followed in a like manner, and at the conclusion of his speech the children gave three hearty cheers for the envoys. His Lordship the Bishop thanked the envoys for their eloquent and inspiring addresses, and at the request of Mr. Devlin granted all a whole holiday next day.

In the evening the envoys visited Onehunga, accompanied by Bishop Lenihan, Rev. Fathers Holbrook, Cahill, and Williams, and a number of ladies and gentlemen from Auckland. The object of the visit was to open the Young Men's Club-room. Rev. Father Mahoney occupied the chair, and in a felicitous speech welcomed the distinguished visitors. Mr. Devlin, who was loudly cheered, delivered a most instructive and eloquent speech to the young men, in which he extolled the many and great benefits to be obtained from young men's societies. To the Sexton Debating Club in Belfast, of which at the age of fifteen he was chairman, he was indebted for his early training as a speaker. He urged them to band together and improve themselves, and fit themselves to take their place in the front rank of citizenship in defence of all that tended to improve and make happy this beautiful land. He then referred to Ireland and the long and unceasing struggle which she waged, rightly struggling to be free. He epitomised the history of the struggle, and concluded by impressing upon the young men to study the history of Ireland. Mr. Donovan followed and reiterated the opinions expressed so eloquently by the chosen of West Belfast. He well remembered Mr. Devlin's activity amongst the young men of Belfast, and how he forged ahead, mainly through the means afforded him by the Sexton Debating Society. The speaker referred to his Australasian experiences, and dwelt particularly upon his observation and the opinions he formed of the young men of Irish extraction in whom he was much interested.

The Rev. Father Mahoney then presented Mr. Devlin from the members of the club and the local branch of the H.A.C.B. Society with a pair of gold sleeve links, and to Mr. Donovan a greenstone ornament in the form of a shamrock. Both gentlemen returned hearty thanks.

The visitors then visited the club rooms, and the Bishop declared them open. All present expressed their pleasure at the enjoyable evening spent.

On Wednesday the Bishop entertained at dinner at the palace the envoys, and a number of the priests. At 9 o'clock in the evening the 'Sonoma' was signalled. This told us that the envoys were soon to leave. A cable message from his Eminence Cardinal Moran to Right Rev. Mgr. O'Haran conveyed the news that the latter was on the 'Sonoma.' The Bishop, the envoys, and Rev. Father Holbrook went to the steam-

er, where they welcomed Monsignor O'Haran, who had with him Fathers Walsh and Phelan. Monsignor O'Haran conveyed many kind messages and good wishes from his Eminence to the Irish envoys. At midnight the envoys returned to the 'Sonoma.' Mr. K. Moore (hon. treasurer), Mr. M. J. Sheahan (hon. sec.), Mr. W. E. Hackett, and Mr. James Gleeson, of Napier, stayed with the two distinguished Irishmen on board until the steamer left the wharf early on Thursday morning. As she moved out hearty cheers were given for the envoys, who in return gave three cheers for New Zealand. Good-byes were shouted across the water from wharf to steamer and vice versa; and thus came to an end the twelve months' triumphal tour in Australia and New Zealand of Mr. Joseph Devlin, M.P., and Mr. J. T. Donovan.

Proportionately New Zealand has contributed more towards the Irish envoys' mission than any of the States of the Commonwealth. This is on the authority of Mr. Devlin himself.

Of all the places visited by the envoys not in any one of them did they feel so much at home as in Auckland, which they said they left with the deepest regret. This was due in a great measure to his Lordship the Bishop, who devoted to them while here the whole of his busy time in order to make them feel at home. Mr. Devlin twice publicly thanked the Bishop for his kindness, and in return asked his fellow countrymen to rally round the Bishop at all times, and show him how they appreciated the manner in which he, the Bishop, had treated the envoys from Ireland.

So far the gross proceeds of Mr. Devlin's mission to Auckland City amount to £560. Mr. James Gleeson, of Napier, accompanied Mr. Devlin all round the North Island, and the latter said it helped to lighten his labors considerably. Of the speech made by Mr. Gleeson, in seconding the motion of thanks at Napier, Mr. Devlin speaks in high praise.

Sacred Heart College, Auckland

(From our own correspondent.)

In the recent matriculations examination the following students were successful:—John Rodmond Taylor, Claude Simmons, and Brendan Lavery.

In the list of Junior Civil Service passes the following names of pupils of the college appear: Claude Simmons, Charles Carroll, Edward Buckley, John Taylor, Brendan Lavery, George Turnbull, George Eall, William White, Walter Webb, and Alfred Hayes. These results are exceedingly satisfactory, as they denote a steady progress since the inception of the College three and a half years ago, the highest number of marks previously secured in any one year being 2 in matriculation and 7 in Junior Civil Service. A thoroughly up-to-date system has now been evolved for the working of the college, and the Catholics of Auckland look forward to even more striking results of the zeal and ability of the members of the teaching staff.

Brother Paul has recently been appointed Director of the college. He has had wide experience in various parts of the British Empire. For some years previous to his departure for Europe he was Director of St. Mary's High School, in the Cathedral parish, Sydney. Thanks to the energy and thoroughness with which he laid the foundations for the future in this school, St. Mary's has for years occupied a leading place among the secondary schools of Australasia. After spending some time in the Marist Brothers' College in France, Brother Paul taught in London, and was then transferred to St. Joseph's Commercial College, Dumfries, well known in the British Isles as a consistently successful institution. After inspecting the educational systems in Ireland, Brother Paul went to South Africa, and at the outbreak of the Boer War was in charge of the Brothers' school in Johannesburg, which numbered 700 pupils. After further experience in South Africa as Director of the Brothers' school in Capetown, Brother Paul arrived in New Zealand, where he is already well known and highly appreciated. The Sacred Heart College is fortunate in securing for its Director a man who has had such varied experience in teaching and in directing schools.

The college re-opened on Monday, February 4, and judging by the number of new boys on the rolls, there is a prosperous year in store for it.

Holiday excursion tickets in connection with the Dunedin Autumn Races will be issued from any station on the Hurunui-Bluff section of the railways from February 18 to 22....