

WELLINGTON

(From an occasional correspondent.)

November 30.

The pupils of the Marist Brothers' School, Boulcott street, will hold their annual entertainment in the Town Hall on Wednesday, December 16.

The annual spiritual retreat for the Children of Mary and ladies of the Te Aro parish will commence on December 7. It will be conducted by Rev. Father Kimbell, S.M.

There was Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from the last Mass until after Vespers in St. Joseph's Church on Sunday. There was the usual procession in the evening, in which the Children of Mary and other societies participated.

Messrs. J. McCusker and P. McGrath have been appointed members of the executive of the Wellington Catholic Club, and Mr. J. J. Callaghan has been appointed a delegate of the same club on the local Amateur Athletic Association.

It is with sincere regret that I have to record the death of Sergeant Kyran Whelan, who passed away at the residence of his son-in-law, Webb street, on November 27, in his seventy-sixth year. He was one of the fast-diminishing band of veteran soldiers who saw service in the North Island in the early sixties. He was born in Ireland in 1833, and served in the Chinese war of 1860-1 under General Gordon. On returning to England he was made a recruiting sergeant in the 2nd Battalion of the 14th Regiment, came with his regiment to New Zealand, and took part in the Maori War. He saw service in the Waikato and at Waitara, and when the Regiment was ordered Home became a member of the Armed Constabulary stationed in Taranaki. When the district was vacated by the Constabulary he was left in charge at Opunake, and later, when the force was merged into the police, he was appointed sergeant of police for the Patea district. He remained in the police force until 1898, when he retired on pension (with a record of 50 years' army and police service to his credit). The deceased leaves five daughters, all of whom are married and settled in different parts of New Zealand. A Requiem Mass was celebrated in St. Mary of the Angels' Church, followed by the interment in the Mount Street Cemetery. The Rev. Father Schaefer, S.M., officiated at the graveside. R.I.P.

CHRISTCHURCH

Fifteen pupils were presented by the Sisters of Mercy, Colombo street, for the Sixth Standard examination, and seven gained certificates of proficiency and seven of competency.

The following are the names of the successful candidates from the Convent of Mercy, Colombo street, Christchurch, at the recent musical examinations:—Art of teaching—Helen J. Sheedy, L.T.C.L.; Margaret Flynn, A.T.C.L. Associated Board's results: Local centre, advanced grade—Annie Snowball (pianoforte), Lilian Burrow (violin). Intermediate grade—Kathleen Molloy (piano), Grace Haughey (piano). School examinations, higher division—Iza Brodie (piano), Mary C. Goggin (piano). Lower division—Dorothy Trolove (piano). Elementary division—Marjorie Young (honors), Ida Mayes (honors), Phyllis Hollow (honors), Selina M. Sunley, Herbert Power (violin), Gladys Wood (singing), Veronique Ealham, Lyttelton (piano). Primary division—Mary Young (violin), Lulu Hannay, Lyttelton (piano), Kathleen Haydon, Lyttelton (piano). The Sisters of Mercy, Colombo street, had also fourteen successful candidates for the recent Trinity College examination.

Timaru

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

November 28.

In the musical examination held here last week in connection with the Associated Board, the Catholic teachers, as usual, scored well. Miss E. Dennehy sent up and passed three pupils in the following grades:—Advanced, Margaret M. Dennehy (a pupil not yet twelve years old, and perhaps the first in the Dominion to get through so young); lower division, A. C. Wood; primary division, M. O'Meehan. Miss E. Fitzgerald was successful with M. Legar in the elementary, and I. Legar in the primary division. Miss Syme sent up M. Barrie, who got his elementary certificate; and Mr. Clarke, of Fairlie, succeeded in getting a

pass for J. J. Wright in the advanced grade. All the passes, except three, were secured by Catholic teachers.

On Thursday night the boys of the Catholic School gave another successful concert to a crowded house in the Theatre Royal. The drill was excellent, the singing showed careful training, and the histrionic ability of the boys in the trial scene from 'The Merchant of Venice' was of a high order. Some excellent choruses were given. Masters O'Meehan and F. McGrath sang nicely the duet 'Whispering hope,' and Masters O'Meehan, Brosnahan, Mackenzie, and McGrath gave the popular quartet 'The Vesper hymn.' Master E. Brosnahan got a fine reception for his number, and Master J. Godfrey's song was also redemanded. A short sketch entitled 'The Rival Speakers,' and the trial scene before-mentioned, filled up a highly enjoyable programme. The enunciation of the boys was excellent.

Oamaru

The following are the results of the examination of the Associated Board, held by Mr. Thomas Dunhill at the Dominican Convent, Oamaru, on Friday last:—Higher division (maximum 150, distinction 130, pass 100)—Margaret Twomey, 127. Lower division—Annie Lynch, 140 (distinction); Ailis Molloy, 132 (distinction); Kathleen Gallagher, 130 (distinction); Eily Kelly, 124. Elementary—Kitty Ardagh, 131 (distinction); Elsie Fleming, 131 (distinction); Rita Kelly, 125. Primary—Mary Greaney, 130 (distinction); Agnes Forde, 127; Maggie Fitzgerald, 126. In Mr. Dunhill's report, which was handed to the local secretary, he pronounced the 'teaching excellent,' and said what struck him most was the unusual proficiency attained by all the candidates. He singled out one, Miss A. Lynch, saying she was the best all-round student he had examined this year.

A pleasant little ceremony took place on Wednesday evening November 25, in St. Joseph's Schoolroom (says the *Oamaru Mail*), when Miss Cartwright, A.T.C.L., late organist of St. Patrick's choir, was presented with a beautiful gold cross and necklet. The Right Rev. Mgr. Mackay, in making the presentation, referred to the long and faithful service rendered to the Church by Miss Cartwright's self-sacrifice and punctuality in attending the practices. The Monsignore regretted to lose her valuable services, but owing to over-pressure on her time he had to reluctantly release her from her duties. Mr. Mulvihill responded on behalf of Miss Cartwright, and thanked Monsignore for his kind words, and the members of the choir for their valuable present. Songs were rendered by Misses Magee and Barry and Messrs. Ford, Curran, and Diver. The accompaniments were played by the present organist, Miss O'Grady. Some excellent selections were then given on the graphophone. Light refreshments were handed round by the ladies of the choir.

Hokitika

The following are the results of the examinations in practical and theoretical music, held in St. Columbkille's Convent of Mercy, Hokitika, under the auspices of Trinity College, London, and of the Associated Board:—Practical music (Trinity College, London): Higher examinations—Brigid Cunningham (piano), Licentiate T.C.L.; Margaret Cunningham (violin), Associate T.C.L.; Una Sullivan (piano), certificate. Senior division—May Sullivan (piano), 67; Mary O'Flaherty (piano), 65. Intermediate division—Ella Dorrington (piano), 74; Maggie O'Flaherty (piano), 74. Junior division—Marie Jones (piano), 65. Preparatory division—John Ironside (piano), 81; Beatrice Ironside (piano), 78; Mary Devaney (singing), 75; Willie Martini (violin), 73; Thomas Stopforth (violin), 70; Maggie Monaghan (piano), 69; Mary Ryan, Kumara Convent (piano), 69; Kathleen Kortegast (piano), 68. Associated Board, school examinations (maximum marks 150, pass 100): Higher division—Nellie Hannam (piano), 123. Lower division—Pianoforte: Emma Shroder, 128; Annie Martini, 123. Elementary division—Pianoforte: Mary Devaney, 130 (distinction); Eileen Rugg, 124; Verdi Sargison, 113. Primary division—Pianoforte: Alice Stopforth, 130 (distinction). Musical knowledge (Trinity College, London): Senior honors—May Sullivan, 84. Intermediate honors—Maggie O'Flaherty, 98; Ella Dorrington, 95; Myra Davies, 89; Nellie Hannam, 86; Marie Jones, 82; Emmie Shroder, 80. Intermediate pass—Nellie O'Connor, 78. Junior honors—Willie Jones, 97; Katie Mitchell, 92; Verdi Sargison, 82; Kathleen Kortegast, 81; Kathleen Gieseking, 80. Junior pass—Eileen Rugg, 70; Remenyi Sargison, 69; Ethel Heenan, 65. Preparatory—Maggie Monaghan, 100; Beatrice Ironside, 99; Alice Stopforth, 99; John Ironside, 97. All the pupils presented in the various grades of practical and theoretical music were successful.