

so, but, no; you sustained it right on.' On hearing that the Sister was a pupil of Sister M. Liguori, of the Wellington Convent, Madame said that the latter was a splendid teacher, and that she regretted not having known sooner of her capabilities, as she had several times been asked to recommend a teacher.

ST. PATRICK'S COLLEGE.

The following are the names of the successful candidates from St. Patrick's College at the recent University and Junior Civil Service examinations:—New Zealand University.—Junior Scholarship: Robert Lavery, James Rochford, Bernard Ryan, James Ryan, and Alfred Cullen; passed matriculation from Junior Scholarship papers. Matriculation: Maurice Butler, James Carmody, Esmond Downey, John Fulton, Henry Lynch, Richard Mulgan, Cornelius Outtrim, Leo Poff, Henry Rasmussen, James Roche, Joseph Stewart. Solicitors' general knowledge: Maurice Butler, James Carmody, Henry Lynch, Richard Mulgan, Cornelius Outtrim, Henry Rasmussen, James Roche, Joseph Stewart. Medical preliminary: Maurice Butler, Jas. Carmody, Henry Lynch, Richard Mulgan, Leo Poff. Engineering preliminary: Richard Mulgan, Leo Poff. Junior Civil Service examination (in order of merit): Passed with credit—J. Rochford (20), B. Ryan (23), J. Ryan (31), A. Cullen (38), Rae Cameron (50), R. Lavery (58), L. Poff (68), H. Rasmussen (109), M. Butler (132), W. Buckley (162), K. Crotty (175), R. Mulgan (211), J. McLeary (238); passed—H. Lynch, E. Downey, L. Devine, J. Carmody, P. Kane, J. Roche, E. Burke, C. Baker, C. Coakley, J. Fulton, J. Casey, J. Hogan, B. Doherty, C. O'Rourke, C. Outtrim, J. Box, M. Maher, B. Malone, J. Young.

DIocese OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

February 1.

The Rev. Father O'Connor is assisting at the Cathedral during his stay in Christchurch, and preached at Vespers on Sunday last.

A collection was made at St. Mary's Church, Christchurch North, on Sunday last in aid of the building fund of the projected children's ward at the Christchurch General Hospital.

The schools of the Cathedral parochial district, including the Sacred Heart Convent High School, re-open to-day (Monday). Those of St. Mary's parish, Christchurch North, re-opened last week.

A meeting of parishioners of St. Mary's Church, Christchurch North, was held after Vespers on last Sunday evening to arrange for the erection of a suitable memorial over the grave of the late Very Rev. Father Marnane in Linwood Cemetery. In the absence of the Very Rev. Dean Ginaty, S.M., the Rev. Father Hoare presided.

Addressing the congregation in the Cathedral at Mass on Sunday last, with reference to the re-opening of the schools after the Christmas vacation, his Lordship the Bishop said excellent Catholic high schools for girls existed in the city under the competent control of two religious teaching Orders of Sisters. Indirectly he had heard of wishes expressed for the establishment of a Catholic high school for boys, which up to the present had not been supplied. If (continued the Bishop) it could be proved to him that a real need existed in this direction, and that all those who advocated its establishment sent in their names, and the assistance likely to be accorded by the number of boys who would attend such a school, thus affording a prospect of permanent success, he would sanction the project without any hesitation.

There was a well-attended meeting of ladies interested in the projected bazaar and carnival at the presbytery, Barbadoes street, on last Monday evening. The Very Rev. Father Price, Adm., presided. The various stalls, with suggestions as to appropriate costumes to be worn by assistants, were allotted by the process of drawing as follows:—No. 1, 'Morning,' Miss Sloane (pale pink); No. 2, 'Noon,' Miss Brophy (pale yellow); No. 3, 'Night,' Miss Harrington (black, spangles, stars); No. 4, 'Summer,' Mrs. Devane (floral); No. 5, 'Spring,' Miss Bunker (draped costumes); No. 6, 'Autumn' (Children of Mary), Miss M. Nelligan (yellow, autumn leaves); No. 7, 'Winter' (refreshments), Mrs. F. Cahill (white, fur trimmings). In connection with the carnival, which is to open on Saturday, April 10, in His Majesty's Theatre, the promoter, the Very Rev. Father Price has received and accepted a novel contribution to the venture from Miss Florence Bain, leading lady of the 'Miss Lancashire Limited' Comedy Company, now on tour in the Dominion, and which will be in Christchurch about the time of the carnival. Miss Bain generously offers a prize of £5 for the best dressed doll, repre-

sented herself in costumes worn in her portrayal of the central character. All the dolls sent in are to be given to the carnival, and the competition is extended to all parts of the Dominion.

The St. Patrick's Day Celebration Executive Committee met on last Thursday afternoon at the episcopal residence to make preliminary arrangements for the national entertainment on March 17 in aid of the funds of Nazareth House. His Lordship the Bishop presided, and those present were Messrs. P. Burke, G. R. Hart, E. O'Connor, and J. J. Wilson. An apology for unavoidable absence was received from Mr. J. R. Hayward. The minutes of the last meeting in connection with the past year's celebration were read by the secretary (Mr. E. O'Connor), and adopted. In introducing the business of the meeting, his Lordship the Bishop reviewed the successful efforts of the past, and in making arrangements for the forthcoming national entertainment he felt confident that this year's event would receive enhanced support, now that the foundations of the permanent institution were laid and the work of the Sisters was launched on a very large scale. As a result of the meeting, His Majesty's Theatre has been engaged for an Irish national entertainment on Wednesday evening, March 17, and tickets are ready for distribution. As on the last occasion, the prices of the latter are fixed at 3s (dress circle and orchestral stalls), 2s (stalls), and 1s other seats. It was unanimously decided to materially vary the nature of the programme, without impairing its national character, and to at once convene a meeting of the sectional committees.

DIocese OF AUCKLAND

(By Telegraph from our own correspondent.)

February 1.

Very Rev. Dean Gillan left last week for Gisborne to open a new school there. He will be absent for about ten days.

A private cable message received to-day announces the arrival of his Lordship the Bishop yesterday at Fremantle. He is due to arrive in Sydney on February 8.

The Irish national concert in aid of the Sisters of St. Joseph in St. Benedict's Hall was a great success. The building was crowded to the doors, and a handsome financial result is likely to be attained.

The executive of the New Zealand District of the Hibernian Society have resolved that Rev. Father Cleary be heartily congratulated upon the high honor of Doctor of Divinity conferred upon him by his Holiness Pope Pius X.—a distinction well merited.

In the recent matriculation examination five students from the Sacred Heart College were successful. Four of these passed in the Solicitors' general knowledge examination. The following are the names of the students of the college who were successful in the Junior Civil Service examination:—N. Quinn (22), J. Scott (46), N. Sneddon, D. O'Connor, J. Carroll, E. Kavanagh, D. O'Brien, W. Whiteman, J. Molloy, C. Sneddon, A. Ryan, and G. O'Rourke.

Sir R. Stout at the Senate last week had, as usual, a fling at the denominational schools. He said: The Senate should approach the question this way: What are you to have? Are you to have head masters' certificates from any school? If not, they would place the schools in a very awkward position. They would find that the denominational schools were the weakest. This eternal denominational question had ruined education wherever it appeared. Parliament had appointed the University an examining body, and he thought it was the appointees' duty to examine. The matriculation examination was simply an examination to show that the candidates' time would not be wasted if they entered a University college. The question was: Are we to give over power under statute to persons who have no power, and over whom we have no direct control to hold examinations.

The children of St. Mary's Orphanage, Ponsonby (says the *New Zealand Town and Country Life*), are particularly fortunate in numbering among their warmest benefactors Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Casey, of Hamilton road, who in more ways than one show their practical sympathy with a humanitarian cause, and perhaps that form of benevolence which appeals most directly to the young ones is the annual entertainment they provide them in the shape of a garden party. There are garden parties and garden parties, but this particular function is of a philanthropic nature pure and simple, and the thorough enjoyment of the little guests is the one motive. A day is usually selected during the long midsummer holidays, and an invitation is extended to past as well as present pupils, and the occasion is one that

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