

unanimously. Arrangements were subsequently made for the offer of the services of the corps to the Right Hon. the Minister of Defence by the manager of the Club, Mr. Peters, on behalf of the boys. Mr. Peters states that the corps will commence with a membership of over sixty members.

The Women's Mission, which is being conducted by the Rev. Fathers O'Connell, Kimbell, and McCarthy, S.M.'s, in St. Joseph's Church, Buckle Street, is a great success, during the past week 700 to 800 women attending nightly. The children's mission was concluded last Sunday afternoon.

The tender of Mr. Maurice O'Connor for the new Miramar wharf has been accepted by the Wellington Harbour Board, at a cost of about £14,000.

A feature of the St. John Ambulance Fair will be the 'hidden treasure,' which is being engineered by a couple of St. Patrick's College boys. The boys are sanguine of meeting with much success, and already many tickets have been bespoken.

The ladies' confraternity of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, which has been organised by the Rev. Fathers at Mount St. Gerard Church, Oriental Bay, is a very live association. At present there are over 250 lady members who attend the monthly meetings on Sunday afternoons. The Rev. Father Creagh, C.S.S.R., is the spiritual director. Miss C. Sullivan acts as secretary.

The fortnightly meeting of the St. Patrick's Branch of the Hibernian Society was held in St. Patrick's Hall last evening, Bro. E. F. Reichel presiding over a large attendance of members. To make the meetings attractive, the following members were appointed as a Social Committee to arrange a programme for each month after the meetings, when members and their friends could meet socially:—Bros. Reichel, McCusker, Carrigan, Miller, Schmidt, and McPhee. The secretary presented the balance sheet for the September quarter. The sick pay for the quarter totalled £58, whilst £40 was paid for medical attendance. Three candidates were proposed and two members initiated during the evening.

His Grace Archbishop Redwood, who attended the Catholic Congress in Sydney, returned by the Moeraki on Wednesday. His Grace, in talking to a 'Post' reporter, said he could not add to the full accounts of the Congress that had appeared in the Wellington papers. It was, he added, a memorable gathering, and would, he had no doubt, be productive of much good, and that not for members of the Catholic communities alone. He was rejoiced when it was resolved to hold the next Congress in New Zealand, and at Wellington, too. It was, as he said, 'sprung on him.' He did not know it was going to be proposed; and when he found that that idea was unanimously adopted, he could not restrain expressing his pleasure at the result, promising those who should come here a right hearty welcome. 'Personally,' he concluded, 'I think it will be a very good thing for New Zealand. The P. and O. boats will no doubt be then fully running to Auckland, and we may have the Orient boats calling here. In five years! Why, we cannot tell how greatly improved will be the communications between Australia and New Zealand.' Well, the Congress will assist us in knowing our neighbours better and their knowing more of us.'

In the annual report of the Minister of Education, it is stated that the total expenditure by the Government in connection with all the Industrial Schools for the year was £33,655. The sum of £2,516 was expended on account of private schools. The net cost of the various private (Catholic) schools was as follows:—St. Mary's (Auckland), £1,418 18s 8d; St. Mary's (Nelson), £843 1s 2d; St. Joseph's (Wellington), £153 7s 7d; St. Vincent de Paul's (Dunedin), £101 0s 8d. In the course of his annual report on St. Joseph's Orphanage (Wellington), the medical officer (Dr. Mackin) says:—'The present school building has been in use now for many years, and has become gradually hemmed in by the expansion of the city; but I understand that the Sisters are contemplating the erection, at no distant date, of a new school in more modern style, and with more up-to-date equipment, in the suburbs of the city. I need hardly say that this scheme receives my heartiest consent and support, as from a medical point of view a new institution in the country, with all the benefits accruing from increased accommodation, fresh air, and greater facilities for outdoor recreation, would be incomparably better than the present school, both for the children themselves and for the Sisters who carry on the work of this school with such thoroughness and devotion.'

The annual practical examinations held by the Associated Board of the R.A.M. and R.C.M. (London) have taken place in Wellington during the past fortnight. The examiner was Mr. Fredrick Cliffe, of London. The passes are for pianoforte unless otherwise stated. The following is a list of the successful Convent pupils in the Wellington district:—Licentiate Examinations (full marks 200, pass 150), Performers' Certificate (L.A.B. Diploma), May Storey, singing (St. Mary's Convent), 160; Agnes Segrief, singing (St. Mary's Convent), 159. Local Centre Examinations (full marks 150, pass 103, honours 130)—Advanced Grade, Honours, Rose Segrief, singing (St. Mary's Convent, 140; Teresa

McEnroe, singing (St. Mary's Convent), 130. Advanced Grade, Pass—Dorothy M. Norton (St. Mary's Convent), 108; Hilda M. Flanagan (St. Mary's Convent), 107. School Examinations (full marks 150, pass 100, distinction 130): Higher Division, Pass—Dorothy Bowie (St. Mary's Convent), 115; Katie Madden (Convent, Sussex Square), 110. Lower Division, Distinction—Winifred Ryan (St. Mary's Convent), 131; Bessie Gard (St. Mary's Convent), 130. Lower Division, Pass—Lily Dealy (St. Mary's Convent), 124; Ida Waddell (St. Mary's Convent), 123; Eileen Nesbitt (St. Mary's Convent), 104. Elementary Division, Distinction—Hilda Martin (St. Mary's Convent), 130; Nora Devlin (Convent, Sussex Square), 130. Elementary Division, Pass—Bessie Martin (St. Mary's Convent), 125; Marie Doherty (Convent, Sussex Square), 123; Winnie Sullivan (Convent, Sussex Square), 121; Eileen Black (St. Mary's Convent), 111; Linda Riddell (St. Mary's Convent), 111; T. Haywood (St. Mary's Convent), 107; Frances Gasquoine (St. Mary's Convent), 105. Primary Division, Pass—Beatrice Dorgan (Convent, Sussex Square), 115; M. Burke (Convent, Sussex Square), 105.

Miss T. Redmond, a member of St. Joseph's Choir, and well known in Catholic circles, will be leaving for Masterton next week, where she intends to reside. A number of her friends assembled at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. O'Flaherty on Wednesday last to bid her farewell. A most enjoyable programme of musical items, cards, and games was gone through, at the conclusion of which Mr. G. F. Hill, on behalf of those present, presented Miss Redmond with a handsome purse as a token of the esteem in which she is held, and wished her every success in her new sphere. Miss Redmond feelingly responded.

The month's mind of the late Mrs. Daniel Lynch (mother of Rev. Father P. M. Lynch, C.S.S.R.) was celebrated on Saturday, October 23, in the Church of the Sacred Heart, Thorndon, Wellington. The celebrant of the Mass of Requiem was the Rev. Father Herbert, S.M., Rev. Fathers Peoples, S.M., and Bowden, S.M., being deacon and subdeacon respectively, and Rev. Father Hickson, S.M., master of ceremonies. There were also present in the sanctuary the Ven. Archdeacon Devoy, S.M., Rev. Father Whelan, C.S.S.R., Rev. Father McDonald, S.M., and Rev. Father Gilbert, S.M. The Requiem music was admirably sung in Solesmes plain-song by a body of students from St. Patrick's College, under the baton of the Very Rev. Dr. Kennedy, S.M., Rector of the College. The Rev. Father Schaefer, S.M., of the College, presided at the organ.

DIocese OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

November 1.

There will be First Communion of the children in the Cathedral on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, and Confirmation will be administered on a day to be set apart shortly afterwards.

The boys of the Marist Brothers' School excel not only in football, but in other branches of athletics. The School cricket team won the first primary schools' match of the season on Saturday, when they defeated the Elmwood School by an innings and 40 runs.

Mr. Patrick O'Shea, not yet twenty years of age, one of the old boys of the Marist Brothers' School, and captain of the Old Boys' Football Club, proved his stamina on Saturday by winning the road race—Timaru to Christchurch (112 miles)—against competitors from all parts of the Dominion. Besides battling against strong winds the whole way, sustaining a couple of rather bad falls, and seriously buckling his wheel, he rode a fine race, and did not appear unduly fatigued on arrival. His club mates and the old boys generally are naturally much elated at the success achieved.

His Lordship the Bishop visited the Cathedral Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at the ordinary weekly meeting on last Wednesday evening, and installed Bro. G. C. Hayward as president. His Lordship spoke encouragingly of the efforts made by the Society to cope with its essential works. A great deal of good was accomplished in the community by the Society, and with the increased membership he wished to see, future results would prove equally hopeful. The Bishop spoke also of visits he had paid; and of general meetings at which he had presided in Ireland, England, Belgium, etc., where the Society was led by, and largely composed of, the leading Catholic laymen, even the nobility deeming it a special privilege to be associated with the organisation.

In his report of the recent inspection of the Cathedral Parish Girls' School, in charge of the Sisters of the Missions, the inspector under the North Canterbury Board of Education (Mr. W. Brock) says:—'This school, which on the present occasion was inspected by itself, and not in conjunction with the pupils of the primary division of the Sacred Heart Convent School, marked a distinctly satisfactory appearance. The pupils show a keen interest, are under good control, and give a pleasing impression of industry. The programmes are sufficiently substantial in quantity to make due provision for a liberal compliance with requirements. A

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