

in Philadelphia city conducted in accordance with the most advanced Anglican teachings. Eight of these reserves the Blessed Sacrament on which altar perpetually the same number have daily celebrations of the Mass, and all conduct their services with the full ritual, and confessions are regularly heard by the clergy.

DIocese of Dunedin

In the Trinity College musical examinations conducted by Mr. St. George the following pupils of the Sisters of Mercy, South Dunedin, passed:—Senior division—Maggie Lynch (honors), 187; Intermediate division—Miss Josephine Kaveney, 170; Preparatory division—May Curtis, 83; Kathleen McDevitt, 79.

On Sunday afternoon in St. Joseph's Cathedral his Lordship Bishop Verdon assisted by the Rev. Father Coffey, A.M., and the Rev. Father Corcoran, administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to 180 candidates, about 150 boys and girls, and 30 adults, among the latter being several converts. His Lordship addressed the candidates before the ceremony, and explained to them the nature of the Sacrament and the graces they were about to receive, and at its conclusion administered the pledge of the League of the Cross to the children. Mr. A. Dunne was sponsor for the boys and Miss A. Heley for the girls.

The secretary of the Otago branch of the Navy League has notified the Sisters of Mercy, South Dunedin, that prizes have been awarded to Miss Mary O'Malley and Miss J. Kaveney, the two pupils of St. Philomena's College, who competed in the League's recent essay examination. For her paper on 'Elizabethan-seamen and their work' Miss O'Malley obtained a percentage of 91 marks, thereby winning the district prize (i.e. the special prize given to the competitor gaining the highest number of marks). It takes the form of a superior class of book, *The Year of Trafalgar*, bound in dark blue morocco and bearing the monogram of the League.

All the candidates were successful at the practical music examinations held by Mr. H. St. George of Trinity College, London, at St. Dominic's College on Monday, November 22. The following candidates sat for the examination:—Higher grade—K. M. Quill, A.T.C.L., M. M. Gawne, A.T.C.L. Certified Pianist—K. M. Collins, Senior division—D. Hawcrige (honors), 97; M. M. Paton (honors), 93 (singing); M. Esquilant (honors), 85 (singing); R. Hannan (honors), 86. Intermediate division—R. Wakelin (honors), 90; M. Mackie, 72; C. Thompson, 67. Junior division—Class singing (honors)—87; R. Rings (honors), 84 (piano); E. Hunt, 72 (singing); N. Nicholson, 71; A. Caldwell, 71; A. Dunbar, 70 (singing). Preparatory grade—V. Gawne, 87 (violin); M. Braithwaite, 85; N. Thompson, 78; E. Millow, 78.

Oamaru

The following are the results of the Oxford Local Examination held at the Dominican Convent High School, Oamaru, from June 22 to 26, when thirteen candidates were presented. The subjects examined were religious knowledge, English language and literature, French, Latin, physiology, hygiene, botany, geography, mathematics, history, bookkeeping, harmony, and drawing. Senior—Honors—Ciely Rowland, Associate in Arts. Junior—Pass—Alice Brownie, Dora McKinnon. Partial pass—Merle Holmes, Mollie Dore, Eileen O'Meara. Preliminary—Pass—Janie Pringle, Martha Hille, Annie Lynch, Kate Connihan, Kathleen Gallagher, Reta O'Donnell.

The following are the results of the examinations held by the Associated Board of the Royal Academy of Music and the Royal College of Music, London, Mr. Frederick Cliffe being the examiner. The examination was held in Oamaru on November 26. In the local centre examinations the marks are as follows:—Total 150, pass 103, honors 130, and in the school examinations—total 150, pass 100, and distinction 130. Dominican Convent—Local Centre—Advanced Grade—Molly Maher, 111, pass. School examinations—Higher division—Ailis Molloy, 131, distinction; Annie J. Lynch, 122; Mary Dore, 111. Lower division—Doris Potter, 130, distinction; Isabella Farrant, 124; Janie Pringle, 116; Eva Miller, 112; Minnie Hille, 111. Elementary division—Greta Cooney, 132, distinction; Agnes Ford, 130, distinction; Mary Geaney, 124; Queenie Jewell, 110. Primary division—Agnes Spiers, 117.

On Sunday seventy children made their First Communion for which they were prepared by a four-days mission conducted by the Rev. Father O'Connell, S.M.. In the evening Father O'Connell opened a week's mission for the adults of the parish, when there was a very large congregation present. He will be assisted by the Rev. Father Kimbell, S.M. Next week missions will be held in Makikihi and Morven. The children who made their First Communion were entertained at breakfast by the ladies of the parish and were waited upon by Mesdames Healey, Drayton, and O'Brien.

Diocese of Christchurch

His Lordship the Bishop is to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation in the Cathedral on next Sunday week.

His Lordship the Bishop received last week the following practical proof of sympathetic interest:—'My Lord, Will you please accept this offering (£5) towards the Cathedral fund? From one of your devoted people.'

The Chapel of the Holy Face and Relics in the Cathedral in which a beautiful marble altar, with appropriate fittings of the rich collection of relics, has just been erected together with magnificent stained glass windows, will be solemnly inaugurated after the Dedication of Holy Relics on next Sunday. A Solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated on the Cathedral on last Thursday morning for the deceased priest of the diocese. The Rev. Father Dault (African Mission) was celebrant, the Rev. Dr. Kennedy deacon, Rev. Father McDonnell subdeacon, and Very Rev. Father Price, A.M., master of ceremonies.

An entertainment was given last week by the members of St. Mary's Catholic Club in the schoolroom, Manchester street. Songs were contributed by the Rev. Father McDonnell, Messrs. Coleman, T. Wauchup, Gregory (2), Murray, Fagan, Masters Lawrence (3), and Mr. H. Sutherland, who gave his Madri-song in native costume which proved the most successful item of the evening. Some pretty and effective dances were given, the credit of which was due to the careful training of Mr. F. Wauchup, whilst throughout the programme encores were frequent. The accompaniments were played by Mr. P. O. J. Augarde.

On last Tuesday evening the Christchurch Catholic Club held its first general meeting since the opening of the new rooms. The president (Mr. J. R. Hayward) presided, and there were thirty-one members present. Twelve new members were elected and six candidates were nominated for election. The president reported that a member had promised to send the principal weekly, morning and evening newspapers to the club. A musical programme was given, the items being as follows:—Songs, Messrs. J. Evans, J. E. Williams, H. E. Williams, G. Hayward, P. McNamara, and Baker; pianoforte solo, Mr. Johnston; bones solo, Mr. E. J. Murdoch; monologue, Mr. E. Rowe; pianoforte duet, Messrs Barrett and Johnston. Mr. Johnston played the accompaniments. It was decided to hold a ladies' social gathering on Tuesday, November 30, a meeting at which recitations should be the feature on December 7, and a debate on the Budget on December 14.

The monthly meeting of the executive committee of the Christchurch Catholic Club was held on last Friday evening. Mr. J. R. Hayward (president) was in the chair, and there were present the Rev. Dr. Kennedy, and Messrs. J. S. Tullock, F. Quinn, J. Ainger, M. O'Reilly, T. O'Connell, W. Hayward (treasurer), and G. Dobbs (secretary). Accounts for £44 8s 11d were passed for payment. It was decided to procure new colors and to increase the insurance on the furniture by £50.

At a largely-attended meeting of Cathedral parishioners convened to devise means to lessen the liabilities existing on the Cathedral, his Lordship the Bishop presided, the Very Rev. Father Price, A.M., being also present. Addressing the gathering, his Lordship explained the present financial position, and invited an expression of opinion as to the best method to be adopted with a view of lessening the capital indebtedness. On a vote being taken it was decided to organise a carnival on a large scale for next year. The Very Rev. Father Price accepted the position of manager, and Mr. E. O'Connor that of secretary. The selection of an executive committee was left in the hands of the manager. The Very Rev. Father Ginty, S.M., V.G., subsequently intimated that the parish of St. Mary's, of which he is pastor, would undertake to furnish and control a stall in the bazaar.

The following is the list of the successful candidates presented by the Sisters of Mercy, Colombo street, Christchurch, at the recent examinations of the Associated Boards of the Royal Academy of Music and the Royal College of Music, London: The examination was conducted by Mr. Frederick Cliffe:—Licentiate ship—Final teachers' examination, Vera de la Cour, L.A.B. Lower School—Division—Gertrude Riedy, Vera Wilson, Marjorie Young. Elementary Division—Basil Kingham. Primary Division—Evelyn Couzins (distinction), Mildred Trolove (distinction), Greta Gibson, Vernon Harris, Freda Holmes, Essie Moraghan, James Murray, Annie Ryan. In addition to the above, the Sisters presented last month 30 candidates for the Trinity College practical examinations, all of whom passed, one securing the gold medal and sixteen obtaining honors.

The following are the names of the successful candidates of the Sisters of the Mission, Sacred Heart High School, who were successful at the recent practical examinations in connection with the Associated Board of the Royal Academy and Royal College of Music, London:—Piano—Advanced—Ethel Donaldson, Flossie Story. Piano—Intermediate—C. M. Kiddey. School examinations—Lower division—Marjorie Smith, Margaret Daily, Kessie B. Turner, Monica W. Turner.