

the term are taking a lively interest in the club's business, and the members are very regular in their attendance. The following are the officers:—President, Mr. P. Kane; vice-presidents, Messrs. M. F. Dennehy, and J. Dunne; treasurer, Mr. N. Knight; secretary, Mr. J. Vening; committee, Messrs. T. and M. Mara, T. Gunn, M. Mahoney, E. Vening, A. G. Smith.

WESTPORT.

The Ven. Archbishop Walshe made renewed application to the Education Board for examination of St. Canice's School (says the *Westport Times*, June 28). Mr. Bailie supported the application being acceded to, and said that it was a duty of the Board to ascertain whether the children sent to these schools are being properly educated. Mr. Lock opposed the application being granted, considering that private schools should not be encouraged, as not giving such good results as public schools, and moreover being inimical to the latter. Beside there was no evidence to show that the Inspector had more time this month than last when the request was refused on the ground that the Inspector's time would not allow it being done. Mr. Phillips supported Mr. Bailie strongly, contending that the Board was in charge of the education of all children in the district, and they should exercise the amount of supervision offered by the request. Mr. Beuke admitted the force of the arguments of Messrs. Bailie and Phillips, but considered that the matter should be left in the hands of the Inspectors, and if they were able to do as requested they should have the approval of the Board if disposed to take up the work, they should be paid by the school authority. Mr. Franklyn said that the Board would go outside its duties in asking its Inspector to undertake such work. It was in a way subsidising denominational education. Mr. Bailie gave notice to move at the next meeting, that the request be referred to the Inspectors with the Board's approval if they elect to take up the work.

NELSON.

(From our own correspondent.)

Last Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday was quite a gay and festive time for the pupils attending St. Mary's schools. A series of entertainments had been arranged by the good Sisters in honor of the Very Rev. Dean Mahoney's feast day. On Monday the boys gave an entertainment in St. Mary's Hall, which was crowded with their parents and friends. The first part of the programme, consisting of songs and recitations, was very pleasing. The second part consisted of a farce entitled 'Furnished Apartments,' in which five of the boys took part. In the evening an entertainment was held at the orphanage, when a number of little ones acquitted themselves remarkably well in songs and recitations, especially in a festal song. After the singing of this a number of the children presented Dean Mahoney with vases of beautiful wax flowers made by the Sisters and pupils. The entertainment concluded with a drama entitled a 'Love of Bonnets,' which was very creditably performed by some of the older girls. On Tuesday, at the Convent High school, 'Little Lord Fauntleroy' was produced by the pupils of the High school.

On Wednesday a tea party was held in St. Mary's Hall, at which the orphans and all the children attending the convent schools, over 300 in all, were present, and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The tea party was organised by a committee of ladies, consisting of the following:—Mesdames Pratt, Crisp, S. Frank, Vaughan, and Misses Frank (4), Young, and Scott. Later on a lantern exhibition was given, which was greatly enjoyed by the children. After the entertainment the Very Rev. Dean Mahoney thanked all those who had contributed to the children's pleasures. He also took the opportunity of presenting little Doris Roughton with a handsome prayer book in recognition of the able manner in which she took part in the play on the previous day.

[This letter arrived too late for insertion in our last issue.]

REEFTON.

(By telegraph, from our own correspondent.)

July 8.

On Thursday last, after a very long and painful illness, borne with Christian fortitude, Mr. Francis McGuigan died at the Reefton Hospital. On yesterday Mr. John Fennell succumbed to pleurisy at Lyell. Both the deceased were natives of Ireland and unmarried. They had been residents of the West Coast for a number of years, and were highly respected. The late Mr. McGuigan and the late Mr. Fennell had been subscribers to and great admirers of the *TABLET*, the former having taken it from the very first number. They were exemplary Catholics, loyal supporters of the Church, and they died most edifying deaths. Mr. McGuigan's remains were, by his express wish, taken to the church immediately after death, and while there were continuously visited by the members of the congregation. The funeral on last Saturday was attended by a large concourse of mourners. Rev. Father Hickson, in conducting the funeral service, paid a deserved tribute to the virtues of the deceased. The remains of the late Mr. Fennell will be interred in Westport on Wednesday, Father Rolland accompanying the body from Lyell.—*R.I.P.*

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CLEANINGS FOR NEXT WEEK'S CALENDAR.

- July 14, Sunday.—Seventh Sunday after Pentecost. St. Bonaventure, Bishop, Confessor, and Doctor.
- " 15, Monday.—St. Henry II., Emperor.
- " 16, Tuesday.—Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel.
- " 17, Wednesday.—St. Leo IV., Pope and Confessor.
- " 18, Thursday.—St. Camillus, Confessor.
- " 19, Friday.—St. Symachus, Pope and Confessor.
- " 20, Saturday.—St. Jerome Emilian, Confessor.

ST. BONAVENTURE, BISHOP, CONFESSOR, AND DOCTOR.

St. Bonaventure, surnamed 'Doctor Seraphicus,' was a Franciscan, and distinguished for his piety and learning. He was born in 1221, at Bagnarea, in Tuscany, and was educated at the University of Paris, where, as early as 1253, he obtained a professorship of theology, and at the age of 35 years he became the general of his order, the internal disorders and contentions of which he brought under due regulation. Pope Clement IV. wished to make him Archbishop of York, but desisted at the request of Bonaventure; on the other hand, Gregory X., in 1273, compelled him to accept the bishopric of Albano. In the year following Bonaventure attended the Ecumenical Council of Lyons, and died while it was in session, July 15th, 1274. Bonaventure acquired great fame by his mystical writings. But both his philosophical and scholastic-theological works, of which the principal ones are the *Breviloquium*, and the *Certiloquium* are highly esteemed, although their author does not on these subjects reach the level of St. Thomas.

ST. CAMILLUS, CONFESSOR.

St. Camillus of Lellis, a priest of the diocese of Theate, was the founder of the Order of Camillians, or Fathers of a Good Death, which was approved by the Holy See on March 8, 1585. These religious take care of the sick and wounded in hospitals and on the battlefield. St. Camillus died July 14, 1614, at the age of 65 years, and was canonised by Benedict XIV.

ST. SYMACHUS, POPE AND CONFESSOR.

St. Symachus, who was born in Sardinia, was Pope from 498 to 514, and successor of Athanasius II. He had for rival the Archdeacon Lawrence, who was upheld by King Theodoric. He zealously combated the heresies of Nestorius and Eutyches. The introduction into the Mass of the 'Gloria in Excelsis' is attributed to him.

ST. JEROME EMILIAN, CONFESSOR.

St. Jerome Emilian belonged to a noble Venetian family, distinguished for its many services to the State. Upon the death of his father, when he was about 15 years of age, he entered the army, to the great affliction of his mother, who soon beheld him fall into a dissolute way of life through the bad example of his companions. Having received a commission from the Venetian Senate to relieve the garrison of Castelnuovo, which was invested by a German army, Jerome succeeded in effecting an entrance to the citadel, and in repelling for some time the assaults of the enemy. Upon the fall of the castle he was seized, loaded with chains, and cast into a dark dungeon. In these straits he began to reflect with anguish on the state of his soul, and with sighs and tears acknowledged the justice of God in thus treating him according to his merits. Suddenly a ray of hope penetrated his heart when he thought of the tender mercy of our Blessed Lady, and he made a vow on the spot, in case of his deliverance, to visit barefoot her celebrated shrine at Treviso, and there publish aloud her bounty in his regard. No sooner had he pronounced the words of his vow than Mary appeared to him in the midst of heavenly light, and giving him the keys of his fetters and of the prison door, conducted him through the midst of the enemy to the very gates of Treviso. As soon as he completed the terms of his vow he returned to Venice, and renouncing the honors and offices of the State, devoted himself henceforth to the service of God and the relief of the afflicted poor.

Jerome determined to establish a congregation of men who were willing to devote their lives to the relief of the needy and afflicted. The foundation of the new congregation was laid in the village of Somascha, not far from Milan, and there Jerome trained his first disciples. A frightful pestilence having broken out in Bergamo Jerome hastened thither to minister to the wants of the victims of the plague. While employed in this charitable office he was himself attacked by the disease, and died happily at Somascha on February 8, A.D. 1537, at the age of 56.

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