

school, Miss Cahill acting as accompanist. Master H. Albertson recited "Smiting the Rock" very nicely. The vocal duet "Come where the lillies are growing" was effectively sung by the Misses Salter and Hart, Miss Ferguson acting as accompanist. The first part of the programme was brought to a close by the rendition of "Robin's return," very nicely played by Miss Borlase, Holder, Prattley, and Ferguson. This was followed by that pretty little cantata, "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs," Miss A. Anderson acting as accompanist. The second part of the programme was opened by a musical sketch called the "Model Parliament," in which there were some excellent items, including a vocal duet by Misses L. Heller, A. Anderson, song by Master L. McCaim, action song by junior girls, song by Misses Ferguson and Borlase, and vocal duet by Miss M. King and Master S. King. The drama "Dick Whittington" was nicely mounted, and the young people who took part in it are to be complimented on the success of their efforts.

During the interval the Mayor thanked all present for their attendance and intimated that the entertainment would be repeated on the following evening. The Sisters of St. Joseph desire to thank all who had assisted in making the entertainment such a success, and especially Mr. King who draped the stage and superintended the arrangements, Mr A. Anderson who painted a beautiful scene for the occasion, and also Mr. Juste.

NEW ZEALAND: GENERAL

A MISSION was opened in Invercargill last Sunday, and is being conducted by the Very Rev. Father Boyle, C.M., and the Rev. Father McCarthy, C.M.

THE pupils of St. Patrick's Catholic School, Kumara, were examined by the Education Board Inspector, on November 5 and 6, and out of 91 children—boys and girls—presented only two failed to pass.

WE understand that the Rev. Father Alexander McDonnell who was ordained in Rome for the Diocese of Christchurch last June, is on his way to New Zealand. Father McDonnell is a native of the city of Dublin. The Rev. Father O'Connor, who arrived in Christchurch last week, has been appointed assistant priest at Rangiora, for which place he left early in the present week.

At the Trinity College Practical Musical Examination, held at the Convent of Mercy, Lyttelton, on the 22nd inst. by Mr. A. Mistowski, the nine pupils prepared by the Sisters of Mercy were successful. The following are the names:—Senior Division: F. M. Thompson (singing), B. Harnett (piano). Intermediate Division: (piano), Alice Davies, Olive Hebley, Louie Francis. Junior Division (piano), Kitty Burns; (violin), Olive Le Lievre (Akarua). Preparatory: (piano), Phoebe Fleming, Johanna Lufard.

THE following is a list of the pupils who passed in practical music at the recent examination held at the Convent of Mercy, Hokitika, by Mr. Mistowski, Mus. B.:—Senior Pass—Mary G. Greene, singing. Intermediate Pass—Aileen Daly and Rose Healy, piano. Junior Honors—Maud Coltinan, piano. Junior Pass—Clare Davey, Nellie Kidd, Annie MacDonald, and Eva Murphy, piano. Preparatory Pass—Ivy Cullen, Crissie Erickson, and Winnie Jack' piano; Mary A. Johnson and Sheila MacDonald, violin; Nora Moye, Maud Sellers, May Sullivan, Ma Sullivan, and Maud Wilson, piano.

It having become known that Mr D. Maroney, late manager of the Stratford Bacon Factory, was about to leave the district, a large number of friends, some of whom had come a long distance, paid him a surprise visit at his residence one evening recently. Dr. Carbery acted as spokesman for the party. He said that he had known Mr Maroney for several years, and was sure that very few residents of Stratford possessed the confidence and esteem of the public as Mr Maroney did. Mr Carleton and others spoke in the most laudatory terms. Dr Carbery then presented Mr Maroney with a beautiful travelling bag and rug; also a gold brooch set with opals to Mrs Maroney. Mr Maroney, on returning thanks, invited all present to pay him a visit at Rahotu, on the other side of Mount Egmont, where he intended settling down.

On Saturday, November 16, the practical music examinations in connection with Trinity College (London) were conducted in Grey-mouth by Mr Alfred Mistowski. All the pupils sent up at the convent centre passed, and one of them (Miss Eileen Kemple) was recommended by the examiner to work for the higher examinations of the College. The following is the list:—Senior Honors—Eileen Kemple. Senior Pass—Augusta Skoglund. Intermediate Honors—Mary E. Noonan. Intermediate Pass—Lily Cottle, Mabel Harris, Annie Macdonell, Katie Macdonell. Junior Pass—Eileen Hannan (singing). Preparatory—Jean of Arc O'Reilly, May Petersen, Annie Bowman, Mary E. McCarthy.

A NEW plea against preference for unionists was urged before the Wellington Conciliation Board by a local grocer, who said he objected to the preference clause on principle. He maintained that it was wrong that a conscientious Christian man should have to take a back seat because he did not join a union. If the teachings of the Bible were true the system was wrong. Mr. Collins (member of the board) said this was the first time the religious element had been brought into these disputes. The Chairman (Mr. Crews) said they were not there to discuss religious questions. Mr. Collins: 'Well, they say it is against the teachings of the Bible; it is not—' The Chairman here put a stop to the discussion.

THE following pupils from the Convent of Mercy, Colombo street north, Christchurch, have been successful at the recent Trinity College examination, conducted by Mr. A. Mistowski, Mus. Bac, Oxon:—Intermediate division: pianoforte, Mabel Ansties; Junior division: pianoforte, Percy Auzarde; Preparatory division: pianoforte, Francis Flynn. The following is the list of marks obtained

by the successful candidates of the Convent of Mercy, Colombo street north, at the recent Royal Academy examination, conducted by Mr. Richards, M.B.:—Higher division: singing, Maud Buchanan, 68; Lower division: violin, Hilda Flynn 78; pianoforte, Florence Thomson 82, Muriel Brown 81, Lizzie Joyce 75, Gertrude Smith 71, and Nellie Turner 68. Elementary division: violin, (honors): Hilda Flynn 84; pianoforte (honors): Hathleen Molloy 84; pianoforte, (pass): Aileen Mahon 81, and Nessie Bower 78.

The following is a copy of the report of the examination held on October 19 at the Sacred Heart School, Reefton: Teachers, five Sisters of Mercy. On roll, 102. Present, 96. As the school had not been previously examined by the Inspectors under the new regulations, we held an examination of each class in all the pass as well as the class subjects. The work, viewed as a whole, was of fair quality. The reading of every class was fluent and expressive, and the children recited remarkably well. The spelling of the lower classes was very correct, and the composition of standards 3 and 6 was also good. The geography of standard 6 and the general work of standard 7 were deserving of great commendation.—G. A. Harknes, T. C. Malcolm, Inspectors.

THE following is the general report by the Inspector, Mr. J. Baldwin, on the results of the examinations held at the Catholic school, Darfield, on November 16: 'The results of the examination this year in the pass subjects of the Government syllabus are of a very satisfactory character. The writing is very good throughout the school. The spelling is good. In composition there is a decided improvement in all the classes. The geography of standard 6 is good. The reading in standards 1, 2, 3, and 4 is very good, and drawing is good in standards 3, 4, 5, and 6. The arithmetic is also good. The classes below standard 1 appear to be receiving satisfactory instruction. Mrs. Baldwin reports the needlework as very good. The general behaviour of the children during the examination was very good. The teachers are to be congratulated on the successful work of the year, many of the pupils passing through their standards with credit.—J. Baldwin, Inspector.'

MR. A. P. Sharkey, who has been promoted from the Westport section of the Government Railways to New Plymouth, was entertained at the Prince of Wales' Hotel, on the evening of November 15 (says the Westport *Evening Star*), by the local railway employees. Mr. Allen, Workshops Foreman, presided, and, on behalf of the men, presented Mr. Sharkey with a silver-mounted pipe, watch guard with inscribed medal, and sovereign case, and a silver-mounted walking-stick. The Chairman, Messrs. Webb, Moffatt, Ahearn, Flowers and others testified to the appreciation in which Mr. Sharkey was held on the section, and wished him happiness and prosperity in the future. Mr. Sharkey feelingly responded. Several other toasts were honored, Mr. Moffatt answering for the railway employees, proposed by Mr. Sharkey. Musical contributions were rendered by Messrs. D. Moloney, B. Mackenzie (who also played the accompaniments), Sharkey, Graydon and others. 'Auld Lang Syne' and cheers for the departing guest and chairman concluded a pleasant evening.

THE following are the names of the pupils of the Convent of Mercy, Reefton, who obtained passes in the recent theoretical and practical music examinations of London Trinity College:—Theoretical: Intermediate Honors—Florrie Scarlett, May Whittton. Intermediate Pass—Mary Kennedy, Winnie Horton. Junior Honors—Alice Evans. Junior Pass—Alice Evans, James Grange, Katie O'Brien, Grace Heath, Alice Anderson. Practical: Senior Honors—Miss Horton, pianoforte. Intermediate—Misses Chattock, Whittton, Kennedy, Kuowsley, Evans, pianoforte; Miss Montgomerie, vocal. Junior—Miss P. McDonald, pianoforte; Misses O'Brien and Heath, violin; Miss Carroll, singing. Preparatory—Misses Muldoon and Bulman. Thirteen candidates who presented themselves for the technical drawing of Wellington obtained passes. Five of the number secured 'excellent' passes and three 'good' passes in the geometrical branch. The other branches taken were scale and freehand.

THE remains of the late Mr. M. Quinn were interred in the Temuka cemetery on Thursday afternoon (says the *Leader*), and the funeral cortège was one of the largest and most representative which has ever been witnessed in the district. At 5 a.m. the body was taken to the Catholic Church, where a Requiem Mass was celebrated by the Rev. Father Fauvel. The body was afterwards taken to the deceased's late home, so that friends who arrived late from a distance could obtain a last look at their old friend. At 2.30 p.m. the funeral cortège left for the church where the usual impressive service for the dead was conducted by Fathers Kerley, Devoy, Tubman, and Regnault, the Rev. Father Fauvel being engaged in tolling the bell. The church was crowded, Miss Twomey played the Dead March in 'Saul' as the procession left the church. The bearers, old friends of the deceased, were Messrs. Macnamara and Flynn (Christchurch), Barrett (Kirwee), and Buckley (Waimate). Among the many present at the funeral were representatives of the Temuka Road Board, Geraldine County Council, Timaru Harbor Board, Temuka Borough Council, Levels County Council, Timaru A and P. Association, and also members of the constabulary force and legal profession, and friends from as far as Wellington. The respect in which the deceased was held, and the sympathy felt for his family, was evidenced by the many floral tributes and messages of sympathy sent from various parts of the Colony.

DESPITE counter attractions the first meeting held under the auspices of the New Zealand Axemen's Association at Eltham, Taranaki, on the 9th inst., was well attended. The New Zealand championship chop (2 1/2 logs), carrying with it as first prize £10 and N.Z. championship medal, was secured by Mr. C. W. Casey from a large number of contestants. The winner, who was heartily cheered at his success, is a son of Mr. C. Casey, Normanby.