

7, J. Dunne 8, Leonard Coughlan 9, T. Day 10. Examination honors (first in subject): Christian doctrine James O'Sullivan; reading, James O'Sullivan; dictation, E. O'Connor; writing, M. Maloney; arithmetic, James Walsh; home exercise, James Walsh; composition, Thomas Laffey; English history, Albert Wood; Bible history, E. Kiely; geography, M. Maloney; Euclid, James O'Sullivan.

Fourth Class.—W. O'Connor 1, Eric Spain 2, D. Fogarty 3, Bertie Fogarty 4, Chris Tarleton 5, James Monaghan 6. Examination honors (first in subject): Christian doctrine, D. Fogarty; reading, R. Coughlan; arithmetic, Joseph Fox; Irish history, James Monaghan; Bible history, B. Fogarty; writing, R. Paton; home exercise, Eric Spain; drawing, Eric Spain; objects, B. Connor; dictation, D. Fogarty; grammar, Colin Garsting; geography, J. Metcalfe.

Third Class.—Division A: E. Poppelwell 1, J. Fogarty 2, James Bryan 3, Arthur Dean 4, W. Griffiths 5, John Mulrooney 6, A. Adlam 7, Douglas Moore 8. Examination honors (first in subject): Christian doctrine, D. Murphy; arithmetic, W. Griffiths; dictation, A. Adlam; reading, W. Keogh; grammar, A. Kelly; geography, N. Burke; objects, David Burke; home exercise, A. Kelly; writing, James Ryan; Bible history, W. Griffiths; drawing, B. Wedge. Division B: H. Freed 1, A. Shain 2, C. Kennelly 3, G. Lawlor 4, Timothy Laffey 5. Examination honors (first in subject): Christian doctrine, A. Shain; reading, C. Kennelly; writing, Harold Freed; grammar, A. Shain; geography, Ed. Walsh; dictation, A. Shain; drawing, T. Laffey; objects, G. Lawlor; arithmetic, Harold Freed; home exercise, H. Freed.

Second Class.—Division A: G. Wakelin 1, J. McQuillan 2, J. Collins 3, W. Monaghan 4, R. Hungerford 5, E. Campbell 6, G. Newman 7, W. Mount 8, C. Campbell 9, F. Power 10, A. Crawford 11. Examination honors (first in subject): Christian doctrine, G. Wakelin; reading, E. Campbell; arithmetic, G. Newman; grammar, C. Campbell; geography, W. Mount; writing, G. Wakelin; dictation, G. Wakelin. Division B: W. Ryan 1, J. Tarleton 2, J. Salmon 3, F. Meenan 4, J. Ford 5, J. Keogh 6, C. Hill 7, C. Crichton 8, J. McDonald 9, C. Spain 10, J. Stapleton 11, P. O'Connor 12. Examination honors (first in subject): Christian doctrine, W. Ryan; reading, C. Hill; arithmetic, W. Ryan; geography, J. Tarleton; grammar, J. Salmon; writing, W. Ryan; home exercises, J. McKenzie.

First Class.—Division I.—R. O'Neil 1, E. Meenan 2, J. Whitty 3, J. Rogan 4, A. Pastorelli 5, H. Ruston 6, J. McKenzie 7. Examination honors (first in subject): Christian doctrine, R. O'Neil; reading, R. O'Neil; writing, J. Whitty; geography, F. Meenan. Division II.: A. Meenan 1, P. Keligher 2, J. Monaghan 3, H. Kane 4, P. Coughlan 5, R. Meyer 6, R. Kiely 6. Examination honors (first in subject): Christian doctrine, A. Meenan; writing, R. Meyer; reading, J. Thompson; geography, R. Kuly.

SACRED HEART CONVENT HIGH SCHOOL.

(From our Christchurch correspondent.)

The annual prize distribution, breaking-up entertainment, and exhibition of art, fancy and plain needlework, in connection with the Sacred Heart High School, Barbadoes street, were held on Thursday afternoon last in the presence of a very large gathering of parents and friends. His Grace Archbishop Redwood, his Lordship the Right Rev. Dr. Grimes were in attendance, and were accompanied by the Very Rev. Vicar-General, Very Rev. Dean Foley, Rev. Fathers Marjane, Hyland, Galerne, McDonnell and O'Connor. His Grace the Archbishop and his Lordship Bishop Grimes each took part in the prize distribution, and spoke in complimentary terms of the excellence of the entertainment provided, and expressed very great appreciation of the good work performed by the devoted Sisters, and concluded by heartily wishing the teachers, pupils, and all present every joy and happiness of the festive season. An examination of the really fine display of art needlework and other subjects which made up the work of the pupils during the year elicited well deserved praise from the distinguished visitors and all present.

The following programme was rendered in an exceptionally pleasing manner:—Duet (four pianos and organ), 'Polonaise' (Schubert), Misses Irene Arenas, Elsie Perkin, May O'Halloran, Leticia O'Halloran, Lily Sim, Maggie Bourke, Gladys Bell, Ella Harris, (organ) Miss Coakley; dialogue, 'Distribution day,' junior pupils; song, with instrumental accompaniment, 'Ave Maria' (Mascagni), Miss Minnie Guiney, (violin) Miss Katie Guiney, (harp) Miss Katie Picken, (organ) Miss Maggie Coakley, (piano) Miss Madge O'Malley; recitation, 'Curtew bell,' Miss Gladys Bell; chorus, 'Sunrise' (White), young ladies; instrumental selection, 'Message bearers' (Kent), (violin) Misses Marion Picken, Sabina Mullin, Madge O'Malley, (organ) Miss Lizzie Brick, (piano) Miss Katie Picken; duet (four pianos and organ), 'Happy darkies' (Godfrey), Misses Rima Young, Daisy Holmes, Mary McKeefry, V. Gardiner, May Gardner, Katie O'Halloran, Ouida Werthington, Eily O'Malley, (organ) Miss Brick; recitation, 'Absolom,' Miss Ella Harris; 'The Children's Hospital,' young ladies; song, with instrumental accompaniment, 'Throne of Grace' (Bonheur), Miss Madge O'Malley, (violin) Sabina Mullin, (organ) Lizzie Brick, (piano) Irene Arenas; solo (four pianos), 'Kathleen Mavourneen,' Misses Katie Picken, Ethel Washbourne, Mary O'Connor, Lizzie Brick; recitation, 'Brounne fire,' Miss Rima Young; floral dance, young ladies; song, with instrumental accompaniment, 'The children's home' (Cowen), Miss Katie Picken, (violin) Miss Marion Picken, (organ) Miss Washbourne, (piano) Miss Irene Arenas; duet (four pianos), 'Hilarta' (Waber), Misses Katie Picken, Madge O'Malley, Ethel Washbourne, Maggie Coakley, Charlotte Barker, Nellie Dunn, Lizzie Brick, Marie O'Connor.

SACRED HEART COLLEGE, AUCKLAND.

(From an occasional correspondent.)

The boys attending the Marist Brothers' College, Auckland, held their picnic and sports at St. Helen's Bay on the 12th inst. Drags were provided as usual to convey the young people to the favorite seaside resort, where a very enjoyable day was spent. The entries for the sports were numerous, the contests keen, and the finishes in most of the events close. The following are the results:—

College Championship: D. Rowles 1, A. Staunton 2, E. Grace 3.

College handicap: D. Rowles 1, F. Glover 2, H. Nerheny 3.

Civil Service handicap: A. Staunton 1, H. Nerheny 2.

Quarter-mile handicap: T. Little 1, J. Brown 2.

Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Standard handicap: C. Fleming 1, A. Beehan 2.

Manx race: F. Corbett and T. Field 1, A. Beehan and T. Little 2.

Long jump: George Hansen 1, P. Goldenstedt 2.

High jump, over 15: W. Shearman 1, E. Grace 2.

High jump, under 15: C. Fleming 1, T. Little 2.

Swimming race: T. Field 1, A. Tobin 2.

Consolation race: A. Cullen 1, G. Fraser 2, S. Fairweather 3.

The prizes, which consisted of very valuable watches, books, etc., were distributed on Friday morning, and the boys were then dismissed for their holidays. A very successful year has been passed. Next year the Brothers intend to erect a large college at Cox's Creek, and are in great hopes that their next year's break-up will take place therefrom.

Diocesan News

DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH.

(From our own correspondent.)

December 21.

Mr. W. Hayward, sen., returned on Friday from a trip to the Old Country.

His Grace Archbishop Redwood returned to Wellington by Thursday night's steamer.

The ordinary weekly meetings of the Christchurch Catholic Club are to be discontinued during the summer months.

The Sisters of Our Lady of Missions go into retreat to-morrow (Sunday). It is to be conducted by the Very Rev. Father Treand, M.S.H.

The Marist Brothers meet for their annual retreat at a later date than customary, the time fixed being about the middle of January according to present arrangements.

St. Patrick's schoolroom, Barbadoes street, was well filled on Friday evening last when an entertainment, described as a 'Basket social,' was given by the Olympic Dramatic Club in aid of the school and club's wardrobe fund jointly.

From this portion of the TABLET's wide field of circulation I extend to the staff and numerous readers fervent greeting for this festive season with sincerest good wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year.

Distribution of prizes at the various schools of the Pro-Cathedral parish, conducted by the Sisters of the Mission, took place during the week as follows: December 16, Sacred Heart, Addington; December 17, Barbadoes street Girls'; December 18, St. Agnes, Halswell. Entertainments were given on each occasion by the pupils before large gatherings of parents and friends. The Very Rev. Vicar-General distributed the prizes and spoke in laudatory terms of the excellent entertainments provided, which he said were the best of the kind he had ever attended. The Rev. Fathers Galerne and Mo Donnell were amongst those present on each occasion.

The death was announced during the week of Mr. George Bonnington, the well-known chemist, who was of a most kindly and genial disposition, and universally respected. Mr. Bonnington received his education at the first Catholic college in Nelson, being a fellow-student of his Grace Archbishop Redwood, in the days of the Rev. Father Garin, from which a life-long friendship resulted. The late Mr. Bonnington loved to refer to this fact, and to their early experiences together in the good old days that are past. He was an excellent musician, and by this again was fostered a subject most congenial to the Archbishop and himself.

The Antarctic exploring vessel 'Discovery' leaves to-day (Saturday) on the expeditions long and lonely journey to the far southern regions. Several of the Union S.S. steamers convey excursionists to accompany her outside the Heads, and the 'send off' promises to be as hearty and enthusiastic as the welcome and subsequent entertainment of the brave ship's company by the citizens of Christchurch and Lyttelton proved. His Majesty the King cabled a farewell as follows:—'The Discovery—Wish you all God speed, all success, and a safe return.' Amongst the visitors to the 'Discovery' during the week were the Right Rev. Dr. Grimes, who was accompanied by the Very Rev. Dean Foley and Rev. Father Cooney.

The General Committee of the St. Patrick's Day Celebration met on Tuesday evening last in the presbytery. His Lordship the Bishop presided, and, in view of the representative gathering of non-Catholic gentlemen present, who are taking an active interest in the celebration, explained the great object to be accomplished by their united efforts. The Bishop also expressed his approval of the