

in Johannesburg, which is the commercial capital. But in Johannesburg board costs £2 10s a week, and if the lodger aspires to a private room the cost is much higher. Minor inconveniences are dust, insects, insanitation, with a strong likelihood of disease thrown in. In truth, South Africa presents itself as a desirable residence to but a limited number of a special class. To the ordinary artisan it will prove disappointing, if not worse, and we strongly counsel our New Zealand young men to stay at home and enjoy the blessings which nature has lavishly bestowed on this fair land.

## DIOCESE OF DUNEDIN.

On Sunday next there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Joseph's Cathedral from last Mass until Vespers. In the evening the usual procession will take place.

There was a capital attendance at the meeting of the South Dunedin Catholic Social and Literary Institute on Monday evening, when Mr W. Haydon, jun., gave a very clever exhibition of conjuring. Mr Haydon is a very able exponent of the art, and his feats were performed with a deftness and neatness which completely mystified the audience and gained for the performer hearty applause. Songs were given during the evening by Misses Creagh, Mahony, Fitzpatrick, and Messrs Fottrell, Mee, and Dee. The Rev. Father Coffey, who presided, moved a hearty vote of thanks to those who had contributed to the evening's entertainment, and complimented Mr Haydon on his very clever performance. Mr Haydon, in replying, said that he would be pleased to entertain the members of the institute on some future occasion.

## ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

September 27.

Rev. Father Kimbell left on Thursday by the Mokoia for Melbourne, after a visit to his parents at Stratford.

Very Rev. Dean McKenna, of Masterton, announced at the Masses on Sunday last that additions would shortly be made to St. Patrick's school and St. Bride's convent.

The two large sized pictures, representing the Holy Family and St. Joseph, recently procured by his Grace the Archbishop from Rome, have been hung in the Church of the Sacred Heart over the side altars.

Miss Augusta Fitchett and Miss Jeanette Levestam, pupils of St. Mary's Convent, were successful in passing the senior pass section of the theoretical examination recently held by the representative of Trinity College, London. The marks obtained were 82 and 90 respectively.

The sacred concert which the members of the choir of the Church of the Sacred Heart have been busily rehearsing is to be given on the second Sunday in October. The following ladies and gentlemen have been engaged for the solo work:—Madame Carlton, Miss E. Maginity, Messrs Searl, Rowe, and Ballance.

It is with regret that I have to record the death of Mr Hector McDonald which occurred at his residence, Horowhenua, on Sunday, September 14. The deceased gentleman, who was well known along the coast, suffered from consumption, and had been ill for three months. The funeral took place on Wednesday, the 17th inst., and was one of the largest yet seen in the district. The burial service was read by the Rev. Father Deloach, and among the mourners were the representatives of several native chiefs. Much sympathy is felt for Mrs McDonald and family in their sad bereavement.—R.I.P.

The fourth annual dance of the Convent Ex-pupils Association was held at the Sydney street schoolroom on Wednesday, and proved one of the most enjoyable of the season. The decorations were on an elaborate scale, and reflected great credit on the committee. Among those present were Lady Ward, Miss Ward, Mrs Grace, Dr Cahill, Mr A. McDonald and several other prominent citizens. An excellent supper was provided by the Association for their friends.

The installation of Father Ainsworth as parish priest of Newtown took place at the schoolroom on Sunday afternoon when a large gathering of Catholics was present. The ceremony was performed by Ven. Archdeacon Devoy, Provincial. After the recitation of prayers by Father Ainsworth, the Archdeacon gave a financial statement of the new parish since his taking charge of Te Aro some 12 years ago. The sum of £3,050 has been spent on parish matters in Newtown. The principal works executed were the purchase of the large section of land on which the schoolroom now stands, the building of the convent and the presbytery, where the newly appointed parish priest would take up his residence shortly. He spoke in the highest terms of Father Ainsworth, whom he had known as a boy, and whose career as a student of St. Patrick's College had been continually under his notice. Father Ainsworth was ordained priest in 1894 and spent four years as curate in Te Aro parish. Since that time he had with his Grace the Archbishop been fulfilling the important duty of preaching missions throughout the archdiocese. With the authority of the Archbishop and as Provincial of the Marist Order the Archdeacon concluded his remarks saying, 'I hereby appoint Father Ainsworth as first parish priest of Newtown. I trust you will all be very loyal to your new pastor, whom I wish every success and blessing in the great work he has now undertaken.' Father Ainsworth replied by thanking the Archdeacon for his kind remarks and good wishes, and also thanked the people of Newtown for their continual request that he should be appointed over them. He compared the parish to a child

which had been tended and cared for in the past by the mother house, St. Mary of the Angels, but had now begun an existence of its own and must in future care for itself. Realising the obligations they had undertaken they must be united with their priest, and if such was the case he was confident of success. A Catholic priest, said he, is not merely a recognised head but a divinely appointed minister. He asked the blessing of God upon himself and his people and expressed a hope that the parish would become a model one. He thanked them in anticipation for their co-operation in all works undertaken, and concluded his remarks by saying 'You are now my dearly beloved flock, I shall always endeavor to care for you, assist, encourage and guide you to your eternal home.' The choir of school children, under the guidance of the Sisters, rendered excellent music during the ceremony. Archdeacon Devoy announced that there would be two Masses every Sunday at half past seven and 10 o'clock.

The attendance at the Victoria Hall on Tuesday evening, when a public welcome was accorded Father Ainsworth, was very large. The presentation of an address, beautifully illuminated and framed, was made on behalf of the parishioners by Mr H. McCarthy, chairman of the Church Committee. It read as follows:—

'Rev. and Dear Father,—On the eventful and happy occasion we beg to tender you a most hearty welcome to our midst, and in so doing we feel deeply conscious of our good fortune in securing as our parish priest one who has by his energy and ability proved himself eminently fitted for the high vocation in which God was pleased to call him. The district of Wellington South has of late years increased wonderfully in population, and the need of a resident priest was keenly felt. Now, thanks to those ever watchful ones in authority, our wants have been supplied by your location amongst us, and we sincerely trust and pray that God in his goodness and mercy will shower down upon you in abundance his choicest graces, so that we may all work as a united people supporting one another in charity, and that you will have the health and strength to ever perform the works necessary for our salvation—works that will bring honor to God and that will be the means of procuring for you an increase of His grace.'

The Newtown Brass Band played selections outside and also contributed an overture in the hall. The following ladies and gentlemen contributed largely to the success of the evening in their different items: Misses W. Birch, L. Maher, Daniel, Messrs R. Butcher, Smith, Zachariah, and Samuels.

Rev. Father O'Shea delivered a short address eulogising the work of Father Ainsworth, and expressing his opinion that Newtown parish would flourish under his control.

Father Ainsworth suitably replied, thanking them for their good wishes, and said he took the appointment as parish priest of Wellington South as a great compliment.

## NEW ZEALAND: GENERAL.

It is reported that the Governor and Lady Ranfurly will leave shortly for a visit to Australia.

THE mortality amongst lambs in the Wairarapa district is reported to be phenomenally heavy, in consequence of the recent severe weather. Feed is scarce everywhere.

THE dredge which has been ordered by the Wellington Harbor Board for the purpose of dredging Falcon shoal at the entrance of the harbor will cost £38,150.

THE following are the names of the candidates from the Convent of Our Lady of Missions, Ashburton, who passed the June Trinity College examination in musical knowledge:—Junior pass—Emily Cox 98, Nina Reid 95, Mary Doad 93, Ila Paul 89, Cecilia Buckley 85. Junior honors—Mary McKay 76, Nina Reid 66.

In consequence of Wednesday next being a public holiday (Labor Day) we will have to go to press on Tuesday. General correspondence should reach this office not later than Monday. Only short items of news will be received on the morning of publication.

OUR Dublin correspondent confirms the news received recently by cable that the Very Rev. Dr. Watters, late rector of the St. Patrick's College, Wellington, has been appointed Rector of the Catholic University School, Leeson street, Dublin—an institution which he left 18 years ago to found and establish St. Patrick's College.

THE following are the results of the examination in musical knowledge, held at Wanganui Convent on June 7, by the representative of Trinity College, London:—Senior division (honors)—Matilda H. Humphries. Junior division (honors section)—Mildred Ryan 81 marks, Maude Mitchell 77, Annie Schaeffer 64, Lucy Shanly 60. Junior division (pass section)—Beatrice Wilkie 93, Ruth Mitchell 85, Elsie Gollan 67, Leila Barnes 65.

At a recent meeting of the Wellington City Council the Library Committee reported that Mr E. W. Petherick had offered his private museum, a rare and valuable collection, as an unconditional gift to the citizens of Wellington. The committee, in recommending the acceptance of this generous gift, suggested that a building should be erected at a cost of £6200 to provide the necessary accommodation for an Art Gallery and Museum, and further necessary accommodation for a Public Library. The committee had approached the Academy of Fine Arts, and had arrived at an understanding that the Academy would dispose of its present building on acquiring certain rights in the new gallery to be built, and would hand over their collection of pictures and casts to the city. The council congratulated the committee on the result of its labors.