

beach, the Bishop afterwards distributing the prizes. Among the large number in attendance were Mr P. Pender and Mr C. Wother- spoon together, with parents and friends of the children. At the convent in the evening the children were entertained at tea, his Lordship the Bishop and clergy being present. On the following day the combined schools of Halswell and Addington, also in charge of the Sisters of the Missions, had an outing to Sumner, being conveyed by special trams, not however under such happy auspices as obtained on the previous day. From genial sunshine there was a change to somewhat dreary weather. Juvenile spirits are not easily damped, and with the shelter afforded at their destination the excursionists made most of the occasion. Several of the clergy were in attendance during the day and aided materially in making the event as pleasant as circumstances permitted.

Pontifical High Mass was celebrated at St. Mary's, Manchester street, on Sunday last by his Lordship Bishop Grimes, the Rev. Father Gallais being deacon, Rev. Father Taylor subdeacon, and Very Rev. Father Le Menant des Chesnais, V.G., assistant priest. His Grace Archbishop Redwood occupied a throne in the sanctuary, and was attended by the Ven. Archdeacon Devoy, Provincial. His Grace preached on the subject of the 'Dignity of the Priesthood,' reference being made to the new home the foundation stone of which was to be laid in the afternoon. A strong choir, under the conductorship of Mr W. H. Corrigan, gave a very capable rendering of Mozart's Twelfth Mass, an orchestra, under Mr E. J. Painter, assisting. Miss Katie Young presided at the organ, and at the Offertory Mrs C. M. Brooke sang Gounod's 'Ave Maria,' with violin obligato by Mr Painter. At three o'clock in the afternoon the Archbishop performed the ceremony of laying the foundation stone of the new presbytery, which took place in a heavy shower of sleet. In consequence of the inclemency of the weather the ceremony was out as short as possible. His Grace did not deliver an address. The contractor presented his Grace with a handsome silver trowel, bearing the inscription: 'Presented to his Grace Archbishop Redwood, on the occasion of the laying of the foundation stone of St. Mary's Presbytery, October 19, 1902.' Over £120 was either placed on the stone or promised at the gathering. The presbytery will be a two-storey brick building, with stone facings, and will face Manchester street, standing well back in the grounds. It will have a verandah round three sides, and on the north will have a balcony. On the ground floor there will be two large rooms for visitors in the front, and at the rear of these will be a large refectory and a reading and recreation room, with the kitchen and other offices. Upstairs there will be two bedrooms for the resident priests, which open into studies, and there will also be four other bedrooms. The building will be fitted in an up-to-date manner, and will cost over £2000. Among those of the clergy present with the Archbishop were his Lordship Bishop Grimes, Ven. Archdeacon Devoy, Very Rev. Father Le Menant des Chesnais, V.G., Rev. Fathers Ginaty, Marnane, Gallais, Cooney, Taylor, McDonnell, and O'Connell. At Vespers in the evening Archdeacon Devoy preached from the text 'Glorious things are spoken of thee thou city of our God.' There were large congregations throughout the day.

HOKITIKA.

(From an occasional correspondent.)

October 16.

The much-talked-of and long-expected fancy fair and art union in connection with St. Mary's School building fund eventuated on Tuesday and Wednesday last. The fair was a great success, and far exceeded the expectations of the good Sisters of St. Columbkille's Convent, who first suggested such a means of raising funds for the building.

His Worship the Mayor, Mr H. L. Michel, in a few well-chosen words, opened the fair on Tuesday evening. In the course of his remarks, the Mayor, who is a member of the Westland Education Board, spoke of the efficient work done by the good Sisters in the cause of secular education. He also spoke of the extra tax imposed upon Catholics throughout the Colony by building and supporting their own schools, and he said he considered it was the duty of all Catholics and non-Catholics to assist in a work of the present kind. He recognised what a great saving to the State the Catholic schools were, because if all Catholic schools were closed and the children sent off to the State schools (where they had every right to attend if they so desired), the Colony would have to supply extra school accommodation and extra teachers to cope with the demand.

It is a pity the Colony has not a fair share of broad-minded and honest-dealing members of Mr Michel's stamp amongst its representatives in Parliament, and then we would not be so heavily burdened with the double tax of supporting the State schools and preserving the knowledge and fear of God in the hearts of our children by building our own schools without State aid.

Each evening the new building, which was the subject of many complimentary remarks, and an eye-opener to those who had not the privilege of seeing it before, was crowded with many eager and willing workers and spenders, and was a scene of busy and good-humored bustle.

On Wednesday evening the art union, for which tickets had been disposed of throughout the Colony, was drawn in the presence of a committee of gentlemen, consisting of Messrs D. J. Evans, J. Lloyd, J. Brocklehurst, Very Rev. Dean Martin, Rev. Fathers Malone and O'Connor, and several gentlemen of the congregation. The winning numbers have been published in the local papers, and are also published in this issue of the TABLET.

The fair was pleasantly interspersed on both evenings by instrumental and vocal items by several local amateurs.

The stalls, representing England, Scotland, and Ireland, were presided over by Mesdames C. Malfroy and D. Toomey, and the Misses Dwan, Miller, McGuigan, Bourke, and Foster, assisted by an army of willing assistants. The refreshment stall was in the care-

ful hands of Mesdames Coltman and Toomey and the Misses Ward and Murphy, who were also assisted by willing helpers. The fish pond and fairy tree were under the care of Masters Daly, Coltman, Miller, and Green, who proved themselves worthy disciples of Isaac Walton, as every cast of their line brought forth a prize.

The financial result of the fair will total about £120, which means that the school will be opened after the Christmas holidays free of debt.

Rev. Father Malone thanked all who had so kindly assisted at the fair and art union, and made the undertaking such a pronounced success, remarking in the course of a short address that he had never before seen so many cheerful and willing givers.

The following convent pupils passed the practical musical examination held in connection with Trinity College, London, by Mr A. Mistowski at Hokitika on Tuesday, 14th inst. Seventeen were presented, and all of them were successful:—Senior pass—Margaret Cunningham (violin), Ruby Burns (violin), Stasia Murphy (piano), Aileen Daly (piano). Intermediate pass—Annie Coltman (piano), Christina Erickson (piano), Nellie Kidd (piano), Annie McDonald (piano), Maude Wilson (piano). Junior honors—Una Sullivan (piano). Junior pass—Ivy Cullen (piano), Nora Moye, Ross, (piano), Sheila McDonald (violin). Preparatory division—May Sullivan, specially commended, (violin), Pearl Dowell (piano), Margaret Hatch, Rimu (piano), Frank Denis, Ross (piano).

The following is the result of the theory examinations held at St. Columbkille's Convent in June last in connection with Trinity College, London:—Senior division (pass section)—Eva Murphy, Kumara 92, Margaret Cunningham, Hokitika 87. Intermediate division (honors section)—Nora Crowley, Hokitika, 87; Annie McDonald, Hokitika, 75. Intermediate division (pass section)—Maude Wilson, Hokitika, 97; Nora Moye, Ross, 96; Christina Erickson, Hokitika, 87; Aileen Daly, do., 83; Mary A. Johnson, do., 66; Nellie Kidd, do., 63. Junior division (honors section)—Elsie Kidd, Hokitika, 60. Junior division (pass section)—Pearl Dowell, Hokitika, 96; Annie Woolhouse, Ross, 90; Margaret Hatch, Rimu, 82; Marie Padrazzi, Ross, 72.

DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND.

(From our own correspondent.)

October 16.

The Seminary Fund collection in the city on this occasion has been much better than last year.

Operations have been started at the Marist Brothers' new college by the contractor, Mr Moody.

The Marist Brothers' School at the corner of Hobson and Wellington streets has been painted throughout on the outside, and now presents a much improved appearance.

For Auckland City there is quite a plethora of candidates, and more are promised. The contest, however, will ultimately narrow itself down, and an exciting finish is promised for the coveted trio of seats.

Preparations are in progress for the annual mortuary services, to be held in the Symond street Cemetery on All Souls' Day, when his Lordship the Bishop will attend. The Cemetery Board intend during the summer to effect many necessary and permanent improvements in the cemetery.

His Lordship Dr. Lenihan will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Patrick's Cathedral on Saturday, November 1.

A weeks' mission by the Rev. Father Benedict, O.P., will begin in St. Patrick's on next Sunday week.

Rev. Fathers Furlong, Formey, and Holbrook, all newly-ordained priests, are en route to Australia in the steamship Runic, whence they come on to Auckland to commence their missionary labors. They are due here next month.

A shop in Queen street has been secured by the Rev. Father Patterson, Adm., in which the Christmas Bazaar connected with St. Patrick's will be held. The Sisters of Mercy and a number of ladies in the parish have been for months assiduously working to make the bazaar a success.

On last Sunday morning and evening St. Patrick's choir was assisted by several ladies and gentlemen, members of Musgrove's Opera Company. In the morning Mozart's 'Twelfth Mass' was sung. The 'Gloria' and 'Credo' were given with fine effect. Mr P. F. Hiscocks conducted, and Mr Harry Hiscocks presided at the organ.

The following are the results of the Convent Schools pupils' theoretical musical examinations, under the auspices of Trinity College, London, and which were held in Auckland last June:—Senior Honors.—Matilda Brown, St. Mary's Convent High School, Ponsonby, 63. Senior Pass.—Jane Maher, Convent High School, Thames, 87; Annie McGettigan, St. Leo's Academy, Devonport, 82; Katie Murphy, Convent High School, Thames, 81; Matilda Brown, St. Mary's Convent High School, Ponsonby, 73; Ellen McDonald, Convent High School, Thames, 70; Ellen Brown, St. Mary's Convent High School, Ponsonby, 63.

Intermediate Honors.—Jane Maher, Convent High School, Thames, 90; Katie Murphy, Convent High School, Thames, 90; Eileen McMahon, St. Patrick's Convent High School, 88; Armine McDonald, Convent High School, Thames, 64; Elsie Fraser, St. Leo's Academy, Devonport, 60; Ella Le Huquet, St. Leo's Academy, Devonport, 60.

Intermediate Pass.—Eileen McMahon, St. Patrick's Convent High School, 97; Mary V. Speight, St. Patrick's Convent High School, 97; Mary Kelly, Convent High School, Thames, 92; Ella Le Huquet, St. Leo's Academy, Devonport, 88; Kathleen Wynward, St. Leo's Academy, 85; Eileen Cronin, St. Mary's Convent High School, Ponsonby, 84; Violet Locke, St. Patrick's Convent High School, 83; Julia Simpson, Convent High School, Thames, 83; Teresa Foy, Convent High School, Thames, 81; Ellen McDonnell Convent High School, Thames, 80; Kate Holden, St. Patrick's Convent High School, 79; Gertrude White, Convent High School,