

been displayed were but so many proofs of the existence of a ruling power of the great universe, and anyone who reflected at all on the subject could not help exclaiming: 'The finger of God is here.' This sentiment, as one of the speakers afterwards pointed out, was the keynote of Dr. Kennedy's lecture, and it found its highest expression in the touching picture bearing the inscription 'All Thy works praise Thee, O Lord.'

At the conclusion of the lecture the Very Rev. Dean Grogan, in a happy speech, thanked Dr. Kennedy for coming to Wanganui to deliver his instructive lecture, and extended him a cordial invitation to pay a similar visit in the near future.

A hearty vote of thanks, moved by Mr. T. Lloyd, B.A., and seconded by Mr. P. Lundo, was carried by acclamation. The Very Rev. Father Power also added his congratulations.

Dr. Kennedy responded in a few words and said that it would give him particular pleasure to pay a second visit to Wanganui.

During the intervals several musical items were given by the members of the choir and their friends. The following ladies and gentlemen kindly gave their services in this direction: Mesdames Labatt, Lloyd, and Meehan, Misses Day (of Auckland), McCulloch, and Northcote (who acted as accompanist), and Messrs. George McCulloch, Jun., W. Russell, and P. Lundo.

In addition to the clergy already mentioned there were present Rev. Fathers Olier and O'Sullivan, both of whom were associated in manipulating the lantern.

On Tuesday night Dr. Kennedy generously repeated his lecture to the children attending the schools of the parish. The Very Rev. Dean Kirk was present on this occasion.

On Sunday night Dr. Kennedy preached an eloquent sermon, in the course of which he made touching reference to the continued illness of the Very Rev. Dean Kirk.

The following is the result of the examination in instrumental and vocal music held at the convent on Thursday last by the representative of Trinity College—Intermediate—Katie Quillinane, piano playing; Vera Galpin, solo singing. Junior—Elsie Gollan, solo singing; Lina Clapham, piano playing; Eileen Perrett, piano playing; Emily Sullivan, piano playing. Preparatory—Olive Olberg, piano playing.

Nelson

A Nelson correspondent supplies us with the following particulars regarding the late Mr. Patrick O'Connor, of Appleby, whose death was briefly reported in our last issue:—On Tuesday, September 22, there passed away the oldest representative of the Catholic faith in the Nelson district. At the advanced age of 87 years, Mr. Patrick O'Connor, 'Hednesford,' Appleby, was called to his reward. For some years the deceased gentleman had been ailing. It is only quite recently, however, that his infirmities confined him to his room. He received every attention and care at the hands of his children. The priests of the parish had been assiduous in attending him. His infirmities were borne with great Christian resignation, animated with a most lively faith and fortified with continuous prayer. His love of prayer was evinced by his frequent aspirations in the Celtic tongue. He delighted to recite his prayers in Irish—the same prayers he had learned four score of years ago at his mother's knee. 'Twas thus in an atmosphere of prayer and meditation, strengthened with every consoling rite of Holy Church, the good man peacefully passed away in the midst of his children. His funeral took place on Friday, September 25. A Requiem Mass was celebrated at SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Appleby, by Rev. Father Clancy. Prior to the absolution the celebrant addressed a few words to the congregation. Commenting on the text chosen from St. Paul's Epistle to St. Timothy: 'I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith,' he pointed out how St. Paul, in writing his own epitaph, did not glory in his eloquence, or his miracles, his election to the apostolate, or his being raised to the third heaven, but to the simple fact that from the day of his allegiance to Jesus Christ he had played the good soldier, covered with wounds and scars got in His service fighting for the extension of His kingdom. He bares his breast and arms like another veteran, and boasts not of the blows he has given, but of those he has taken. His course is now ended: his career is closed and crowned, for despite the allurements of the world, the weakness of the flesh, and the strength of the devil, he has kept the faith. In conclusion Father Clancy hoped that a like epitaph might suit all those listening, as it fitted him who now slept in their midst, and thus all would lay up for themselves a crown of justice which the Lord, the Just Judge, would render to them. After the absolution the coffin was borne by the sons and grandsons of the deceased to the grave where, amidst a large concourse of people from

the surrounding districts, the remains of the late Patrick O'Connor find their last resting place.—R.I.P.

Westport

(From our own correspondent.)

September 26.

His Grace Archbishop Redwood celebrated the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass in the beautiful chapel of the new Convent of Mercy on Thursday morning last, the feast day of Our Lady of Mercy.

Mr. B. Gapper, the popular captain of the Westport Football Club, was the recipient of a handsome dressing case and set of brushes on Friday evening. The presentations were made by the members of the club at the annual ball, which was held in the Victoria Theatre. Mr. Gapper is the energetic and ever courteous secretary of the local branch of the Hibernian Society, and his many sterling qualities have earned for him unbounded popularity.

His Grace Archbishop Redwood administered the Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Patrick's Church, Addison's Flat, last Tuesday morning. Thirteen children, who were first communicants, were also confirmed.

On Wednesday morning last His Grace the Archbishop visited Charleston for the purpose of administering Confirmation. Eleven children made their First Communion and were confirmed. His Grace complimented the people of Charleston on their beautiful little church.

The Ven. Archdeacon Devoy, Provincial of the Marist Fathers, arrived in Westport en route for Reefton on Thursday night. The popular Archdeacon, in company with the Very Rev. Dean Carew and the Rev. Fathers Hickson and McDonnell, left for Greymouth by the 'Mapourika' early on Friday morning.

A very enjoyable little entertainment in honor of his Grace the Archbishop and visiting and local clergy was given by the pupils of the Sisters of Mercy in St. Canice's Schoolroom on Thursday morning, the 24th inst. An interesting and entertaining programme, consisting of vocal and instrumental selections and recitations, was presented for the occasion. The junior pupils in their action song, 'Wild flowers,' and the boys in their humorous chorus were both entirely successful in their respective items. The Misses Winnie Struthers and Amy Lock gave much pleasure with their violin solos. Miss Lock had the honor of being singled out for distinction by the Archbishop. His Grace, who is an accomplished performer on the violin, and an authority on all matters appertaining to the 'King of instruments,' expressed the opinion that this promising pupil of the Sisters of Mercy gave indication of becoming a talented performer on the instrument of her choice. Master Annibal also gave a violin solo. Miss Lily Stitt executed a pianoforte solo in her usual pleasing style, and little Miss Nora Doyle in a recitation entitled 'Lost at sea' displayed remarkable elocutionary ability for one so young. Miss Doyle also contributed a humorous piece, which caused much merriment. The senior and junior pupils in their descriptive chorus 'The gleaners' were excellent, the performance being considerably enhanced by the picturesque costumes and dances incidental to the chorus. An address of welcome to his Grace was read by Miss Stella O'Neill. His Grace complimented the pupils on their efforts to entertain and amuse, and said that they would make apt pupils of Signor Borzoni, who is expected shortly in Westport to train them for the forthcoming grand carnival.

DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

October 5.

On Sunday last, feast of the Holy Rosary, the annual diocesan collection in aid of charitable institutions was made, the Magdalen Asylum, Mount Magdala being, as heretofore, the subject of appeal.

Speaking at the Hibernian dinner the secretary, Bro. Sellars, mentioned the fact regarding one of the Brothers present, Bro. T. O'Connell, who was not only one of the first members of the local branch, but was proud to have as members of the H.A.C.B. Society all his sons, five in number, including the Rev. Father John O'Connell, who was there amongst them that evening wearing his P.P. collar.

The proper way, said the Hon. Bro. Beehan, for a member to celebrate his entrance into the H.A.C.B.S. is by inducing at least one other to join. Consistent adherence to the rules ensures better men and better citizens. He explained the working of the Friendly Societies' dispensary in Auckland, together with its advantages, and in reference to the connection of the clergy with the Society, said priests and people together can accomplish everything.