

the morning Masses and the evening devotions have been exceptionally good.

In a letter from New York to a friend in Wellington, Mr. L. T. Reichel, the inventor of the Reichel Automatic Fire Alarm, who went to America recently in connection with his patent, writes:—"I have finished my business in America, having disposed of the United States rights of my fire alarm invention to two large companies on a royalty contract with substantial guarantees. The system enjoys the unique distinction with only two others out of some hundreds of systems, of being officially approved by the National Board of Fire Prevention and Underwriters' Laboratories. It is now being installed in the Quebec Parliament buildings. We expect to sail for England from Boston in a couple of weeks, and will probably be there for the summer, returning to New Zealand before next Christmas, though we may be back sooner than expected. The Federation of Catholic societies is not particularly active in New York, but the Church here shows great activity in other ways. The latest innovation is a Catholic Theatre Censor Society. This society sends out printed forms to Catholics to be filled up pledging the recipient to abstain from attending all plays of a questionable nature. A list of approved plays accompanies the letter. This society hopes to do much to combat the "vice" plays which are so popular here at present. I have attached myself to a conference here and have visited a number of "cases" and I must say that the poverty here is nothing to the poverty I have seen in London "cases."

Many old West Coasters in Wellington and elsewhere will regret to hear of the death of Mrs. Mary Susan Ross, relict of Mr. W. F. Ross, who, after leaving the Coast, where he lived in the early days, carried on business on Lambton Quay. She leaves a family of five sons and six daughters. The sons are Messrs. W. F. Ross, S. J. Ross, and V. F. Ross (Wellington), J. Ross (Napier), and F. Ross (who is in Australia), and the daughters, Mesdames D. D. Hyde, F. J. Oakes, Denton (Wellington), and Farr (Melbourne), and Misses Eliza and Amy Ross (Wellington). A Requiem Mass was celebrated by the Rev. Father Kimbell at St. Mary of the Angels' Church this morning, prior to the interment of the remains in the Karori Cemetery. The late Mrs. Ross was a native of Dublin. She came out to the Colony in 1860, and was married in Dunedin. She and her husband, the late Mr. W. F. Ross, had their full share in the stirring times at Hartley and Riley's, in Otago, and the Dunstan, and were attracted to the Hokitika goldfields in 1863. Thirty-six years ago they came to Wellington, and commenced business on Lambton Quay, opposite the Bank of New Zealand premises. Mr. and Mrs. Ross went to the Chicago Exhibition in 1893, where Mr. Ross died. His widow had his body embalmed, taken to New York, thence to London, and finally to Wellington, and interred in the Karori Cemetery. Mrs. Ross purchased the well-known McNab's Gardens, Lower Hutt, now known as the Bellevue, which she and her family successfully conducted for about six years. On retiring, she went to live at Telford terrace, Oriental Bay, where her home was usually a popular place of call for old West Coasters. A tribute to the deceased lady was feelingly made by the Very Rev. Father Roche, C.S.S.R., at St. Gerard's on Sunday evening. Many floral tributes were sent from friends in all parts of the Dominion, and the family have received numerous telegrams expressive of sympathy.—R.I.P.

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(From our own correspondent.)

March 14.

Miss Ruby Frost, of the W.F.C.A. here, leaves for Auckland on Monday, where she has obtained a better position. Miss Frost will be very much missed by the Catholic community, as she took an interest in all Church affairs, and has occupied the position of organist for a number of years, besides being a valued

member of the Children of Mary and Hibernian Societies.

The results of the theory of music examinations, which were held in December, 1913, are to hand by this week's English mail. All the candidates were successful, five obtaining honors. Advanced junior—Mollie Beech, 77 (pass); Clare Brown, 80 (honors). Intermediate—Annie Whitaker, 83 (honors); Kitty Hodgins, 80 (honors). Advanced intermediate—Elsie Nelson, 84 (honors); Mary Bourke, 80 (honors). Higher local—Margaret Byrne, 62 (pass). The above candidates were all pupils of St. Bride's Convent.

The local branch of the H.A.C.B. Society held a social evening on Thursday in honor of St. Patrick's Day. The president (Bro. S. J. O'Regan) was in the chair, and among those present were the Rev. Fathers Harnett and Guinane, Bro. J. Prendeville (Eketahuna), and delegates from kindred societies. The toast of 'The Day we Celebrate' was proposed by Bro. M. Lavery, who made a vigorous speech in support of the Irish cause, and was responded to by the Rev. Fathers Harnett and Guinane. Other toasts were honored, and a number of vocal items were contributed.

DIocese OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

March 16.

At the meeting of the Catholic Club on last Tuesday evening, Dr. A. B. O'Brien was elected president.

On last Monday evening the Very Rev. Chancellor Price, Adm., was a guest to dinner of their Excellencies Lord and Lady Liverpool.

At the request of Lord and Lady Liverpool, the Nursing Sisters of the Little Company of Mary visited Elmwood, the vice regal residence, on last Tuesday morning. They were introduced by the Very Rev. Chancellor Price, Adm., and afterwards entertained to morning tea by Lady Liverpool.

Advices by last mail from Home state that the following pupils of the Sisters of the Missions Convent, Lower High street, received certificates from Sir Isaac Pitman and Sons, Phonetic Institute, Bath:—Full certificate of proficiency for thorough knowledge of shorthand, theoretical and speed (80 words per minute)—Mary Strouts. Theoretical certificates—Irene Mahon, Gwennie Wilson, and Monica Wall.

The Nursing Sisters of the Little Company of Mary have entered into possession of their own property, which has been enlarged and adapted to their hospital requirements. On Sunday week the oratory in their residence on Bealey avenue was blessed by the Very Rev. Chancellor Price, Adm., who also gave Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, in the presence of the community and a few invited friends. Three of the Sisters are nursing in private families, and the first patient enters the hospital this week. Rev. Mother Xavier returned to Sydney by last Thursday's steamer, having completed all the arrangements in regard to establishing the community in Christchurch.

The following are the results of the theory examination held at the Convent, Lower High street (Sisters of the Missions), in December last, in connection with the Trinity College of Music:—Higher examinations (local centre): Art of teaching and rudiments of music—C. Bell, A.T.C.L.; C. Kiddey, A.T.C.L.. Art of teaching—H. Cronin, A.T.C.L. Art of teaching and rudiments of music—S. Dromgool. Advanced intermediate (honors)—Kathy Haydon, Sarah Gill. Intermediate (honors)—Nellie McGurk, (pass) Nellie Murphy, Monica Wall. Advanced junior (honors)—Kitty Murphy, Gertie Clarkson, (pass) Rita Bradford, Mollie Martin. Junior (honors)—Doris Bradford, Ida Bradford, Veronica Barry, Jean Mills. Preparatory (honors)—Kathy Hannan, Evelyn Mooney, Huia Sloan, Peggy O'Reilly, Olive Owen, Shanny Rundle, Frank Banfield, Eva Melish, Nona Brice, Zeta Solomon, and Kathleen Mannion.

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