

ment inspector. The following is an extract from his report: 'This school makes a very pleasing appearance at examination. The average standard of attainment in the different classes is highly satisfactory, while the intelligent answers to written and oral tests give evidence of zealous and capable teaching. The discipline and tone are very commendable, while the pleasing manners of the pupils and their purposeful attitude towards work bear testimony to sound systematic training in good habits. Sewing and singing are both well taught, and handwork in all classes receives due attention.' The inspector reports that the work of Standards V. and VI. is exceptionally well advanced in all subjects; that good work has been done in Standards III. and IV.; that the creditable performance made by Standards I. and II. is the result of capable and skilful teaching; and that the preparatory classes are under capable and sympathetic management.

St. Mary's Primary School, conducted by the Sisters of Mercy, Colombo street, Christchurch, was examined on June 22 and 23 by Messrs. Hardie and Mayne, Government inspectors. The following is an extract from their report: 'This school as a whole makes a very pleasing appearance under examination. Not only are the various members of the staff zealous, hardworking, and anxious to achieve as high a standard of excellence as possible, but the pupils themselves evince a keen interest in their work, and show by their courteous manners and bright responsiveness under oral questioning that the general control, though firm, is kind and sympathetic, and that the best interests of those under instruction are kept steadily in view. Special credit is due for the neatness with which all written exercises are presented, and it is satisfactory to note that the suggestions made at the recent inspection visit with regard to improving the heating arrangements and affording facilities for the senior boys and girls attending woodwork and cooking classes have been acted upon.' The inspectors report that the work of Standards V. and VI. is of a distinctly high order of merit; that the work of Standards III. and IV. shows good all round merit, and reflects the greatest credit on the Sister in charge; that Standard II. is an excellent little class and thoroughly well taught. Standard I. and infant classes show satisfactory results.

Lincoln

(From an occasional correspondent.)

The half-yearly meeting of the New Headford branch of the H.A.C.B. Society was held on July 16, in the schoolroom, Bro. P. Riordan (president) occupying the chair. The following officers were elected for the ensuing term, and subsequently installed by Bro. Rev. Father O'Connor: - President, Bro. James Cunneen; vice-president, Bro. L. Manion; secretary, Bro. P. F. Ryan; treasurer, Bro. T. E. Cunneen; warden, Bro. J. P. McCleary; guardian, Bro. Andrew Doyle; sick visitors, Bros. Jas. Doherty and T. J. Henley; auditors, Bros. Rev. Father O'Connor and M. F. Ryan. The balance sheet for quarter ending June was read and adopted. One candidate was initiated, and one proposed for membership. A motion, strongly protesting against the action of the Government in bringing forward the Referendum Bill on the Bible-in-schools question, was carried unanimously, and the secretary instructed to forward a copy of same to the Prime Minister, and also the Hon. R. H. Rhodes (Member for the district).

On Sunday morning, July 19, quite a large number of the Catholic boys from the Burnham Industrial School attended the 9 o'clock Mass. During Mass they sang several appropriate hymns. The boys reflect great credit upon the various pastors of Lincoln, who have been responsible for their religious instruction. No small share of which is due to the untiring efforts of the present spiritual director (Rev. Father O'Connor). It would be an excellent thing for the Catholic community if the Diocesan Executive of the Catholic Federation could get in touch with the manager of the

Industrial School and ascertain when Catholic boys receive their discharge, and, if possible, secure situations, if not in Catholic homes, at least within reasonable distance of a Catholic church, and notify the priest of the parish.

Temuka

(From our own correspondent.)

July 20.

Rev. Father Kerley, S.M., left Temuka to-day (Monday) for Wellington.

A very successful eucbre party in aid of funds for the produce stall at the forthcoming bazaar was held in the Oddfellows' Hall on Tuesday evening last. The prizes were won by Miss Burke and Mrs. Cranitch and Messrs. Cunard and Cranitch. When presenting the prizes, Rev. Father Kerley paid a tribute to the generosity of Mr. W. F. Evans in assisting the promoters of the gathering by providing the spacious hall gratis.

A quiet wedding was celebrated in St. Joseph's Church on July 8, when Miss M. Quinn, second daughter of Mrs. Quinn, Temuka, was united in the holy bonds of Matrimony to Mr. J. Earl, 'Benaere,' Otaio, by the Rev. Father Kerley, S.M. During the ceremony Miss Beri officiated at the organ. The bride, who was given away by her brother, wore a very pretty costume of champagne satin and smart black velvet hat. The chief bridesmaid, Miss Flynn (cousin of the bride) wore a frock of shell pink charmeuse and black velvet hat finished with touches of pink. Mr. V. Meehan, of Makikihi, acted as best man, and two little girls wearing white embroidered frocks and Juliet caps (Misses Gretchen Carl and Mary Martin, nieces of the bride and bridegroom respectively) completed the wedding group. After the ceremony the party adjourned to the residence of the bride's sister, Mrs. W. H. Carl, where the wedding breakfast was held and the customary toasts honored. In the drawing room many beautiful and valuable presents were displayed. Early in the afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Earl motored north, *en route* for the North Island.

Timaru

(From our own correspondent.)

July 19.

On Thursday evening last the choir held their annual social in the Assembly Rooms. The proceeds are to go towards purchasing new music. There was a large attendance, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

At the last weekly meeting of the Young Men's Club Mr. J. N. Dunn presided over a record attendance of members for this season. The programme consisted of an interesting debate on the Territorial system. Amongst those present were Very Rev. Dean Tuoman and Rev. Father Lezer.

The Children of Mary received Holy Communion in regalia at the 7.30 o'clock Mass on Sunday. At their monthly meeting held in the afternoon, Rev. Father O'Donnell was present, and gave a beautiful instruction on the life of the Blessed Virgin. Arrangements are being made for the annual retreat of members, which is to be held shortly. At the evening devotion Rev. Father O'Donnell preached an eloquent and inspiring sermon on the Catholic Church, showing how the standard of Christ has triumphed in all ages and in all countries, and will continue to triumph to the end of time.

We are pleased to record that in the junior examination recently held by the University of Sydney, the University prize for general proficiency amongst male candidates has fallen to Master H. P. Geaney, son of Mr. D. Geaney, of this town. It is an honour to be proud of, as he was one of 289 competitors. Master Geaney passed in eight subjects. He is a student at the Training School of the Marist Brothers, Hunter's Hill, Sydney.