

lowing letter was addressed to the secretary (Bro. M. Grimes) from the Rev. Mother Superior of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd, Mount Magdala:—'We have received your very kind letter and enclosure of £5 5s, for which please accept our most sincere thanks. It is indeed very good of you and the other members of the 'flag' committee to send the above amount, and to say so many kind things of us; we are most grateful. It has always been a very great pleasure to welcome the members of the Hibernian Society to Mount Magdala, and we trust that in the future the pleasure will often be ours. Kindly thank the members for their generosity, and we promise to be mindful of you all in our prayers.' At the conclusion of business a 'smoke' social was enjoyed by a fair number of members. A vocal and elocutionary programme was contributed to by the Rev. Father Long, Messrs. C. Fottrell, Mannix, Bowden, M. Grimes, Carey, and O'Brien. Mr. P. C. Augarde acted as accompanist. At an interval the beautiful and artistic new Irish flag, recently procured for the society, was unfurled by the Rev. Father Long (branch chaplain), all present singing 'God Save Ireland.'

Playing in the primary schools' cricket competition on last Saturday, Sydenham scored 11 runs, and Marist Brothers' School 128 runs. The chief scorers were Mathews 89, Neilson 12. In bowling Mathews took seven wickets for four, and J. Gibson three for six.

Carnival week, Canterbury's great festival period, with all its attendant attractions, has for the fifty-first time in its successful history again come and passed. With mainly favorable weather the events of the week have been evidently enjoyed by enormous crowds of visitors. On the people's day of the A. and P. Association's Show especially the city was thronged, and over 37,000 paid for admission to the grounds.

Among the musical successes of our Catholic teachers I notice that in the Associated Board of the Royal Academy of Music practical examinations, conducted by Mr. F. de G. English last week, the following pupils presented by Mr. P. C. Augarde were successful:—Primary Division—Una E. Mason, 103. Elementary Division—Cecil J. Sutherland, 111. The following pupils of Miss M. G. O'Connor, A.T.C.L., were also successful at the recent Trinity College practical music examinations:—Senior Division—Eileen Scott. Junior Division—Doris James. Preparatory—Doreen Flanagan, Amy Flanagan, Molly Bradley.

Christchurch North

November 16.

The medal in the Intermediate Grade (Trinity College) has been awarded to Miss Norma Middleton. This is the ninth time in succession that the pupils of St. Mary's Convent have been awarded medals at the Local Centre.

Mr. Brock, Government Inspector, conducted an examination for the 6th Standard on November 6. All the pupils presented by the Sisters of Mercy, Colombo street, were successful. Five pupils obtained proficiency and five competency.

On Sunday there was Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after last Mass until evening devotions, when the usual procession took place, followed by Benediction. The Very Rev. Dean Hills, S.M., V.G., officiated, assisted by the Rev. Father Graham, S.M. (St. Bede's), and the Rev. Father Burger, S.M.

DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

(By telegraph, from our own correspondent.)

November 16.

Rev. Father O'Sullivan, C.S.S.R., has been on a mission since August last, his labors extending from Otago to Auckland. He left for Wellington by the midday express to-day. Rev. Father Grogan is giving a mission at Coromandel.

On last Wednesday six young priests for the Auckland diocese arrived at Fremantle. They are due to

arrive in Auckland on Sunday, November 29. Their names are Fathers Kelly, Dunphy, O'Brien, Farragher, Duffy, and another young Levite. They come most opportunely, as the diocese sadly needs more priests.

Bible-in-school canvassers are persistently active at present in the city and suburban electorates. Some of the tales told electors are not over scrupulous. An immense quantity of literature on the Bible-in-schools question arrived in the city on Saturday from Bishop Cleary, who is now in the south. It is for distribution by the diocesan Catholic Federation executive throughout the diocese.

Fifteen thousand five hundred pounds has already been cabled from Auckland for the Belgian fund. Last Saturday afternoon a sports carnival realised £500. An immense procession left the city for the sports grounds at 2.30 p.m. A feature of the display was friendly societies amongst which the Hibernians were prominent, mustering well, including district officers and the juvenile branch. At the head of the latter was borne a nice green flag.

The Catholic churches of the city and suburbs yesterday took up special collections to aid the Belgians. The priests in several churches strongly urged the congregations to contribute to suffering, Catholic Belgium. Rev. Father O'Sullivan, C.S.S.R., spoke at the Cathedral after Vespers on behalf of the fund last evening. He dwelt on the necessity of appeasing the anger of the Almighty and exhorted his hearers to pray to the God of Peace to send peace. The Belgians had a special claim upon all Catholics, but the claim upon Irish Catholics and their descendants was of a peculiar character, for when Ireland was afflicted the Belgians befriended her. He expressed his admiration and gratitude for the generous response made that day in the Cathedral. The following amounts were received:—St. Benedict's, £60; Sacred Heart Church, Ponsonby, £52 10s; Newmarket and Remuera, £41; Grey Lynn, £27; St. Patrick's Cathedral parish, £235. It is likely the above sums may be augmented. To-day was fixed to receive clothes to forward to the Belgians, and lorries and motor cars, kindly lent for the occasion, were running loaded all day to the depot, where volunteers packed them for shipment to Europe. The trams and ferries also carried parcels free. For some time past our girls have been giving their spare time at fixed places for making garments for the Belgians. Ladies' branches of the St. Vincent de Paul Society have been particularly active; and from St. Patrick's branch alone enormous quantities of clothes have been forwarded to the depot. Rev. Father O'Sullivan informed me that there are 500 Redemptorist Fathers in Belgium. The Order has monasteries in Liege, Brussels, Antwerp, and Mons, and in France. At present 150 priests and students of the Order are in the firing line.

MUSICAL EXAMINATIONS

The following are the results of the examination in practical music, conducted by Mr. St. George at the Lyttelton, Akaroa, Rakaia, and Methven Convents, in connection with Trinity College, London:—

Lyttelton.—Professional Associate—E. Matheson. Intermediate—M. Kennedy, 75. Junior—E. Mazey, 88 (honors); M. Smith, 81 (honors); M. Couch (violin), 71; B. Mochan, 70; M. Loader, 69; J. McMillan, 69; L. Sinclair, 70; G. Thompson, 66; A. Turner, 64. First Steps—Doreen Jones, 87; S. Bamford, 79; V. Bishop, 70.

Akaroa.—Senior—E. Keegan, 72; W. Le Lievre, 68; L. Curry, 63. Junior—M. Bunny, 81 (honors); S. Taylor, 72; C. Thomas, 69; G. Weir, 65; M. Roxburg, 64. Preparatory—M. Le Lievre, 63. First Steps—R. Barnwick, 69.

Rakaia.—Junior—Colleen Morland, 69. First Steps—May Pecham, 72.

Methven.—E. Cullen, L.T.C.L. Senior—K. McKendry, 80 (honors); T. Cullen (violin), 76. Intermediate—R. McKendry (violin), 63. Preparatory—W. McKendry, 75; M. Kennedy, 73; A. O'Reilly, 71.