

Greymouth

The following is a list of successes gained in public examinations recently by candidates from the Convent of Mercy, Greymouth (says the local *Star*):—Teachers' examinations— Passed for Class B, Mary Maud Casey; passed for Class C, Mary Joan O'Reilly, Susan Clarke; Class C (two subjects), Ellen Delaney; passed for Class D, Ellen O'Leary, Ellen Delaney, Irene Feary, Catherine McLaughlin; partial pass D (3rd section), Georgina Craig, Nora E. Kelly, Theresa Malone; passed first section of Class D., Barbara Myrtle Newlands; partial pass D (1st section), Eileen Creagh, Nora Crowe, Catherine Bourke, Eileen Leamy. Public Service examinations—Competitive, Leo Higgins; non-competitive, Mary More, Eileen Leamy. Junior Board Scholarship, Seddon Memorial Medal, and Bevilacqua Medal Gwen McCarthy.

Mr. F. D. Sargent, hon. local representative of the Royal Academy of Music and the Royal College of Music, London, has received advice that Miss Winifred O'Neill (Convent of Mercy, Greymouth) has been awarded the Victor Harris gold memorial medal for practical examinations, intermediate violin, having obtained 126 marks at the local centre examinations. This young lady is to be complimented on her distinguished success, the medal being open for competition by all students in the Dominion.

Waipawa

(From our own correspondent.)

Sunday, March 7, was the occasion of the pastoral visit of his Grace Archbishop O'Shea to the parish. His Grace celebrated the early Mass, at which about 110 communicants approached the Holy Table. At the later Mass, the parish priest (Rev. Father Gering) welcomed the Archbishop in the following words:

"This being your first visit to the Waipawa parish since your consecration, on behalf of the Catholic people of the district, and on my own behalf, I offer you sincere congratulations on the exalted dignity to which the Supreme Pontiff has raised you, and tender your Grace the expression of our sympathy and of our profound respect. We pray God to bless you, to give you length of days, and to crown with complete success the many labors you will be called upon to undertake for the glory of God and the salvation of souls."

His Grace, in replying, expressed his appreciation of the energy of the pastor, and the loyalty and faith of the people of the parish. The candidates for Confirmation were then addressed by his Grace in regard to the meaning, effects, and reception of the Sacrament. Fifty-five children and three adults were presented for Confirmation. At the evening service, his Grace delivered a sermon on the privileges and responsibilities of Catholics. The congregational singing was a feature of all the services.

Early in April a forward movement in connection with the enrolling of members of the Catholic Federation will be initiated. Local secretaries in each of the surrounding districts of Waipukurau, Onga, and Takapua have offered their ready services. This arrangement will be of the greatest help to the central secretary. The local secretaries are: Waipukurau, Mr. Murphy; Onga, Mr. Coles, jun.; Takapua, Mr. O'Connor.

Winton

(From our own correspondent.)

The Very Rev. Dean Burke delivered a very interesting address on the 'War' at a concert given by the National Reserve at Winton on February 17, with the object of encouraging recruiting and providing comforts for the men. Dean Burke said that the great point to understand was the cause of this war. After the war between Russia and Turkey in 1877, the Germans and Austrians recognised that Russia was becoming a powerful nation, and to combat that Power they formed an alliance in 1879. Italy was induced to join, thus forming the Triple Alliance. In 1896, an undertaking was made between Russia and France. In 1906 the Triple Entente was formed, this fixing the balance of power. This was considered to be a clear guarantee of a long and lasting peace. The nations forming the Entente had done everything in their power to avoid the present terrible war, and all the evidence went to show that Germany and its Kaiser were alone responsible. 'Fellow-citizens,' concluded the Dean, 'we shall win; Germany is already beaten but not conquered; the day we turned their advance on the Marne Germany was beaten beyond hope of recovery. To bring Germany to her knees it may take a long time, but we can place our confidence in our three great generals—Joffre, French, and Albert (the great King of the Belgians). When the Germans are driven across the Rhine we know our soldiers will not perpetrate the inhuman atrocities as practised by the enemy on French and Belgian soil. It will be our glory to say that our own little country had done its part in breaking down the foolish ambition of the Germans. We will not have it said that we skulked like cowards while Australians and Canadians are fighting side by side on the battle-fields of Europe.'

Ponsonby

(From a correspondent.)

Cable advice has been received at St. Mary's Convent, Ponsonby, that Katherine Henson has passed the examination for the B.A. degree. The following students of St. Mary's Convent have passed the teachers' certificate examination: Class C, Mary Porteus; four subjects in C, Julia Wheeler; three subjects in C, Bridget Toohy; two subjects in C, Bridget Rist and Gertrude Price. Class D, Bridget Marcell, Mary McHendry and Gertrude Price; partial D, Teresa Ludgate, Nora Shine, and Margaret Neylon. Intermediate Public Service examinations—Nellie McDonnell, Eileen Hyland, Kathleen McManus, Annie Wilson.

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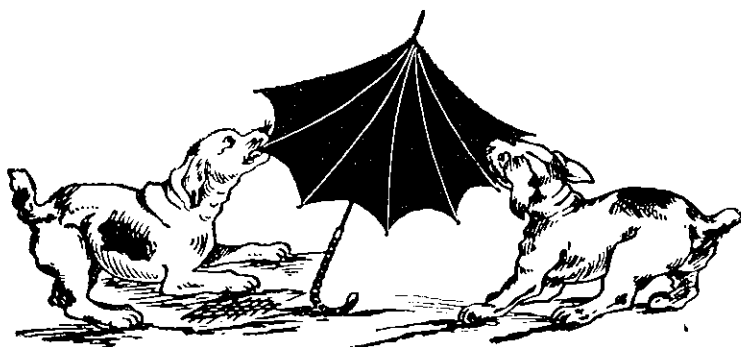
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