

Martre. Here they have perpetual Adoration, and the faith is wonderful to behold.'

At the annual meeting of the Marist Brothers' Old Boys' Association Rugby Football Club, held last week, sixty members were present. The report, which was adopted, showed that the junior team was successful in being coupled with Lyttelton as winners of the junior flag. The other teams, although not so successful, showed consistency. The outlook for the coming season was a bright one. Several new members were elected. Over twenty members had left for the front, and it was decided to keep them free on the books during their absence. Sir George Clifford, Bart., is president, and the vice-presidents of honor are the Very Rev. Dean Hills, S.M., the Very Rev. Father Price, Adm., and Rev. Dr. Kennedy. The election of officers resulted as follows:—Vice-presidents—Dr. Morkane, Dr. Ardagh, and Messrs. L. Corbett, J. Power, W. Rodgers, T. Cahill, A. J. Malley, S. Flood, F. J. Holley, S. J. Kelleher, W. Moon, G. Ives, and J. R. Hayward; club captain, Mr. F. Smith; secretary, Mr. M. O'Malley; assistant secretary and treasurer, Mr. L. Donohue; committee—Messrs. W. Barnett, J. McQuillan, P. Amodeo, E. McQuillan, and M. Griffin; delegates to Canterbury Rugby Union—Messrs. P. Smyth, M. Mahoney, L. Corbett, and A. Fanning; delegate to the training hall, Mr. F. Smith; delegate to Sports Protection Association, Mr. L. Donohue; auditors, Rev. Brother Calixtus and Mr. E. L. McKeon; coaches—senior, Mr. B. Fanning; junior, Mr. J. McQuillan; fourth class, Mr. E. McQuillan. It was decided to open the season on Saturday.

Rakaia

(From an occasional correspondent.)

Five candidates presented at the Methven centre for the Trinity College examinations have been notified that they have successfully passed in the art of teaching. The following are the names of the successful candidates: Misses Ellen Cullen (Licentiate), M. F. McEry, N. O'Donnor, M. Kotowski, and Gwen Haylock (Associates).

A highly successful entertainment was given on St. Patrick's Night in the Town Hall, by the pupils of the local convent school. An excellent programme of vocal, instrumental, and dramatic items was gone through most creditably by the children, who had been carefully prepared by the Sisters of Mercy. The audience, which was a large and enthusiastic one, received each item with applause. The following was the programme: Part I. Opening chorus, 'Ireland, beautiful Ireland'; prelude, Richard Peckham; 'Poppies,' junior pupils; 'The sailors,' boys; 'Shan't go to school,' junior girls; piano duet, K. Sheehan and Lucy Meade; comic duet, May Peckham and Lucy Miller; 'Where the river Shannon flows,' Mr. Frank Brown. The following took part in the play, 'The new boy': Gerrie Muller, Willie Peckham, and Alex. Marshall. The characters in 'The expected visitors' were filled by Gerrie Muller, K. Sheehan, Annie Ronan, May Peckham, Kathleen Muller, and Rita Ronan, and in 'The doctor's mistake' by James Keane, Cornelius Liddy, Clarence Dolan, Patrick Brown, and D. Dolan. Part II.—Piano duet, M. Peckham and Kathleen Hills; skirt dance, pupils; 'Little pot of shamrocks,' Kathleen Sheehan, Rose Brown, and Monica McNamara; 'Sons of New Zealand,' boys; 'Grace Darling,' senior pupils; 'Green shore of Erin,' Mr. F. Brown; 'Sunshine and rain,' M. Lufaro and Lucy Muller; 'Medicine Jack,' Willie Peckham; 'Loin du pays,' Lucy Meade.

Ashburton

(From our own correspondent.)

A Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of the late Bishop Grimes was celebrated by the Rev. Father O'Donnell at the Church of the Holy Name.

The proposed celebration for St. Patrick's Day—a banquet under the auspices of the Catholic Club and

Hibernian Society—was abandoned on account of the death of Bishop Grimes.

In common with all other Catholic churches throughout New Zealand, the intercessory service, decreed by his Holiness the Pope, took place at the Church of the Holy Name on Sunday, March 21.

The weekly meetings of the Catholic Young Men's Club (under the chairmanship of Mr. J. A. Lennon) continue to be well attended. The varied programme arranged by the club's council have proved both instructive and entertaining—a factor no doubt responsible for the evident prosperity and progress of this popular institution.

Amongst the competitors at the musical and other competitions, held in Christchurch recently, were several of the pupils of the local convent school. No little credit is due to the Sisters for the success attending their efforts, as pupils of the school secured a first place, also several seconds and thirds, on each occasion beating a large number of entrants.

DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

(By telegraph, from our own correspondent.)

March 29.

His Lordship the Bishop returned to Auckland from the south on Saturday morning. He officiates at the Holy Week services, and leaves on Easter Monday for Sydney.

The Rev. Father Clarke who, for over four years has been chaplain to the Little Sisters of the Poor, Ponsonby, has resigned the chaplaincy, owing to continued ill-health.

Rev. Father Cahill addressed the last meeting of the Holy Family Confraternity on 'Uprightness of character,' and pointed out what every Catholic young man and woman should be. The example of a good Catholic in the community was incalculable.

The friends of the Sisters of Mercy of St. Mary's Convent, Ponsonby, assembled on Thursday to witness the profession of seven members of the Community. The young ladies who received the black veil were—Miss Kathleen Wallace (in religion, Sister M. Philomena), of Albury, N.S.W.; Miss May Mulvey (Sister M. Brigid), Coblar, N.S.W.; Miss Rita McAlister (Sister M. Magdalen de Pazzi), Galway; Miss Gertrude Day (Sister M. Monica), Melbourne; Miss Teresa Perkins (Sister M. Ussula), Murrumbidgee, N.S.W.; Miss Margaret Tully (Sister M. Angela), Bray, Ireland; and Miss Norah Collins (Sister M. Xavier), Dundalk, Ireland. Owing to the absence of his Lordship Bishop Cleary, who was attending the obsequies of the late Bishop Grimes, the ceremony was performed by the Right Rev. Mgr. Gillan, V.G., who preached a most eloquent sermon on the occasion. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass was commenced at 8 a.m., during which the candidates for profession made their vows and received the black veil and ring from the celebrant. The altar was beautifully decorated with choice flowers, and the music was rendered by the Sacred Heart Choir, Ponsonby, which was conducted by Mr. T. Adams, Miss Jones being the organist for the occasion. Among the clergy in the sanctuary were Very Rev. Paul Kehoe (Wexford), and the Rev. Fathers Golden, Cahill, Murphy, Furlong, Jansen, McLaughlin, Forde, Dunphy, Kelly, and O'Brien. The religious ceremony concluded, the visitors were entertained at breakfast in the convent by the Sisters. The Sisters of Mercy in Auckland are to be congratulated on the increase of the staff to aid in the works of mercy—hospital and orphanage works,—and in the primary and secondary schools conducted by the Order in the diocese.

It was the steamer Hesperus
That sailed the wintry sea,
But the skipper bold had an awful cold,
And was sad as sad could be,
But his daughter fair, with the golden hair,
Said, 'Father,' no words could be truer.
No cure on earth has half the worth
Of Woods' Great Peppermint Cure.'