

## MAYNOOTH COLLEGE

### EXAMINATIONS AT THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY

The annual distribution of prizes at Maynooth College was presided over by his Grace the Most Rev. Dr. Fennelly, Archbishop of Cashel, in the absence of his Eminence Cardinal Logue. There were present the President of the College, the Right Rev. Mgr. Mannix, and the other members of the staff, and the entire body of the students to the number of about 550.

The proceedings commenced with the conferring of Degrees in Philosophy. The Degrees in Theology and Canon Law were conferred at the close of the academic year. The Degree of Licentiate in Philosophy was conferred on six students, and the Bachelorship was conferred on a similar number.

Valuable book prizes were given to the successful students in the departments of Theology, Scripture, Canon Law, Ecclesiastical History, Hebrew, Liturgy, Elocution, and Gregorian Chant. In one case a valuable money prize was awarded. It was founded by the late Rev. Thomas O'Sullivan, of the diocese of Kerry, and is confined to students from that diocese. The distribution embraced only subjects belonging to the Faculty of Theology, as the National University has not yet awarded prizes on the result of the recent University examinations.

The Most Rev. Dr. Fennelly in the course of a speech said:—We all regret the absence of Cardinal Logue from this October meeting, at which he always presided with such grace and interest; but at the same time, we are glad that he has gone as a representative of our old Church to Canada and America; and our best wishes have gone with him for a pleasant time and safe return. As visitor I have become acquainted with the interests of this College—financial, material, and educational; and I have no hesitation in saying that in all respects the College is most satisfactory and progressive. From the educational standpoint, the one with which we are concerned just now, a considerable change has taken place consequent on the passing of the Irish Universities Act. Maynooth is now a recognised College of the National University, and as such she has certain privileges. Very soon the ceremony of conferring degrees, within definite limits, will be carried out here by the Chancellor of the University and the Senate; and from the information unfolded to-day, it is evident that this academic function will be one of the most striking of its kind in Ireland. Maynooth sent forward 219 students for the examinations of the National University, and of these 219 the magnificent total of 213 succeeded. As the University has not yet published its list of exhibitions, we cannot say how many of these have been won by students of the College. But such results as have been published give unmistakable evidence of the high standard of Maynooth studies. In the First Arts examination, Maynooth secured six first class and nineteen second class honors; in the Second Arts, Maynooth secured twenty-six first class and twenty-five second class honors. No list of B.A. honors has up to the present been made public. But in the B.A. pass examination there was not a single failure. Seventy-three Maynooth students presented themselves for the B.A. pass degree, and to-day everyone of these seventy-three is a graduate of the National University of Ireland. This splendid list of successes speaks for itself, and is, we may hope, a presage of still greater success in our University studies.

## Diocesan News

### ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

November 26.

His Grace Archbishop Redwood will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to a large number of candidates at St. Anne's Church, Newtown, on Sunday, December 18.

At St. Anne's Church, Newtown, last Sunday evening, there was a large congregation, when Rev. Father Bartley, S.M., gave his final sermon on 'Modern Unbelief.'

On Sunday, December 11, the quarterly meeting of the Conferences of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul of the archdiocese of Wellington will be held in St. Anne's Hall, Green street, Newtown. All members of the conferences are expected to receive Holy Communion in the morning.

The parish committee of St. Anne's Church, Newtown, in order to raise funds for the painting of the church, have decided to hold a sacred concert. The church choir, under the leadership of Mr. E. B. L. Reade, will supply the items on the programme. The renovation of the church will be taken in hand before Christmas.

Bros. Courtenay and L. Cotter, P.D.P.'s, N.S.W. District, were in Wellington during the week on business. Bro. Courtenay is the immediate P.D.P. of New South Wales, and an alderman of the Botany Council, Sydney. He left for Dunedin on Thursday evening, and Bro. Cotter for Christchurch on last Saturday.

On Thursday the children of St. Anne's parish school, Newtown, were taken by ferry boat for a picnic at Day's Bay. Several games and sporting events took place during the day, and everything passed off successfully. The children were visited by the Ven. Archdeacon Devoy, S.M., and Rev. Father Herring, S.M.

Exemption from rates was claimed by Ven. Archdeacon Devoy, S.M., in a letter to the Miramar Borough Council last Thursday night, in respect to a property at Seatoun. Archdeacon Devoy pointed out that the house on the section was being used as a public school, and that a Sister of Mercy taught school there throughout the week. The council is to consider the matter.

The St. Anne's Defence Cadets competed on last Saturday for trophies presented by Mr. W. Gardiner and Mr. L. Becker, and company belt. The company started a new series; conditions—fifteen shots and one sighter at 200 yards. The principal scores were: Sergt. J. Carroll (handicap 4), 49; Bugler Hopkins (0), 45; Pvt. Scott (6), 45; Pvt. O'Driscoll (6), 40.

The Particular Council of the St. Vincent de Paul Society will hold its final monthly meeting of the year at St. Mary's presbytery on December 7, when all the representatives from the city and country conferences are expected to be present. All conferences are asked to note that their reports and financial statements for the year 1910 should be ready for the Particular Council secretary to transmit to Sydney by January 4.

In St. Mary's Church, Carterton, on Wednesday, a quiet wedding was celebrated by the Rev. Father Bowe, when Miss Ivy Annie Abbott, daughter of Mr. John Abbott, of Carterton, was married to Mr. William James Sullivan, of Carterton, and late of Ballarat, Australia. The young couple left by the afternoon express for Wellington, from whence they sail to Australia. They will take up their residence in Ballarat.

The meeting of the Rev. Mother Aubert's committee last Wednesday evening was an enthusiastic one, and every effort will be made to bring up the amount of the gift to a goodly sum. His Excellency the Governor has consented to make the presentation, which everyone hopes will reach the sum aimed at. It is regretted that Mr. McDonald (treasurer) is leaving Wellington, and had to resign the position. Mr. A. Amodeo (secretary) has also resigned, his place being taken by Mr. Crombie. A committee of ladies will arrange the details of the presentation evening, and the musical programme. The Rev. Mother Aubert has notified that December 3 will suit her convenience for the function.

St. Patrick's branch of the Hibernian Society met last Monday evening in St. Patrick's Hall, Bro. W. J. Feeney presiding. It was resolved to protest against the deletion of St. Patrick's Day from the list of bank holidays as advocated by the Employers' Federation. A letter from the district secretary confirmed the appointment of Bro. J. W. Callaghan as district deputy for the Wellington Provincial District. The report of the St. Patrick's Day celebration committee showed that preparations for the next celebration were well in hand. The City Council has granted permission for the use of the Newtown Park for the picnic and sports, and the large Town Hall has been secured for the Irish national concert in the evening.

### Wanganui

(From our own correspondent.)

November 24.

Among the successful students at the recent examination in connection with Victoria College, Wellington, is Miss Mabel Loftus, a pupil of the Convent High School, Wanganui. This young lady succeeded in passing her Second Terms, securing a Second Class in Latin and a Third Class in English and French. Miss Loftus has been coached by the Sisters of St. Joseph of the local convent, Wanganui, from whom she received her entire training. During the past five years she passed in succession Civil Service (Credit List), Solicitor's General Knowledge and Matriculation, Partial 'D,' First Terms (Victoria College), Second Terms (Victoria College). Miss Mabel Mahoney, a former pupil of the above school, was also among the successful students.

The parish school, conducted by the Sisters of St. Joseph, Wanganui, was examined by the Education Board Inspector on October 4. In the course of his remarks in the report we find the following:—The work gave evidence that the quality of the instruction is satisfactory. In Standards V. and VI. the pupils read with ease and with good expression. In Standards III. and IV. generally good. The essays throughout were good—the matter was well arranged and the sentences correctly formed. Arithmetic in all the Standards showed fine training.

### Waipawa

(From our own correspondent.)

November 21.

A St. Patrick's Church on Sunday last Mass was celebrated by the Rev. Father Sanderson at 9.30 o'clock. The choir, under the conductorship of Mr. E. H. Lee,