

family in their new home. Mr. Kiely, jun., responded on behalf of the recipients.

The following are the successes of the pupils of the Sacred Heart High School, conducted by the Sisters of Notre Dame des Missions, Lower High street, in recent examinations:—Matriculation and Solicitor's General Knowledge—Lucy Toner; Matriculation—Katie Kerr and Ellen O'Donnell; Junior Civil Service and Senior Free Places—Kassie Turner, Amy Payne, Mary Mills, and Julia Steinmetz; certificates for shorthand from Sir Isaac Pitman and Sons—Doris Amyes, Katie O'Connor, Annie O'Neill, and Matilda Hood; certificates for drawing from the Board of Education, South Kensington, London—Katie Daily, Lucy Toner, Kassie Turner, Maud Plank, K. Gregory, and Amy Payne. From nineteen applicants for the three positions as pupil-teachers in the Richmond School at the beginning of this month, Katie Kerr was successful in securing an appointment.

The executive committee of the Marist Brothers' Old Boys' Association met on last Friday evening to receive the balance sheet and conclude the business connected with the Catholic excursion and picnic on Boxing Day. A credit balance of £19 was handed to the Very Rev. Father Price, Adm., in aid of the boys' school renovation fund. A vote of thanks was accorded Mr. H. Fitzgerald (hon. secretary) for his efforts in promoting the outing and the success attained. The Association met again after the half-past nine o'clock Mass on Sunday to arrange preliminaries in connection with the annual meeting to be held on March 6. Mr. C. Lafferty presided and Mr. L. Corbett acted as secretary, and although the meeting was an informal one there were nearly fifty members present. It was decided if possible to join with three other Marist Brothers' Old Boys' Associations, which meet at Timaru at Easter, and engage in a football tournament extending over two days, and also to advocate that a combination of the Association should meet annually in a given centre with a like object in view.

### Ashburton

(From our own correspondent.)

February 20.

The weekly meetings of the Catholic Young Men's Club are being well attended. A very pleasant and instructive time was spent on Tuesday evening, when the programme consisted of a spelling bee. Rev. Father O'Hare acted as questioner, and Messrs. T. M. Brophy and J. O'Grady distinguished themselves as the best spellers during the evening.

The picnic of the local school children eventuated on Thursday last. Eight well-loaded drags conveyed the children and parents to the Longbeach homestead. On arrival there a series of children's sports were run off, interspersed with intervals for refreshments. The various members of the committee, with Rev. Father O'Hare at their head, deserve every credit for the success of the day's outing.

The Ladies' Club held an 'At Home' on Thursday, 9th inst., when the schoolroom was well filled with members and friends of the club. Progressive euchre was indulged in for prizes, the winners being Mr. D. Fouhy and Miss S. Dwyer. A musical programme was contributed to by Misses Soal, Nealon, A. McDonnell, and T. Hicks, Messrs. Duncan McDonald and Williams. Refreshments were handed around by the ladies, and the carrying of a hearty vote of thanks to the club for the pleasant evening, principally attributable to the president (Mrs. McCormick) and secretary (Miss N. Bradley), terminated the proceedings.

### DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

(By Telegraph from our own correspondent.)

February 20.

Thursday evening is definitely fixed for the Hibernian welcome to his Lordship Bishop Cleary.

The annual meeting of the New Zealand district of the H.A.C.B. Society takes place next Wednesday night.

A meeting of the Particular Council of the St. Vincent de Paul Society was held yesterday afternoon in the Hibernian Hall, when his Lordship the Bishop presided.

The Right Rev. Dr. Cleary's reply to the Hon. Mr. Fowlds on the Education question, which appeared in the Auckland Star, has made a deep impression, and those opposed to the Catholic claims admit its courtesy, logic, and ability.

At the last meeting of the Holy Family confraternity Rev. Father Ormond gave a lecture on the Oberammergau Passion Play.

The display by the school children on St. Patrick's Day promises to be unique, interesting, and most successful.

The Newman Society is holding a special general meeting to welcome its new patron, his Lordship Bishop Cleary, on Sunday, March 5, at St. Mary's Convent Schoolroom, New street, Ponsonby. It is hoped that a large gathering will be present.

The Sacred Heart College Cadets will hold a church parade at St. Patrick's Cathedral, on Sunday, March 19. The College Cadets will make their first public appearance at the St. Patrick's Day Celebrations. The

cadets' new uniform will be seen on that occasion for the first time. It is suggested that, as part of the Catholic Colleges' and schools display, a drill competition between sections of the College Cadets should be held.

A week's mission, conducted by Rev. Father Gilmartin, C.S.S.R., at Surrey Hills, concluded on last Sunday morning. Another week's mission, conducted by Rev. Father Whelan, C.S.S.R., concluded last Sunday evening at Avondale. Both missions were very successful. On last Sunday evening at St. Benedict's a week's mission for children was commenced by Rev. Father Gilmartin, who will be assisted by Rev. Father Whelan. On next Sunday evening a mission, to extend over three weeks for adults, will be inaugurated at St. Benedict's, and will be conducted by Rev. Fathers Hunt (who arrives from Wellington next Saturday), Gilmartin, and Whelan. Later on missions will be given by the Redemptorist Fathers at Hendersson, Swanson, Rewhiti, Helensville, and Kaukapakapa, all of which places are attended by the priests of St. Benedict's parish.

### Christian Brothers' Old Boys' Association, Dunedin

The following is the report to be presented at the annual meeting of the Christian Brothers' Old Boys' Association, to be held in St. Joseph's Hall, Dunedin, on Tuesday evening:—

In presenting its first annual Report your committee desires to congratulate members upon the formation of this association, and to thank them for the support and encouragement they have extended towards it. That it supplies a long-felt want is beyond question. For thirty-seven years the Christian Brothers have labored in Dunedin on behalf of religious education, and during that lengthy period a large number of pupils has had the benefit of the excellent system of education that is characteristic of the Order's efforts in all parts of the world. The friendship between the Brothers and their pupils has been singularly strong. All their pupils retain pleasant recollections and appreciative memory of their zeal and self-sacrifice. That this bond of sympathy is not merely one in name your committee has ample evidence in the large number of letters arriving from 'Old Boys' in all parts of the Dominion, and even from Australia. It may be remarked parenthetically that many of them are from ex-pupils whose whereabouts were unknown to their old school-fellows previous to the formation of this association. They speak in terms of reverence and unbounded admiration of their teachers, and express their willingness to do all in their power to assist in anything that will further the interests of the old school. One of the objects of our association is 'To stimulate an intelligent and sympathetic interest in the work of the Christian Brothers'; and we believe that the individual expressions of goodwill referred to above are a guarantee of a united effort that will, when properly organized, powerfully assist the good Brothers in their life's work.

The Christian Brothers in Dunedin have labored too long under the depressing handicaps of inadequate accommodation and financial disabilities, and our association would be an apology for such were it not prepared to bear a substantial part in assisting to remove these burdens, when the time for action comes. In the matter of scholarships it is possible that much good may be accomplished. There are many deserving cases where boys of recognised ability are unfortunately unable, through the absence of means, to continue their higher education, and it would be a meritorious service to assist these by the institution of scholarships. Of course, before your association enters upon any work of an active as distinguished from a social nature, it is essential that it should have better organisation. Your committee is in communication with 700 ex-pupils, but the active membership does not equal this. The response to the initial efforts in forming this association was most gratifying; but, as your committee has urged again and again, success will be attained only by the co-operation of individual members, enthusiastic for the ideal of a powerful and influential society. Every member should urge all the ex-pupils of his acquaintance to become members, and do his utmost to bring the objects of the association prominently before them. Every 'Old Boy' will be benefited by membership. It will maintain and intensify the principles of life and conduct inculcated during school life. School days are the days of pleasant and cherished memories, of teachers, old comrades, and boyish exploits, and the associations rekindled by our social gatherings cannot fail to have a beneficial effect on all of us. We trust, therefore, each member will become an active agent on behalf of the association, and do his best to spread its sphere of usefulness.

During the year two social evenings were held, with an attendance of about 300 at each. The enthusiasm displayed by all present, and the opportunities afforded a large number of the 'Old Boys' of meeting one another for the first time for many years, made the gatherings complete successes, and your committee desires to thank members very sincerely for the support accorded it in its efforts to bring the 'Old Boys' together.