

Keenan, occupied the chair; and Mr. A. A. Adams, Rector of the Greymouth D.H. School, acted as judge. Five competitors took part—viz., Messrs. A. McSherry, 'William Pitt'; P. J. Smyth, 'Robert Emmett'; B. Rasmussen, 'Napoleon Bonaparte'; C. A. Gallagher, 'Doritt'; M. Keating, 'Edmund Burke.'

The judge, in giving his decision, congratulated members on the high standard of the various speeches, and thanked the club for the honor conferred on him in selecting him as judge for the fourth year in succession. He announced the results as follows:—P. J. Smyth, 1st; M. Keating, 2nd; A. McSherry, 3rd. The first prize carries with it a handsome gold medal, presented by Mr. Adams, and a diploma of merit presented by the executive of the Federated Clubs of New Zealand. The second prize-winner receives a gold medal presented by the club executive. In addition to the above prizes the winner has his name inscribed on the honors board as club champion for 1911. The previous winners of this honor are:—1905, J. F. Devonport; 1906, D. F. Butler; 1907, T. J. Barry; 1908, E. Casey; 1909, T. M. Heffernan; 1910, A. F. O'Donoghue.

I regret to have to record the passing of a very notable figure and well-known West Coast pioneer, in the person of Francis Mack, who died on Monday, at the age of 82, fortified by all the rites of the Church of which he was a devoted member. His funeral took place on Wednesday afternoon, and was largely attended, many friends coming long distances to pay their last tribute of respect. The Very Rev. Dean Carew, assisted by Rev. Father O'Boyle, conducted the burial service at St. Patrick's Church and Greymouth Cemetery.—R.I.P.

DIocese OF AUCKLAND

(By telegraph, from our own correspondent.)

November 20.

The bazaar in aid of the Sacred Heart parish, Ponsonby, it is stated, realised a sum of £370.

Monsignor O'Haran's health is considerably improved since his arrival at Rotorua. He will probably return to Auckland at the end of this week.

Rev. Father Edge's numerous friends will be delighted to hear of his improvement, and that he expects very soon to be able to leave the Mater Hospital.

His Lordship the Bishop is busily engaged in the work of visitation. On Sunday, the 12th inst., he left Rotorua for Matata, and a few days later visited Opotiki and Tauranga. He reached Waihi on the 18th inst. Thames and Coromandel will be visited early this week, after which his Lordship will return to Auckland, probably on the 24th inst.

The entertainment given by the pupils of the Remuera Convent School, which is under the charge of the Sisters of Saint Joseph, in St. Mark's Hall last Friday evening, was sufficiently attractive to fill the big hall to excess. The programme presented was replete with items of interest to all present. Most of its numbers were placed in the hands of comparatively little children, whose efforts were heartily appreciated by their audience.

The annual entertainment of the pupils of the Marist Brothers' Pitt Street School, was held in St. James' Hall last Friday night. The hall was crowded to the doors, those arriving late being unable to obtain admission. Among those present were Rev. Fathers Holbrook, Wright, Ormond, Forde, O'Doherty, and O'Malley. The performance was excellent, and aroused the spontaneous enthusiasm of the immense audience. A feature of the evening was a shower of pennies thrown on the stage from the audience for young performers. The following is the programme:—Overture, 'Harp of Erin,' orchestra; choruses, (a) 'Ecce Sacerdos,' (b) 'Boatman's songs,' pupils; 'The travelling tinker,' junior pupils; solo, 'Daddy,' Master W. Adeane; recitations, 'Boys or girls,' 'Which?' Masters H. Richards and M. Lanigan; solo and quartette, 'Forgive and forget,' Masters J. and R. O'Connor, Neville, and C. C. Clarke; trio, 'He, she, it,' Masters B. Daly, R. Lonigan, and W. Smith; Irish jig, Master G. Follis;

song, 'You show me your slate,' Masters P. McArtly and A. E. Stephenson; solo (a), 'What a relief it is,' chorus (b), 'The little coon'; overture, 'Tipperary,' orchestra; tableau, 'Slumber, gentle infant'; solo and semi-chorus, 'A mother's appeal to her son,' Standard IV. pupils; chorus, 'The Onehunga zoo,' junior pupils; recitation, 'Photographing the baby,' W. Fairweather; chorus, 'List to the convent bells,' pupils; dance, sailor's hornpipe, Masters J. Green, W. Clarke, H. Morton, and G. Follis; chorus, 'Light blue and dark blue' an amusing farce, entitled 'Dr. Deaculum,' the cast of which was as follows, was very creditably performed:—'Dr. Deaculum,' Stanley Johnston; 'Joshua' (his apprentice), W. Fairweather; 'Mr. Simpson,' Thos. Clark; a policeman, Arthur Hatton. The entertainment concluded with the singing of 'God defend New Zealand.' Mr. H. Hiscocks acted as accompanist. The greatest credit is due to the Brothers and the pupils for the success of their efforts.

The name 'Point Erin Park' has been retained by the Auckland City Council for its recently acquired twelve acres on the water-front in Ponsonby. It was formerly the home of Mr. John Campbell, and was bequeathed by him to his nephew, another John Campbell, who at his death left it to his wife and her family, from whom, about three months ago, the City Council purchased it for £19,000. The whole locality was once owned by the first John Campbell, and the streets even now bear the names of 'Sarsfield,' 'Emmet,' and 'Curran' bestowed by him. It is, therefore, gratifying to know that the old home of this sterling and patriotic family from Counties Fermanagh and Tyrone shall for all time be known by the name which they loved and cherished, viz., 'Point Erin.' It is a charming spot, and commands the best view to be had of our beautiful harbor, and under the supervision of the City Engineer and the city landscape gardener it is undergoing a complete transformation, and will form not the least important asset of our citizens for all time to come.

Oamaru

(From an occasional correspondent.)

November 11.

The local Centre (Trinity College) examinations were conducted yesterday by Mr. Charles Schilsky. Following are some of the results:—

Higher Examinations—Senior Division.—D. Potter (Miss Cartwright, A.T.C.L.), 87 (honors).

Intermediate.—V. Rankin (Miss Cartwright), 94 (honors); M. Cartwright (Miss Cartwright), 84 (honors); E. Williams (Miss Gilligan, certificated pianist), 77; M. Currie (Miss Gilligan), 75.

Junior.—I. Mitchell (Miss Cartwright), 91 (honors); O. Diver (Miss Cartwright), 86 (honors); M. Greaney (Misses Falconer and Hood), 82 (honors); D. Daly (Miss Cartwright), 78; L. Hall (Mrs. Hall), 77; M. Fitzgerald (Miss Gilligan), 68; C. Munro (Misses Falconer and Hood), 68.

Preparatory.—J. Wilson (Miss H. Cartwright, L.T.C.L.), 94; W. James (Miss Gilligan), 88; N. Allan (Misses Falconer and Hood), 76; G. Barclay (Misses Falconer and Hood), 76; K. Fitzgerald (Mrs. Hall), 75; E. Cooney (Mr. Hanley), 75; W. Appleby (Misses Falconer and Hood), 69.

On Wednesday, Mr. Douglas Redmond conducted the local examinations of the Associated Board of the Royal Academy and Royal College of Music. Passes were obtained as under:—

School Examinations.—Higher Division—Louisa M. Gray (Mrs. Hall), 110.

Elementary.—Olive Beck (Misses Falconer and Hood), 120; M. Sutherland (Misses Falconer and Hood), 104; W. James (Miss Gilligan), 101.

November 13.

Mr. Schilsky expressed his delight at the high degree of talent found in Oamaru. Notably, among others, he singled out Miss Doris Potter (pupil of Miss K. Cartwright, A.T.C.L.), and praised her for her artistic and masterly playing of Chopin's 'Nocturne,' and recommended her to study for higher examinations and the artist's diploma.