

## PUBLICATIONS

*Gordon Grandfield: A Tale of a Modernist.* By the Rev. J. Kennedy. William P. Linehan, 309 and 311 Little Collins street, Melbourne.

This book shows unmistakable ability, and the story which Father Kennedy has to tell is well worth while—and in these days, when 'of making books there is no end,' that is no small praise. With a little strengthening of the plot, and a little more development and individualisation of the characters, this volume would take a really high place as a wholesome, well written, and keenly interesting book, with a thoroughly Catholic, Irish, and national spirit throughout. Father Kennedy, we may remark in passing, is a Kerry priest, stationed in Victoria; and we are likely to hear more of him as an author. The present story has been thus accurately summarised in the pages of our contemporary, the *Southern Cross*: 'The scene is mainly in Ireland, though we are carried with some of the characters first to London; afterwards to Messina, in Sicily, during the earthquake; and finally to Australia, where the young Irish priest, whom we meet in the first chapter, just after his ordination, is engaged in mission work. The story has mainly to do with the fall into Modernist errors of Gordon Grandfield, an English cousin of Gerald O'Moore, the young priest, who belongs to one of the good old Irish families of the South of Ireland. Some charming descriptions of the scenery of County Kerry are given in the opening chapters, including a glimpse of the Lakes of Killarney. There is also a very vivid description of a game of hurley; and the objects of the Gaelic League are incidentally expounded. Gordon Grandfield falls in love with a young Irish lady, Ethna O'Donohoe, an intimate friend of the O'Moore's, who declines to marry him until he regains his faith, which has been destroyed by intercourse with a university companion, Travers, and a little set of Modernists in London, who follow an ex-Jesuit, thinly disguised under the name of "Father Tyson." Travers' relations with an Italian lady, whom he had deceived by a mock marriage, while he pays court to another, also form part of the plot. Eventually Gordon Grandfield breaks with Travers and the Modernists, and returns to the Catholic faith, going on a long pilgrimage, ending with a visit to his cousin, the young priest in Victoria. In the meantime Travers is stabbed by the brother of the Italian lady, and dies repentant after making reparation. Ethna O'Donohoe, the young lady loved by Gordon, is chiefly instrumental in bringing this about. She had taken up the work of an hospital nurse after dismissing her Modernist lover, and attends on Travers in his last moments. Grandfield meets Travers' widow in Sicily, and knows these facts; but he goes on to Australia, from which he is recalled to wed Ethna and win an Irish seat in Parliament as a Home Ruler.' We cordially recommend the story, both on its merits and because it is time—when such good work is being done amongst us—that the reading public in these southern lands should take in hand to encourage the building up of a literature of our own. We believe that Irish readers, in particular, will thoroughly enjoy Father Kennedy's work. Price, 2s 6d.

## Westport

(From an occasional correspondent.)

Results to hand of the teachers' examinations show the following successes from the teaching staff, Convent of Mercy, and St. Mary's College, Westport:—Five candidates obtained full D certificates; eight candidates obtained partial D certificates, and two passed the first section of Class D. One candidate obtained partial C, and one passed in first section of Class C.

At the recent Civil Service examinations the following students presented by the Sisters of Mercy, Westport, were successful:—St. Mary's College—Tottie Taylor and Nora Norman; St. Canice's School—Thomas Paine and John Carmine.

## CATHOLIC FEDERATION OF NEW ZEALAND

(From our Wellington correspondent.)

The Provisional Dominion Executive met last Wednesday evening under the presidency of Mr. A. H. Casey. Excellent reports were received from Auckland, Onehunga, Raetihi, Upper Hutt, Lower Hutt, Petone, Te Aro, Newtown, Thorndon, Hokitika, Christchurch, and Dunedin, which showed that the federation is making rapid progress. Correspondence was also received from Mr. T. J. O'Brien, general secretary of the Victorian Federation, congratulating New Zealand on the excellent progress made, and forwarding copies of the monthly bulletin issued by Victoria. The Victorian executive has set for itself the task of bringing the membership up to 100,000 this year.

The Provisional Dominion Executive is not yet complete, owing to the three representatives from the three other dioceses not being appointed. The secretary was instructed to write to the dioceses concerned, requesting the appointment of representatives to bring the executive up to the full strength. Although the present executive will be in existence for a few months only it was thought, that even for that brief period, it was only right that the other dioceses should be represented. Under the constitution, as soon as the diocesan councils are formed, these bodies will each elect three representatives to form the Dominion Executive.

## DUNEDIN.

A meeting for the purpose of inaugurating a branch of the Catholic Federation will be held in South Dunedin on Sunday afternoon.

At all the Masses and Vespers at St. Joseph's Cathedral on Sunday members of the Catholic Federation were enrolled and certificates issued. Members were also enrolled at the Sacred Heart Church, North-East Valley.

On Sunday a sub-committee of the Catholic Federation was formed in the Kaikorai Valley. Rev. Father Coffey presided, and there was a good attendance. The following were appointed members of the sub-committee:—Messrs. G. Winders, D. Creed, G. Purton, and L. McConnell, Mesdames Cornish, Gebbie, and T. Hill, and Miss Creed. Intending members will be enrolled on next and following Sundays.

There are 248 solicitors practising in the Wellington district—one less than last year. Twenty-one of those practising in the district last year have ceased to practise, left the district, or died, while 20 others have commenced practice. This change reduces the number practising in the city by four (123), while the country towns of the district gain three in number (126). The number of practitioners in the Dominion at the end of 1912 was 963—an increase of 45 over last year's returns. The number shown to be practising in the respective districts, and the increase or decrease shown for the year are as follows (the figures in brackets are the numbers for 1911):—Auckland 214 (226), Hamilton 42, Hawke's Bay 51 (52), Marlborough 12 (11), Nelson 21 (18), Otago 104 (106), Southland 36 (33), Taranaki 62 (53), Wellington 248 (249), Westland 23 (22). North Island 640 (600), South Island 323 (318), Canterbury 127 (128), Gisborne 23 (20).

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