

## MUSIC EXAMINATIONS

### WELLINGTON.

The results of the examination by Mr. Henry St. George, the representative of Trinity College, London, have now been published, and I am pleased to chronicle the success of pupils taught in our Catholic schools. The following is a list of successful candidates:—

Associate pianists—Victoria Spraggon and Jessie G. Kerr (St. Mary's Convent), Johanna Moroney (Hutt Convent).

Certificated pianists—St. Mary's Convent: Pearl Kean, Eileen Corby, Mary J. McKenny, Olive Kilsby, Blanche May Cutler, Vera W. Taylor; Hutt Convent, Mary Kilgour; Sacred Heart Convent, Kathleen Gieseking.

Senior Honors, piano—Marjorie H. Shepherd (winner of medal presented by Dresden Piano Co.), Gladys M. Mungavin (both of St. Mary's Convent). Pass—Gladys M. Coulter, Teresa Mahony, Mary E. Redican, Lillian Dealy, Effie P. Wright, Hilda Minifie, Zoe M. Grimstone (all of St. Mary's Convent), Jean Mudie (St. Joseph's Convent), Maggie Wildsmith (Otaki Convent).

Intermediate Pass—Dorothy McCormick, Linda Riddell, Bessie Martin, Josephine O'Donnell, Alice Cullen, May Gardner, Florence Outtrim (all of St. Mary's Convent), Alborita Muir, Irene Johnston, Hine-moa McHardie (Otaki Convent), Eileen Boden, Florence Gosling, Pauline Patton (Hutt Convent).

Junior Honors—Frances Kilgour (Hutt Convent) and Agatha Bunny.

Junior Class Singing—Sacred Heart College (honors) and Lower Hutt Convent.

Junior Pass—Alice Hill (singing).

Preparatory Honors—Piano, Florence Bowden (Hutt Convent) and Jack Roche, Doris Hoskins (St. Joseph's Convent, Newtown). Pass—Alice Roche, Mary McGrane, Mary Brennan (all of the Hutt Convent).

First Steps—Piano, Myra Cudly and Elsie Gilkes (of the Hutt Convent), Theo Halpin (St. Mary's Convent), Victor Mewhinney and Philip Hailes (Preparatory College, Seatoun).

## OBITUARY

### MRS. MARGARET LONERGAN, AUCKLAND.

(From our own correspondent.)

Mrs. Margaret Lonergan, who may well be styled one of the pillars of the Church, passed away on September 26. The deceased, who was for over fifty years a familiar figure at St. Patrick's Cathedral, arrived from Ireland with her parents and family in the ship Westminster in 1842. Eight years subsequently she married the late Mr. Thomas Lonergan, the ceremony being performed at St. Patrick's Cathedral by the Right Rev. Dr. Viard. Thirteen children were born of the marriage, every one of whom has from time to time assisted in Church work in and around Auckland. She leaves many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. The remains were borne to the cemetery by four grandchildren. The burial service was read by Rev. Father Forde. The deceased was one of those fast diminishing stock who brought with them from Ireland an ardent faith, and implanted it in this Dominion at a period when it was almost a wilderness. To her and her associates of that period we to-day are under a debt which it is impossible to repay. Her example and practice will remain with us.—R.I.P.

### CATHOLIC MISSION IN PAPUA

We have received the following subscriptions for the Catholic Mission in Papua:—

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## Christchurch North

October 6.

The mission, to be preached by the Marist Fathers, will open at St. Mary's on Wednesday, October 8, beginning with the children's mission, which will terminate on the following Sunday, when that for the women will begin. A week's mission for the men will open on Sunday, October 19.

The annual meeting of the St. Mary's branch of the Ladies of Charity was held in Ozanam Lodge on Tuesday evening, September 30, when the election of officers for the ensuing term took place. The following were elected:—President, Miss Morgan; vice-president, Mrs. J. S. Barrett; secretary, Miss L. Johnston; wardrobe-keeper, Miss M. Ryan.

The members of St. Mary's Choir met in Ozanam Lodge on Wednesday evening, October 1, to make a presentation to their late choirmaster, Mr. Corrigan, in recognition of his services of fourteen years. The Very Rev. Dean Hills, S.M., V.G., in making the presentation, which took the form of a purse of sovereigns, said he regretted losing the services of so able a conductor. Mr. Corrigan, in a few words, thanked the donors, and said that owing to professional engagements he was unable to give the choir the attention it required. Mr. A. P. De La Cour was elected to fill the vacancy.

On Rosary Sunday, at St. Mary's Church, 42 children received their First Communion at the 9.30 o'clock Mass. The Very Rev. Dean Hills, S.M., V.G., was celebrant, and gave a short address to the children, in the course of which he exhorted them to be always faithful to the teaching of their holy religion. The children were entertained at breakfast in the school-room after Mass, and in the afternoon they assisted at devotions, during which they renewed their Baptismal vows. Acts of consecration were made to the Sacred Heart, our Blessed Lady, and St. Joseph. The ceremonies concluded with a procession, recitation of the Rosary, and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

### HORNBY.

At the 8 o'clock Mass at Hornby on Sunday last, a number of children made their First Communion. The Rev. Father Hoare, S.M., officiated, and after the Gospel addressed the children, reminding them of the great happiness which was theirs that day in being able to receive their Lord in Holy Communion, and impressed on them the necessity of frequent Communion as the best means of preserving that happiness. In the afternoon the Rev. Father again spoke to the children on the promises of Baptism, and concluded by asking them to renew their Baptismal vows, the whole congregation joining in the responses. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament terminated a day that will be long remembered by the young communicants.

Mr. John McCormack, the notable Irish tenor, possesses a good friend and admirer in William H. Taft, the burly ex-President of the United States. Mr. Taft's admiration for the great tenor is unbounded, and although he is big and short of breath, he will go a long way to hear his friend. Whenever Mr. McCormack was singing in Washington during Mr. Taft's term of office, he was always a welcome guest at the White House, and nothing delighted the President more than to hear the tenor sing 'Molly Bawn,' to him the most beautiful song in the English language. It is rather interesting to note that the last function attended by Mr. Taft, before his term of office had expired, was a concert at which the illustrious Irish artist was advertised to sing. The concert was given by the Rubinstein Club at the Raleigh Theatre, Washington, and the President enjoyed himself immensely, for his good friend 'John,' as he quaintly called him, sang 'Molly Bawn,' 'Kathleen Mavourneen,' and many another memorable air.