

The Marist Brothers' School, Thorndon, has two fine sports' cups to end the year with. Both the Brothers' Schools in this city have a flying record for the proficiency this year. Ninety-nine and three-quarter per cent. passed. How many others can show such a record? Those to whom work is prayer are rewarded inevitably.

As a result of the concert at St. Anne's, the secretary (Miss McInerney) was able to hand a fine amount over to Mr. Lavin for the orphanage.

Father Klimeck, of Upper Hutt, has held a successful little bazaar recently in aid of the Memorial Chapel at Trentham.

Lower Hutt is working steadily for its building fund.

## Diocese of Auckland

(From our own Correspondent.)

December 11.

The garden party at the Eoson Convent grounds on Saturday was a big success. A large number of friends and parishioners assembled to help the function. The grounds presented a festive appearance, being tastefully decorated. Mr. Len Rae kindly provided a string band for the occasion which greatly enhanced the afternoon's enjoyment by rendering attractive selections. In addition to the band Miss Daphne Knight's pupils contributed several excellent dance items which were much enjoyed. Substantial business was done by the various stall-holders. Mesdames O'Neill and Harris were in charge of the plain and fancy stall; Mesdames Green and McGarry managed the sweets; the Misses Fitzpatrick and Mrs. Keenan had control of the refreshment stall. Mr. Lee very successfully managed the side shows, and Miss Kearin kept patrons interested throughout the whole of the afternoon. The result of the afternoon proved more than gratifying, and the Sisters expressed their warm thanks to all those who helped to make the garden party such a success.

Rev. Father O'Byrne is away on a holiday at present, and is being relieved by the Rev. Father O'Brien.

Mr. McHardy, a prominent Auckland Catholic, who went to the Homeland on a visit to the Wembley Exhibition, has returned, and is looking well after his sojourn in England.

A Solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated at the Sacred Heart Church last Monday for the repose of the soul of the late Mr. Lowry, who was an active member of the choir.

A very successful concert was held last night at Onehunga in aid of the convent schools. Mrs. D. Le Roche organised the entertainment, the programme of which was principally contributed by her pupils, assisted by Madame Irene Ainsley, who graciously gave her services to the cause. A liberal patronage was extended to the function, and the result should be very satisfactory. A further concert will be held next week in the Picture Theatre, and the proceeds will be devoted to the Onehunga convent schools.

A number of entertainments have been held recently for Catholic institutions, and one of the most successful was that given in St. Benedict's Hall for the Pah Orphanage, which was well attended. A handsome bal-

ance is expected, as the Orphans' appeal is never made in vain.

The Avondale church committee recently held a sale of work and Christmas tree for the church fund, and the Rev. Father Colgan received the warm support of the people of the district in his venture. The financial result should reach double figures.

The Parnell parish is energetically preparing for its school concert which is fixed for next week, and judging by the number of tickets that are being sold, the function should result in a big success.

It has now been decided that the annual prize-giving and "break-up" of the Sacred Heart College will be held in the Town Hall on December 15. The Right Rev. Dr. Cleary is expected to have something interesting to say on the question of Catholic education, a report of which will be forwarded in due course.

## Diocese of Christchurch

(From our own Correspondent.)

December 13.

The Papanui parishioners are holding a bazaar in the Papanui Hall on December 16, 17, and 18. Preparations are well in hand, and it is hoped that many will attend from the city to assist in making the function a success and thus raise funds to help the new parish.

The Addington garden fete concluded on Tuesday evening, and the excellent results will considerably lessen the financial liabilities of the parish.

Rev. Father Basil Loughnan, S.J., son of Mr. H. H. Loughnan of this city, passed through Christchurch during the week on his way to Timaru, where he is to conduct a Retreat for the Sisters, and also the Retreat for Catholic ladies.

Rev. Father Murray, C.S.S.R., is expected to arrive in Christchurch on Sunday morning, and will conduct four Retreats for the religious communities of the diocese.

Among those to visit Rome during the Holy Year (1925) will be Rev. Father Long (Adm. Greymouth) and Rev. Father Murphy (New Brighton). They are expected to leave in March.

The blessing and opening of the new wing to St. Bede's College by his Lordship the Bishop, will take place on the second Sunday in February.

On Sunday the 21st inst., a preliminary meeting will be held at Nazareth House to arrange a garden fete for the funds of the Institution. The Sisters will appreciate any help from their kind friends.

The Church buildings at Marshlands and Beckenham are nearing completion, and will be blessed and opened by his Lordship the Bishop at the end of January.

## Timaru

(From our own Correspondent.)

December 12.

There was a good attendance at St. Patrick's Hall on the 9th inst., when a splendid programme of vocal, instrumental, and entertainment items was presented at an entertainment in aid of the funds of the Celtic Cricket Club; the following contributing thereto:—Pianoforte trio, "Gloria" (Mozart)

Misses E. Dennehy, M. Sullivan, and P. O'Meehan; songs, Misses Meehan and Dennehy, Messrs. F. Ryan and J. Buckley; recitations, Mr. J. McKeefry; trio for piano, violin, and mandolin, Misses E. Dennehy, I. Spring, and A. Gardner; pianoforte duo, Misses Sheehan and K. McGrath; piano solo ("Appassionata"), Miss M. Sullivan, L.A.B. national dances, Miss Edith Johnston. The fine chorus by the company concluded the programme. The accompaniments were played by Miss Dennehy (who also organised the concert) in her usual artistic manner.

Mr. Wesley Roberts lately concluded the practical examinations for the Associate Board of the Royal Academy of Music, and the Royal College of Music. After the examination he lectured to a good attendance of local teachers at the Forester's Hall. The following were included in the pass list:—Final examination for L.A.B. (performer certificate), Miss Margaret Sullivan (teacher, Miss E. Dennehy). Local centre violin (intermediate grade), Miss U. O'Sullivan (Miss A. Nevill-Smith). School examinations—Pianoforte: Lower division, Mary Baker (Mrs. G. Readie). Elementary division: I. Reynish, R. Hall, D. Hall (Mrs. G. Readie), Ellie Holland, J. V. Pope, J. Crawshaw (Miss P. Lynch). Primary division: V. Colonna, P. Lvsnskey (Mrs. G. Readie), Essie Doyle (Mrs. Mangos), M. B. Cleland, I. Reid, D. I. Sawwell, M. Calder (Miss P. Lynch).

## WEDDING BELLS

HAILES—COUGHLAN.

A pretty wedding which occasioned considerable interest was solemnised by Rev. Father Fraher at St. Joseph's Church, Temuka, on September 3, the contracting parties being Miss E. Coughlan, of Temuka, and Mr. C. Hailes, of Balfour. The bride, who was led to the altar by her eldest brother (Mr. M. Coughlan, of Timaru), looked charming in a simple frock of ivory satin with skirt and sleeves of radium lace, daintily finished with clusters of pearls. Her veil was arranged in butterfly style caught with orange blossoms, and she carried a showy bouquet of Christmas roses and maiden-hair fern. The bride was attended by her sister (Miss Clare Coughlan), who wore a dainty frock of apricot shot taffeta with hat and bouquet to tone. Mr. Walter Hailes (brother of the bridegroom) attended as best man. During the ceremony appropriate music was rendered by Miss E. Dennehy, of Timaru, and at the Offertory Abt's "Ave Maria" was sung by Miss Eileen Irwin, of Christchurch. Friends of the bride and bridegroom were afterwards entertained at the home of the bride, "Park View," and after a sumptuous repast, the happy couple left amidst showers of confetti for the North Island, *en route* to Kaikoura and Nelson; the bride travelling in a mauve frock beautifully embroidered in silver, over which was worn a short musquash coat. Her hat was of silver with mauve and pink flowers. The future home of Mr. and Mrs. Hailes will be at Balfour. The presents, which were numerous, splendidly varied, and valuable, included several cheques.

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