

Rangiora

(From our own correspondent.)

November 8.

Miss Eileen Hawley and Mr. J. Owens were the winners of useful and costly prizes at the euchre party last Friday night. Mrs. Kirk and Mr. P. Joyce were next on the prize list, and both received trophies. The school-room was well filled and a most enjoyable evening brought the season's euchre socials to a close.

Their school mates and many well-wishers will be very pleased to know that Misses Girty and Margaret Kennedy, Mairaki, are now quite recovered from their recent illness.

Their many friends will be pleased to know that Mrs. T. Lynskey and Mrs. J. Brown are beginning to recover from their recent illness.

The Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of the late Alderman Terence McSweeney offered on Tuesday last, was well attended, great numbers approaching the Holy Table. To the devotions for the suffering souls the good parishioners are ever faithful, ever true.

The Catholic social, held at the drill hall on Show night (4th ult.), in aid of the convent, was a great success. Sincere thanks are due to the energetic and hard-working social committee for the great pains taken and for the programme so neatly planned and artistically carried out. The chairman (Mr. J. Catherwood) and secretary (Mr. G. Brady) deserve a special word of praise. To Mr. L. Hill many thanks are due for his kind co-operation and unselfish assistance. Mrs. Blake, Mrs. C. McGrath, Misses Corboy, Fahy and the other members of the supper committee, have reason to feel justly proud of the results of their efforts in providing and serving dainties. It was all that could be desired. The M.C.'s (Messrs G. Brady, G. Power, W. Fahy and L. Moran), carried out the programme and duties incidental to the social in a thoroughly capable and satisfactory manner. It is estimated that more than 150 couples were present. To Mrs. Allington, as well as to Mrs. Johnston, Mrs. O'Neil, and Mr. McMullan (Kaiapoi), the supper committee feel deeply grateful for their valuable assistance in helping to amply provide for the splendid gathering.

MARIST BROTHERS' SCHOOL, AUCKLAND.

Last Saturday (writes our Auckland correspondent, under date November 5) the annual banquet to the Vermont Street School footballers was held in the school hall. There were present the "A," "B," and lightweight teams and many friends of the school. The musical programme was contributed to by Master Gilman (who had to respond three times to emphatic encores for his brilliant flute solos), Messrs. E. Owens, O'Flanagan, and Wells, Miss M. Prendergast playing the accompaniments, Rev. Brother Calixtus, who presided, welcomed the visitors, amongst whom were Mr. A. Wetherill (president Auckland Referees' Association), Mr. G. Katterns, and Mr. Moore (A.R.A.), Mr. M. O'Connor (M.B.O.B.), Messrs. Gourley, D. Flynn, R. Webster, E. Owens, C. Hurley, and R. Owens (president St. Benedict's Club). The dominant note of the speakers throughout was one of congratulation on the phenomenal performance of the "A" team, who averaged 53 to nil in all their matches, and to the lightweight for their win in that grade. The splendid behaviour of the boys on and off the field was most noticeable. The "A" team presented a framed photograph of the players to Messrs. D. Flynn and M. Gourley, as a mark of appreciation for the keen interest these two supporters have always shown in the boys. The proceedings closed with three cheers for the Misses Hickey and their assistants for the help so willingly and capably given each year by attending to the requirements of the gathering. Three gold medals presented by St. Benedict's Club were won by J. Gourley, S. Lack, and P. Coughlan. The gold medal presented by the Brothers was won by R. Darby; the two medals for the forwards (presented by J. Smith of G. Courts) by P. O'Neill and V. Viseovich, and two gold medals presented to the lightweight by Mr. Hurley were won by J. Williams and L. McCaffrey; Master C. Hurley getting a cap.

The love of abjection is a sovereign remedy to cure the wounds which self-love makes in our hearts.—Ven. Margaret Mary.

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Wynndham

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At St. Kevin's Church, Wynndham, on October 10, a very pretty scene was witnessed by a large congregation (writes a correspondent) the occasion being the receiving of their First Holy Communion by a number of little children. Mass was celebrated at nine o'clock by Rev. Father Farthing, and the altar was very prettily decorated by the teachers of the Sunday school, under the personal supervision of the superintendent, Mrs. F. Pritchard. The day was really beautiful, and after the ceremony the children were treated to light refreshments by their teachers and a very happy little gathering resulted. A photo of the children was taken by Mr. Allen Hunter. The newly inaugurated choir rendered Vaughan's Mass and appropriate hymns fairly well, in view of the fact that it was its first attempt at rendering church music. Each child received a memento of the happy occasion. During the afternoon the teachers selected a pretty spot for the Catholic picnic, which is to be held at Christmas time.

CORONATION CEREMONY AT REMUERA.

The coronation of the children's queen took place at Remuera, on Saturday, October 30, and was a magnificent success (writes our Auckland correspondent). The little ones had a memorable time: a bright, sunny afternoon added to their enjoyment, and attracted crowds of friends to the spacious Convent school-grounds, where the throne was erected. To the strains of the "Coronation March," the procession wended its way from the school to the throne. Little maids in sage-green, purple, and cardinal, and carrying baskets of flowers, led the way, and lined up to allow the "ladies-in-waiting" and queen with her escort to pass through to their allotted positions. Miss Una Townsend (the queen elect) was robed in white silk, covered with beautiful worked silk net, and wore a girdle of pale pink rosebuds. The court-train was of red lined with gold, and was carried by Masters Jack Sweeney and Walter Zainey. The queen carried a bouquet of beautiful roses and maiden-hair fern, and wore a gold chain and inscribed medals, the gifts of Rev. Father Doyle to the successful candidate. She was attended by Misses Annie O'Connell, Kathleen Melican, Joyce Howard, Mollie Sorrenson, Rona Wright, and Rita Booth, as maids-of-honor, all of whom were tastefully gowned. Miss Rene Moore—second in order for the election—wore a robe of white silk, beautiful veil and plumes, and carried a lovely bouquet. Her maids were: Misses Kathleen O'Leary and Marjorie Patton, while her train-bearers were Peggy Cruickshank and Paulene, who also wore dainty frocks. Miss Jean Bell—third candidate—was robed in white satin, pretty veil and plumes, and carried a choice bouquet. Her maids were: Misses Kathleen Gilbert, and Mavis Kerr, who looked very pretty in satin dresses and plumes. The train-bearers were Bubbles Jenkin and Sheila Barrett. The pages carrying the crown, sceptre, and proclamations, were Masters Bertie Barry, Maurice Williams, and Sydney Harris. All having arrived at the vicinity of throne, the "Lord-Chancellor" (Owen Cardston) read and presented the address from the loyal subjects. Then followed the "crowning ceremony," which was performed by his Lordship Dr. Cleary, who seemed to thoroughly enjoy conferring the honor. The most graceful part of the proceedings was the presentation of the "ladies-in-waiting." During the progress of the coronation musical selections rendered by Messrs Hill, Churchouse, and Baldwin, were greatly appreciated. Mr. Owen Cardston, the director of the pageant, was warmly applauded by the spectators and has received numerous requests to repeat the ceremony in the Town Hall, on the opening night of the bazaar.

Instances are afforded of how the war in Ireland is carried on at present. Police and military raided the dwelling house of Miss Coyle, a Catholic teacher of Irish at Ballagh, near Roscommon, while she was on vacation. They broke in the door, smashed the locks on her trunks, and scattered the contents about. That night the room in which these things were, was set afire, and her furniture and other belongings burned.

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