

NEWCASTLE

His Lordship the Coadjutor-Bishop of Maitland, the Most Rev. J. Toohey, D.D., presented the prizes at a concert and distribution of awards of the Marist Brothers' School, at the City Hall, Newcastle, on Wednesday night, December 14. In his address His Lordship congratulated the Brothers and pupils. He said that Catholics, in addition to supporting their own schools, were being taxed for schools they could not, in conscience, support. The headmaster (Brother Columba) paid a tribute to the work of Brother Hilary, headmaster from 1943 to 1948, and said that the new buildings Brother Hilary had caused to be erected were a monument to his memory.

A fete, organised by a ladies' committee, under Mesdames H. Fogo (president), E. Johnson (secretary) and B. Kemp (treasurer), was recently held at St. Patrick's School, Wallsend, and realised more than £50. Mrs. Mortimer judged the cooking competition, which was won by Mesdames Hourigan, Mahoney, Strang and Miss K. Kelly. A break-up concert was held by the pupils at the school on December 14.

First Year pupils of Newcastle Girls' High School distributed gifts to children at Waratah Deaf and Dumb Institute, each child receiving a jar of sweets and a toy. The pupils also staged the play, "The Culprits."

Mrs. M. Preston, of Stockton, has been appointed president of the Diocesan Council of the Legion of Catholic Women by His Lordship the Bishop of Maitland, the Most Rev. E. Gleeson, C.S.S.R., D.D. The secretary is Miss Lillian Newton (Islington); treasurer, Mrs. A. Gray (Newcastle), and vice-presidents Mesdames J. White (Maitland), J.

**(Newcastle), and vice-presidents
Mesdames L. Whyte (Maitland), J.
Cunningham (Raymond Terrace)
and J. O. Buxton (Hamilton).**