

ceased young lady, who was only twenty-four at the time of her death, was born at Wanganui. She took up the nursing profession, and went through her training with very great credit at Strathmore Hospital and Mrs. Pope's Nursing Home. Her death was quite unexpected. The deepest sympathy is felt with the family under the sad circumstances. Requiem Mass for the repose of her soul was celebrated in the Cathedral on Friday last by the Very Rev. Father Price, Adm., who afterwards officiated at the interment in the Linwood Cemetery. The Dead March from 'Saul' was played by Mrs. W. Cronin on the Cathedral organ at the conclusion of Mass. R.I.P.

## WEDDING BELLS

DUFFY—TOBIN.

The Catholic Church, Alexandra (writes a correspondent), was the scene of a very pretty wedding on January 13, the contracting parties being Mr. W. H. Duffy, eldest son of Mr. D. Duffy, of Greymouth, and Miss Letitia Tobin, youngest daughter of Mrs. T. Tobin, of Arrowtown. A Nuptial Mass was celebrated by Rev. Father Hunt, who also performed the marriage ceremony. The bride, who was given away by her brother, Mr. P. Tobin, was attired in a blue lustre dress with white lace trimmings, and hat to match. She also wore a handsome gold bangle set with diamonds and rubies, the gift of the bridegroom. She was attended by Miss Bella Gray as bridesmaid. The bridegroom's present to the bridesmaid was a beautiful gold brooch. The bridegroom was attended by Mr. R. C. Hefferman (Greymouth) as best man. After the ceremony the wedding party drove to the residence of Mrs. McClintock, the bride's sister, where the wedding breakfast was partaken of and the usual toasts honored. The happy couple left by train for Dunedin and the Lakes, where the honeymoon will be spent. A large number of useful and valuable presents were received, thus testifying to the esteem in which the young couple are held.

## NEW BOOKS

Messrs. Mills, Dick, and Co.'s Otago, Southland, and South Canterbury *Almanac and Directory* for 1909 is to hand. The current issue of this useful publication, like its predecessors, contains a great amount of interesting and necessary information. It is a book which should find a place on the desk of every business man and farmer in the districts for which it is intended.

We desire to congratulate our Brisbane Catholic contemporary, *The Age*, on its very fine Christmas issue of eighty pages and illustrated supplement. There are many illustrations, and the letter-press consists of stories, articles on various subjects, sketches, and poetry, the whole making an excellent collection of reading matter suitable for the Christmas season.

The Christmas number of the 'C.Y.M.', a monthly magazine published by the Adelaide Catholic Club, is a production that reflects credit on those responsible for its publication, and compares very favorably with any of its kind that reach this office. The articles are varied and interesting, and treat of important questions in a manner that will assuredly popularise this excellent little magazine.

The *Almanac of the Diocese of Maitland*, a copy of which is just to hand, is an extremely handy, useful, and well compiled publication. In addition to a detailed account of the various missions in the diocese, there are interesting tables dealing with the increase of the Catholic population and progress of the diocese and other matters of general interest. The usefulness of the publication is so apparent that it is strange similar ones have not before now been issued in connection with other dioceses of Australasia.

The annual issued by the students of St. Patrick's College, Ballarat, is a very creditable publication, and in keeping with the leading position which the college holds among the Catholic scholastic institutions of the Commonwealth. The contributions in prose and verse reach a high degree of excellence, whilst the illustrations are numerous and very well done. The college, which is conducted by the Christian Brothers, has been eminently successful in the number of its pupils who have distinguished themselves in the university and public service examinations.

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