

DIOCESE OF DUNEDIN

At St. Joseph's Cathedral on Christmas Day Masses will be celebrated at 6, 7, 8, 9, and Pontifical High Mass at eleven o'clock. In the evening, commencing at seven o'clock, there will be the Holy Rosary, after which a recital of sacred music will be given by the Cathedral choir, followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

His Lordship the Bishop visited the parish of Riversdale on Sunday, and officiated at the blessing and opening of the new church, dedicated to St. Joan of Arc at Mossburn. In the evening his Lordship preached in St. Mary's Church, Riversdale, and on Monday returned to the city. An extended report of the ceremony at Mossburn will be given in our next issue.

At the Church of the Sacred Heart, North-east Valley, the other week the wedding was solemnised of Mr. C. L'Estrange, of Wellington, and formerly of Dunedin, and Miss Ellen Thompson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Thompson, of North-east Valley, Dunedin. Rev. Father Spillane officiated and celebrated Nuptial Mass. The bride, who entered the church on the arm of her father, looked charming in pure white, with wreath and veil, and was attended by her sister (Miss Clare Thompson). Mr. Wolf (Wellington) was best man. The high altar was beautifully decorated with arum lilies and white roses, and Our Lady's Altar with white roses, the tasteful work of Misses Fogarty (2) and Hanly (2), friends of the bride. Always a faithful Child of Mary and a popular president of the sodality, the bride was, some time previously, entertained by the members at a social gathering and made the recipient of a parting gift. After the ceremony a large number of guests were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Thompson, at the Bowling Pavilion and later at a dance in the local Catholic schoolroom. Many good wishes accompanied the newly-wedded couple on their honeymoon and expressions of regret from the Valley congregation at the loss of so popular and useful a member, one who was always a willing worker at bazaars, socials, etc., and who was also a member of the Sacred Heart Church choir.

In connection with the musical examinations held in Oamaru last Thursday by Mr. Wesley Roberts, of the Amalgamated Board of the Royal Academy and Royal College, London, three primary candidates—Sheila Brown, Roberta Hinkley, and L. Tonkin—gained distinction, their respective marks being 138, 135, and 135. This honor is conferred but rarely by the Board's examiners. The candidates are to be complimented on their fine achievement, and their teachers, the Misses Cartwright, deserve warmest congratulations upon the success of their pupils. Further successes achieved by the same teachers are as follows:—Inter. Theory—E. McTaggart, 91 (honors); R. Gudsell, 89 (honors); inter practical—E. McTaggart, 85 (honors); R. Gudsell, 81 (honors). Prep. practical—Sheila Brown, 92 (honors); Louise Tonkin, 88 (honors).

The following pupils of St. Dominic's College, Dunedin, were successful in the Sixth Standard examination:—

Proficiency: M. Barr, M. Bartholomew, M.

Bourke, I. F. Brown, M. Campbell, M. Duggan, K. Hilliard, E. Jenkins, M. McTamney, T. McVeigh, N. McKenzie, D. Rodgers, C. Smith, V. Sullivan, V. Todd, E. Walters. Competency: W. Comer.

DEATH OF SISTER M. RAPHAEL, O.S.D.

With very sincere regret we announce the death of Sister Mary Raphael (Martin), who passed away on Monday at St. Dominic's Priory, Dunedin, in the sixty-second year of her age and the thirty-eighth year of her religious profession. Solemn Requiem Mass for the repose of her soul was celebrated at St. Joseph's Cathedral on Tuesday morning. R.I.P.

CHRISTIAN BROTHERS' SCHOOL, DUNEDIN.

DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES.

The "breaking-up" ceremony in connection with the Christian Brothers' School was held in the school hall last Friday morning, the principal (Brother Murphy) presiding.

His Lordship the Bishop, Right Rev. Dr. Whyte, said that it was a great pleasure to him to join in the distribution of prizes. In the first place he would like to congratulate the boys and the Brothers on the entertainment given in His Majesty's Theatre on Thursday night. The performance throughout was an excellent one, and showed that an enormous amount of work had been carried out both by the Brothers and the boys. Continuing, the Bishop said it was pleasing to know of the industry of the pupils during the year, but it was not everything to carry off the prizes. On a blackboard in another school he had seen written: "It is a greater thing to try without success than it is to succeed without trying," and those who had tried, but who had not won prizes should not be discouraged. He could speak of a number of men in history who had fought against disadvantages such as ill-health and want of opportunity, and yet they had made good as they had had great perseverance. Writers, painters, and sculptors succeeded in life through their industry and perseverance. It was not the cleverest boys who made the most of their lives, but those who plodded on and persevered. Their parents would be proud of them if they proved attentive to their religious duties and obeyed their parents and treated them with thoughtfulness all the days of their lives. In conclusion, the Bishop said that all reports showed that the work of the Christian Brothers had a salutary effect on the civic life of this city. He expressed his pleasure that the boys had given the Brothers every satisfaction, and he knew that they were all proud of the men who taught them. (Applause.)

Mr. J. H. McPhee, the secretary of the Otago Boys' Cricket Association, in presenting the Hudson Cricket Shield to the Christian Brothers' captain, congratulated the school on winning both the senior and junior championships during the past year. In the course of his remarks Mr. McPhee said that cricket was one of the finest games "under the sun" as it required the team spirit—loyalty to the captain and loyalty to fellow members. It was one of the finest disciplinary games he knew of, as it taught

patience and unselfishness. The Christian Brothers' boys played their best because of their loyalty to their teams and to their school. (Applause.)

Messrs. J. J. Marlow and Gillick attended the function as representatives of the Hibernian Society. Mr. Marlow, who acted as spokesman, said that when the Hibernian Parliament met in Christchurch three years ago the question of scholarships had been discussed, and it was decided to do something in the matter. The local society was the first to take action, and Bishop Whyte would later present a scholarship valued at £5 for three years, together with a medal, to Master Jack Hall. He urged the boys who were leaving school to join the Hibernian Society, and to remain true to the traditions and priceless heritage which had been handed down to them.

Mr. C. Todd, who endorsed the remarks of the previous speakers, urged the boys to commence saving, as it was surprising how even comparatively small sums mounted up as an investment for the future. He thanked the Brothers for the careful training of his own sons, and he knew full well that the thorough tuition was still carried out. The school was one to be proud of, and the Brothers deserved all honor. (Applause.)

After Bishop Whyte had presented the prizes the function closed with the singing of "God Save Ireland."

The following is the prize-list:—

SECONDARY DEPARTMENT.

Matriculation Class—Christian doctrine: J. Corcoran (medal, gift of Mr. Julius Dunne). Dux of school (medal, gift of Dr. Hall): B. Lynskey. Dux of third-year class: J. Faulks.

Intermediate Class—Christian doctrine: W. Tither. Dux: H. McKewen.

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.

Standard VII.—Dux: C. McDonnell. Second in class: D. Roche. Third in class: T. Lacey. Commercial: L. Jones (dux). Christian doctrine: D. Roche (dux).

Standard VI.—Dux: J. Hall. Class prizes: R. Campbell, W. Woods, A. Brown, J. Beard, W. Lowe. Christian doctrine: J. Beard.

Standard V.—Christian doctrine: E. Pledger. Class prizes: M. Nichol, E. Murphy, G. Hussey, R. Kearney, E. Pledger.

Standard IV.—Christian doctrine: H. Carter. Dux: F. Hall. Second prize: Roy Kennedy. Third prize: N. Rae. English: C. Duggan. General proficiency: K. Toomey. Drawing and handwork: C. Lee.

Standard III.—Christian doctrine: Ray King. Dux: S. Brown (medal, gift of Mr. H. O'Reilly). Class prizes: John Meade, Jack Quinn, Fred Murray, Des. Kerr, J. O'Dea.

Standard II.—Christian doctrine: Noel Hall. Dux (medal, gift of Mr. Gawne): Jeff Phelan. Class prizes: Noel Rodden, Don Millar, Jack Farmer, Ed. Fennessy, Phil Rumble.

Special Prizes.—Hibernian Society's scholarship: J. Hall. Athenaeum prize: M. Hayes. Best gymnast (medal, gift of Mr. D. Beard): J. Gouley. Best characters in the play "The Triumph of Justice": F. Foster, J. Howard, and C. McDonnell.

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