

ings, too, were of high excellence, whilst the numerous lovely specimens of fancy work, in almost every conceivable variety, plain and fancy needlework, etc., formed quite an extensive display. At the entertainment and subsequent distribution of prizes his Lordship the Bishop presided, and there were also present the Very Rev. Vicar-General, Rev. Fathers O'Donnell and O'Brien, C.S.S.R., Marnane, McDonald, A. McDonnell, Manony, and O'Connell, and a crowded audience of the pupils' parents and friends. The following programme was rendered with complete success:—Duet, Misses L. Sim, L. Burland, M. O'Halloran, N. Percy, J. Keppler, B. Myles, H. Ryan, E. O'Malley, (organ) M. O'Connor, action song and drill, junior pupils; duet, Misses D. Peachey, L. Dwyer, V. Barker, M. Coakley, L. O'Halloran, B. Riordan, I. Rule, E. McCarthy, (violin) L. Sim, (organ) A. Riordan; instrumental selection, (violins) Misses L. Sim, A. Rantin, E. Dorrett, (harp) R. Young, (organ) H. O'Connor, (piano) Miss Barker, song and drill, pupils; solo, Misses Barker, McLaren, Washburn, O'Connor; duet, Misses N. Coakley, C. Sparks, M. Slattery, A. D'Connell, E. Murphy, G. Wood, E. Poff, G. Barker, (violins) Misses K. Guiney, A. Rantin, (organ) Miss M. O'Connor; recitation, Miss N. Coakley; trio, Misses A. Rainbow, A. Coakley, K. O'Malley, H. Cummings, E. Dorrett, G. Wilson, E. Murphy, E. Sullivan, U. Williams, E. Poff, (harps) Misses K. O'Halloran, S. Ansen, (organ) Miss A. Riordan; instrumental selection, (violins) Misses L. Sim, K. Guiney, A. Rantin, E. Dorrett, (piano) C. McLaren, (organ) Miss M. O'Connor, (harp) Miss A. O'Halloran; duet, Misses D. Amyes, K. O'Halloran, F. Walsh, M. Hartnell, V. Gardner, S. Guiney, R. and R. Buchanan, (harps) Misses Barker, R. Young, (organ) Miss M. O'Connor, (violins) Misses L. Sim, A. Rantin, monologue, Miss J. McLaren; carols, the pupils, solo, 'Irish Diamonds,' Misses Barker, McLaren, Washburn, O'Connor, (harp) Miss R. Young.

After the prize distribution the Bishop expressed the thanks of all present for the enjoyment afforded by the excellent entertainment. He congratulated the Sisters on the great success attending their labors during the year, and the pupils on the results attained.

Cathedral (Girls') Parish School.—This school, also controlled by the Sisters of the Mission, assembled on Friday morning, December 16, for the distribution of prizes. His Lordship the Bishop presided, and among the numerous audience were the Very Rev. Vicar-General, Rev. Fathers O'Brien C.S.S.R., O'Connell and Mahony. An entertainment, in which a greater part of the pupils appeared to be engaged, formed a prelude to the prize-giving, and was carried through most creditably. The Bishop, in cordially thanking the young people for their enjoyable entertainment, characterised the performance as a creditable one. The great part of the school children had apparently been given something to do, and they had done it really well. After eulogising the work of the Sisters, carried on for some years under very disadvantageous circumstances as regards accommodation, he said that after the holidays the school would be transferred to the now Pro-Cathedral, which would afford everything desirable and facilitate greatly the work of their devoted teachers.

OBITUARY

MR. THOMAS BOWDEN, JUN., WELLINGTON.

(From a correspondent.)

It is my sad duty to record the death of Mr. Thomas Bowden, son of Mr. Thomas Bowden, of Thornton Quay, and brother of Rev. J. Bowden, of Palmerston North, which took place at his father's residence on Sunday, December 4. The deceased, who was chief clerk in the stationmaster's office, Wellington, succumbed to an attack of inflammation of the liver and hemorrhage of the stomach. During the week previous to his lamented death he had attended the mission being given by the Redemptorist Fathers in the Sacred Heart Basilica, and Father Clune attended him on Sunday morning and prepared him for the last Sacraments, which were administered in the afternoon by Father Holley, who declared that his death was the happiest he had ever witnessed. Widespread sympathy has been expressed with the family in their sad bereavement. The high esteem in which the deceased was held in the Railway Department was shown by the number of beautiful wreaths sent from each branch of the service. The funeral took place on Tuesday afternoon. Father Bowden (brother of deceased) conducted the solemn service in the Sacred Heart Basilica, assisted by the following priests: Ven. Archdeacon Devoy, Very Rev. Fathers Keogh and Lane, and Rev. Fathers Ainsworth, Holley, Clune, Finnerty, McDermott, O'Reilly, Murray, Walsh, W. Tymons, O'Shea, McNamara, and Schapfen. The

funeral procession to the cemetery at Karori was a long one, many of deceased's comrades being amongst those who followed him to his last resting-place. Father Bowden again officiated at the graveside.—R.I.P.

MOTHER MARY TERESA MAHON, SOUTH DUNEDIN.

The Sisters of Mercy, South Dunedin, have the sincere sympathy of the whole Catholic community in the loss which they have sustained by the death of Mother Mary Teresa Mahon, who passed to her eternal reward on Sunday at the age of 45 years. The deceased religious was born in Streamstown, County Meath, Ireland, and entered the Order of the Sisters of Mercy at Singleton, New South Wales, in 1887. She came to South Dunedin in 1900, and since then acted principally as mistress of novices and had charge of St. Philomena's School. Deceased had been ill for about nine days from pneumonia, during which time she had the unremitting attention of Dr. O'Neill. On Tuesday morning a Solemn Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of the deceased was celebrated in St. Patrick's Basilica by his Lordship the Bishop, Rev. Father Cleary being assistant priest, Rev. Father Delany deacon, Rev. Father Corcoran subdeacon, and Rev. Father Murphy, Adm. St. Joseph's Cathedral, master of ceremonies. Rev. Father Coffey was also present in the sanctuary. The music was rendered by the choir of the basilica. The funeral took place in the afternoon, the remains being interred in the Southern Cemetery. The funeral procession was headed by the Christian Brothers' boys, the children of the St. Vincent de Paul Orphanage, and the pupils of St. Patrick's School. His Lordship the Bishop officiated at the grave, assisted by the clergy whose names are given above, and also Rev. Father Howard.—R.I.P.

Owing to the pressure on our space we are compelled to hold over some editorial matter and several reports.

Our Wanganui correspondent, telegraphing on Wednesday morning, informs us that the medal for singing, at the distribution of prizes at the local convent, should be credited to Miss Dora Carroll, not Miss 'Dora Robson,' as stated in the report forwarded to us.

The feast of the Immaculate Conception at St. Mary's Church (writes our Nelson correspondent) was observed with great solemnity. The church was profusely decorated. The Rev. Father George Mahony celebrated a Missa Cantata, and a large number of the parishioners received Holy Communion. The choir rendered Gounod's Messe Solennelle in a most creditable manner. The soloists were Mrs. A. P. Burnes, Mrs. Martin, Mr. Peary, and Mr. Housiaux. Miss Duff ably presided at the organ, the baton being wielded by Mr. W. H. Redwood.

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