

**WEDDING BELLS**

**LEYDON—O'DONNELL.**

A very pretty wedding (writes a Dannevirke correspondent) was celebrated at St. Michael's Church on December 23, when Mr. J. Leydon, of Okarae, and Miss Mary O'Donnell, eldest daughter of Mr. J. O'Donnell, of Norsewood, were united in the bonds of wedlock. Rev. Father O'Shea performed the ceremony. The bride, who was given away by her father, was attended by her sister, Miss Nellie O'Donnell, and Mr. T. Leydon, the bridegroom's brother, acted as best man. There was a large crowd of friends at the church, considering the early hour (8 o'clock) at which the wedding was celebrated. Mrs. Dunne played the 'Wedding March' and the choir, under Mr. Dunne, sang appropriate hymns. The party then drove to the residence of the bride's parents at Norsewood, where the wedding breakfast was laid, and the Rev. Father O'Shea proposed the health of the bride and bridegroom. Other toasts were also duly honored. Later on the happy couple left for Napier, where the honeymoon was to be spent. The presents were of a substantial nature and numbered over seventy, and several congratulatory letters and telegrams were received from all parts of the Dominion.

**OBITUARY**

**MRS. BISHOP, WAIPUKURAU.**

It is with regret that we have to record the death of Mrs. M. A. Bishop, wife of Mr. A. P. Bishop, of Waipukurau. The deceased was the fourth daughter of the late Mr. John Butler, Ashburton, and sister to Mrs. Patrick Devane and Mrs. G. Lorimer, both of Christchurch, and Mrs. John Fitzgerald, of Stratford. She was married some few years ago to Mr. Alfred Patrick Bishop, son of Mr. James Bishop, of Blenheim, near Ashburton. At the time of her death the deceased was 37 years of age, and leaves a family of six to mourn their loss. Mr. Bishop has the sincere sympathy of his many friends in his bereavement.—R.I.P.

**MR. ALPHONSUS J. ROCHE, INVERCARGILL.**

The many friends of our esteemed townsman, Mr. D. Roche (says the 'Southland Daily News') will regret to learn that he has sustained a bereavement in the sudden decease of his youngest son, Alphonsus James, at the age of 21 years. The young man left for Dunedin on Christmas Day for a holiday, and on the Thursday before last when spending the day at Anderson's Bay, met with a fall which he did not expect would have serious results, and, though he suffered from a sore head, he did not consult a doctor. He returned home on Monday night, and said nothing to his parents about the accident, but on Tuesday morning he complained of feeling unwell, and, when Dr. Young was sent for, it was found that he was suffering from inflammation of the brain, from which he succumbed on Wednesday morning, January 1. A few years ago the deceased had a fall in his father's shop, where he was employed, and met with an injury to his head, which, his medical adviser told him might develop into something serious should he receive a knock in the same place, and it is probable that this occurred, with the result stated.—R.I.P.

**ST. PATRICK'S BOYS' SCHOOL, OAMARU**

The annual distribution of prizes took place on December 20. The Right Rev. Monsignor Mackay, who was accompanied by Father O'Neill, presided, and, prior to the distribution of the prizes, complimented the boys on their work of the year, and concluded his remarks by wishing them a happy holiday. The prize list was as follows:—

- Dux (medal).—T. Hogan.
- Standard VI.—Composition (Bulleid and Co.'s prize): H. Rooney 1, W. Dineen 2. Spelling J. Murphy. Home Work: T. Hogan.
- Standard V.—Arithmetic: D. Keane (Mr. Morris' prize). Spelling and reading: D. Keane. Composition: J. Crowley. Writing: F. Brown.
- Standard III.—Arithmetic: T. McLoughlin. Composition, T. McLoughlin. Class Work: W. Hogan. Improvement: T. Tansey. Recitation: W. Hogan.
- Standard II.—Arithmetic: M. O'Donnell, J. Mulli-

gan, J. White. Writing W. Cooney, L. Cartwright, J. Connell. Recitation: G. Kearns.  
Standard I.—Arithmetic: P. Reilly.

**BLenheim CONVENT SCHOOLS**

(From our own correspondent.)

The breaking up of the Blenheim Convent Schools took place during the Christmas week in St. Patrick's Hall and was largely attended. The children, under the able and painstaking tuition of the Sisters of St. Mary's Convent, rendered the cantata 'Irish May Day' in a manner which reflected great credit both on the children and their teachers, the part singing and dialogues respectively being of a high order. The principal parts in the cantata were taken by the following:—Misses Harris, M. Hale, S. McCusker and Kelleher and L. O'Donoghue, and Masters H. Horton, L. Lane and Burgess. The piece was produced with good effect, the staging being exceptionally well done.

Several other items of a highly commendable character were given during the evening, which included; 'The Fan Drill,' by the girls; 'Tall Top Hat' (a funny sketch) by ten boys; recitations by Miss B. Leake ('Legend of Ave Maria') and Master Whelan ('The Newsboy Debt.') A trio, 'The three maids of Lee,' was well given by Misses Scannel, Curry and Leake. 'The bald-headed man' (a sketch by Miss Perano and Masters Onion and Whelan) was most amusing. The entertainment was concluded by the children giving a capital rendering of 'God defend New Zealand.'

The prizes were distributed by the Rev. Father Holy, the list being as follows:—

**ST. JOSEPH'S GIRLS' SCHOOL.**

Good conduct (medal), Margaret Dundon. Senior Christian Doctrine (medal). Junior Christian Doctrine Christina Smith. Highest Attendance, Theresa Curry. Singing, Margaret Harris.

Standard VII.—Arithmetic, Spelling, Margaret Dundon; Composition, Reading and Shorthand and Book-keeping, Lucy O'Donoghue; Writing, Drawing and Brushwork, and Sewing, Margaret Harris.

Standard VI.—Kathleen Kelleher; Composition, Kathleen O'Leary; Spelling, Margaret Terry; Writing, Mary Scannel; Drawing and Drill, Kathleen Kelleher.

Standard V.—Theresa O'Connor; Composition, Stella McCusker; Spelling, Madge Murphy; Reading and Recitation, Annie Perano; Writing, Doris O'Sullivan; General Improvement, Ella Curry; Diligence, Eileen Leake.

Standard IV.—Arithmetic, Drawing, and Sewing, Mary Casey; Composition and Reading and Recitation, Christina O'Donoghue; Spelling, and Writing, Monica Hale; History and Geography, Vivia Murphy; General Improvement, Eileen Hennessey.

Standard III.—Arithmetic, Julia O'Brien; Composition and Spelling, Amy McCusker; Reading, Mary Curry; Writing, Cora Burgess; Spelling, Veronica Leake; Diligence, Fanny Shea; General Improvement, Doris Burgess; Sewing, Fanny Shea.

Standard II.—Arithmetic, Christina Smith; Spelling, Alice Hogan; Reading, Gertrude Healy; Writing and Drawing, Annie Kilmartin.

**ST. MARY'S SCHOOL.**

Good conduct (medal) 1st division: David Onion; 2nd division (book), Charles Burns. Christian Doctrine, 1st Division (medal), Fred Costello; 2nd division (book), Clifford O'Connor. Most regular Altar Boy, Bernard McCusker. Highest attendance, John Terry. Singing, Horace Lane 1st; Hector Horton 2nd. Drill, James Costello. Woodwork, William Burgess. Best Flower Garden, George Wensley. Best Gardener, James Maher.

Standard VI.—Arithmetic, Spelling and English Composition, Fred Costello; Reading and Recitation, Drawing, and Writing, William Burgess; Highest marks at examination, John Walshe; General improvement, Wm. Walshe, Charles Browne, Albert Homes.

Standard V.—Arithmetic, Spelling and Geography, David Onion; English Composition and Drawing, Hector Horton; Reading, John Onion; Writing, William Scannel.

Standard IV.—Arithmetic; Spelling, Reading and Recitation, Horace Lane; English Composition, Von. Browne; Writing, Fred O'Sullivan; General improvement, Fred O'Sullivan, Gerald O'Neal, Mervyn Miles; Drawing, Gus Smith.

Standard III.—Arithmetic, Writing, Charles Burns; Reading and Spelling, William Cameron; English Composition, Charles Burns; Drawing, Fred Avery.

Standard II.—Arithmetic, Andrew O'Brien; Spelling, John Terry; Writing, James Healy; Drawing, Arthur Smith; Reading and Recitation, James Whelan; General improvement, Leo O'Brien; Geography, Thomas Murphy.