

in leading articles, and the people know where to look for those opinions, but they don't always know where to look for news. I have read a good many things, and all I have to say is that, as a word is a bad price to pay for some of the stuff you get on this side. Which last sentiment we endorse and subscribe to with both hands.

## DIocese OF DUNEDIN

The annual entertainment by the pupils of the Christian Brothers' School takes place in the Garrison Hall on Monday evening. As usual, an excellent and varied programme has been prepared, and patrons can rest assured of an enjoyable evening's entertainment.

The following pupils of the Sisters of Mercy, South Dunedin and Mosgiel, were successful at the recent examinations held in connection with the Royal Academy and Royal College of Music, London:—Primary—J. Dyer, Ima Dawson, Priscilla Hargraves, Ethel McKay, Maggie O'Donnell (Mosgiel). Elementary—Mollie Brennan, Kitty Ingles (Mosgiel), Violet Jones (Mosgiel).

After a two days' sitting, the case of Burden v. the Crown, in which Mary Burden sought to recover £1500 compensation for the death of her husband, who was suffocated in a gasholder at the Dunedin Railway Station on April 1, was concluded yesterday (says the *Otago Daily Times* of December 15), the jury, after a retirement of 50 minutes, finding in favor of petitioner for £1100. An outstanding feature of the proceedings was the ability with which Mr. J. B. Callan, jun., conducted the case for the petitioner.

The Most Rev. Dr. Delany, Archbishop of Hobart, arrived in Dunedin by the Ulmaroa from Hobart on Tuesday. Accompanied by his Lordship Dr. Verdon and the Rev. Father Coffey, Adm., his Grace visited the schools, the Home of the Little Sisters of the Poor, and the St. Vincent de Paul Orphanage on Tuesday afternoon. His Grace left for a short visit to Wellington on Wednesday, and purposes returning to Dunedin on Saturday. His Grace intends to spend about a fortnight in New Zealand.

## DIocese OF AUCKLAND

(By Telegraph from our own correspondent.)

December 13.

Marist Brothers' Old Boys' musical branch give an entertainment this evening in the Ponsonby Hall in aid of the Altar Society of the Sacred Heart parish.

The Right Rev. Dr. Lenihan, accompanied by the Rev. Father Holbrook, left on Saturday for Cambridge, where his Lordship administered the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday.

The following are the officers of the Confraternity of Children of Mary (Cathedral parish) for the ensuing twelve months:—President, Miss Julia Rist; vice-president, Miss Mary Rist; secretary, Miss Mary Dinan; treasurer, Miss Mary Duffin. His Lordship the Bishop and Rev. Father Holbrook were present at the annual meeting, and delivered addresses. His Lordship congratulated the members on the good work they were doing. He hoped they would continue to be worthy and exemplary children of our Blessed Lady.

A special meeting of the Cemetery Board was held on last Friday evening, the Right Rev. Mgr. Gillan presiding. His Lordship the Bishop was also present. The board passed a resolution to the effect that in view of the Auckland Corporation assuming control of the cemetery on January 1, and that as the children attending St. Benedict's School now occupied a corner portion, where old St. Francis de Sales' Church stood, for a playground, it was hoped that the children would not be disturbed in the enjoyment of it. The secretary was instructed to convey to the Mayor and each councillor a copy of the resolution. It is hoped that the ground may be retained for the children, as they have no other playground.

## Hawera

(From our own correspondent.)

The recent school committee trouble is no doubt still fresh in the memory of your readers, and in the face of hard facts that were made known at that time, all will be glad to know that Mr. P. O'Dea, LL.B., has been elected a member of the board. Some few weeks ago a vacancy occurred through Mr. Cargill, of Patea, resigning his seat, and immediately the committee in that town, where Mr. O'Dea's sterling qualities are known, nominated him for the vacancy. There were two other persons nominated for the seat, but it is gratifying to chronicle that Mr. O'Dea was returned by a very large majority.

## Blenheim

(From our own correspondent.)

A most enjoyable programme was presented in the Town Hall, Blenheim, by the music pupils of the Sisters of Mercy (says the local *Herald*). The pupils were assisted by Mrs. Allen, L.A.B., and Mr. J. Hardin, L.C.V., and from beginning to end of a long programme thoroughly pleased an enthusiastic audience, which was very satisfactory as regards numbers. The choruses were well balanced and sung with good attempt at effect. All were good, the Spinning chorus being exceptionally so. In this the chorus were assisted by Mr. Harden's violin obligato. Miss F. Penney was the soloist, and sang with confidence. Miss K. Daly's solo, 'Oh! sing to God,' was a trying one, but was admirably sustained by the young singer. Miss D. Clouston's solo was also pleasing. In 'I waited for the Lord' the solos were taken by Miss K. Scott-Smith and Miss E. Ball. This was well rendered, and was well received. Vocal solos were given by Misses K. Daly, B. Draper, K. Scott-Smith, E. Ball, M. Ball, Lisle Ewart, and Mona Litchfield. Several vocal concerted numbers were admirably rendered, whilst the instrumental items gave evidence of ability and excellent tuition. The accompaniments were played by Mrs. W. Allen, L.A.B., and Misses E. Chambers and B. Stuart.

## Waimate

(From an occasional correspondent.)

The mission conducted by the Marist Fathers in St. Patrick's Church, Waimate, came to a close on December 7. During the ten days of the mission the beautiful new church, recently opened by his Lordship Bishop Grimes, was packed every evening, people coming great distances to attend the mission. Great numbers received Holy Communion every morning, and almost every parishioner went to Confession and Communion during the mission. Special devotions in honor of the Blessed Sacrament and our Blessed Lady respectively were well carried out. On Wednesday there was a procession in honor of Our Lady, a statue being carried by children dressed in white, whilst other children and members of the Hibernian Society joined in the procession. On Friday evening there was a procession of the Blessed Sacrament. The officers of the Hibernian Society carried the canopy, and those who walked in the procession in honor of Our Lady joined also in this. On Sunday night was witnessed one of the grandest sights ever seen in the parish, when the immense congregation, holding lighted candles, renewed their baptismal promises. The sermon appropriate to the occasion was preached by the Rev. Father Kimbell. Before the close of the mission a Sodality of Children of Mary was established with a membership of fifty. The Hibernian Society added twenty new members to its ranks, and the Apostleship of Prayer was reorganised with a membership of two hundred. On Tuesday night, the closing night of the mission, the Rev. Father O'Connell preached on 'Perseverance.' He congratulated priests and people on the magnificent display of faith and piety in the parish, and urged all to be steadfast to the good resolutions of the mission. He then imparted the Papal Benediction, and the mission was brought to a close by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

On last Wednesday evening missions were commenced at Makikihi and Morven churches, which are attended by the Waimate priests. The Rev. Fathers O'Connell and Kimbell spent a few days alternately in each place, and large congregations attended the various exercises, morning and evening. These two missions were brought to a close on Monday night, when the Rev. Father O'Connell preached at Makikihi and the Rev. Father Kimbell at Morven to large congregations. The missionaries left on Tuesday for their home in Temuka, where they will take a little rest after their arduous labors.

## WEDDING BELLS

DOWLING—KEARNEY.

A very pretty wedding took place at St. John's Church, Ranfurly, on October 20, the contracting parties being Mr. Thomas Dowling, youngest son of Mr. John Dowling, of Hyde, and Miss Bridget Kearney, eldest daughter of Mr. Patrick Kearney, of Derry Farm, Ranfurly. The bride was given away by her father, and was attended by her sisters, Misses Cassey, Mary, and Annie, Kearney; whilst Master Anthony and Miss Mary Dowling, nephew and niece of the bridegroom, acted as train-bearers. Mr. P. W. Kearney was best man. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father McMullan, who afterwards celebrated a Nuptial Mass. On the bridal party leaving the church the Wedding March was played by Miss Mary Bleach. The bride looked charming in a princess gown of white silk trimmed with insertion and braid. After the ceremony the party drove to the residence of the bride's parents, where about 100 guests sat down to breakfast. The Rev. Father