

spent annually in New Zealand on primary school scholarships and how the money is allocated. The total expenditure on Education Board scholarships during the year 1909—the latest year for which official figures are at present available—was £8487, and the following list shows the number, value, and distribution of the Board scholarships current at the end of 1909.

- Auckland.—22 at £40, 6 at £30, 13 at £25, 8 at £20, 19 at £15, 29 at £10.
- Taranaki.—4 at £35, 1 at £16, 2 at £14, 12 at £10.
- Wanganui.—11 at £40, 11 at £15, 1 at £12, 11 at £10.
- Wellington.—4 at £40, 4 at £35, 1 at £18, 18 at £15, 28 at £5.
- Hawke's Bay.—14 at £30, 10 at £16, 1 at £15, 2 at £7, 10 at £2, 10 at £1.
- Marlborough.—3 at £25, 4 at £10.
- Nelson.—3 at £40, 1 at £25, 2 at £17, 22 at £15.
- Grey.—1 at £26, 6 at £8.
- Westland.—2 at £24, 1 at £20, 11 at £10, 1 at £4.
- North Canterbury.—11 at £40, 8 at £30, 9 at £20, 17 at £10.
- South Canterbury.—7 at £27, 24 at £17, 10 at £10.
- Otago.—10 at £40, 7 at £20, 16 at £25, 4 at £12, 10, 6 at £10, 11 at £7, 19, 17 at £5, 18 at £4.
- Southland.—19 at £30, 9 at £5.

The amount paid out on Junior National Scholarships for the same year was £2241.

An Indian Humorist

The following account of the idiosyncrasies of Bombay is taken from a racy article by D. A. Ghaswalla, entitled 'Silly Thoughts on Bombay,' which appeared in a recent issue of the Deccan College Quarterly. We give the extract as reprinted in our contemporary, the Bombay Examiner.

The newest epidemic in Bombay is that of motor-cars. Safety from these does not lie in inoculation, but in the gutters. In Bombay motor-car drivers have full and unrestricted powers to run over pedestrians, and killing in this manner is no murder. I remember one of these monstrosities trying its trick on me; but I was too agile for it—I dodged it and leapt into the nearest gutter, stepping triumphantly on terra firma after it rushed past me, the chauffeur looking back over his shoulder at me as much as to say, 'What a pity I missed you!' You will find victorias chased by victorias and both chased by the above-named motors, not to mention the tram-cars which serve to knock down anybody that may have been inadvertently overlooked by the first two. For pedestrians, therefore, it is a case of the survival of the fittest; and according to the now well-established laws of evolution and development, the next generation of Bombayites will be provided with four eyes in their heads, each at right angles to the other—which arrangement will enable them to survey their surroundings from any given position.

Bombayites have the canine gift of smell. Some portions of the town are such a bewildering tangle of streets and bye-lanes that the houses are like pigeon-holes, and were it not for this instinctive sense of smell no mother's son would be able to get back to his room when once he had left it.

There are also too many men in Bombay. A simple and natural way of remedying this superfluity would be for the P. and O. Company to organise a special excursion service, by which shiploads of passengers may be taken out to sea at double fares—and sunk mid ocean. This plan would benefit the company as well as the Bombay Improvement Trust.

Bombay is a land of hisses. Should you be on the ground floor of your house, or perched on its seventh storey, and desire to hail a hawker or a pedlar, tinker, or a tailor, do not waste your breath by halloing out his personal or trade name. Names serve no purpose in Bombay. Your best friend in the street will not turn a look at you if you called out his name. The only recognised mode of attracting attention there is by clenching your teeth and uttering a succession of sharp hisses in quick time; thus, hiss hiss! hiss! On the omission of this serpentine noise every man, woman, and child in the street will, by a well understood rule, make one complete rotation on their heels, and you will thus be enabled to communicate with whom you please.

DIOCESE OF DUNEDIN

His Most Rev. D. Delany, Archbishop of Hobart, who had been on a visit to New Zealand, left for Hobart on Monday. His Grace celebrated the nine o'clock Mass at St. Joseph's Cathedral on Sunday, and preached an impressive sermon.

On Christmas Day Masses were celebrated at 6, 7, 9, and 11 o'clock in St. Patrick's Basilica, South Dunedin. At the last Mass the music was excellently rendered by the choir under the conductorship of Mr. J. Kerry. Miss Dunbar presiding at the organ. Large numbers approached the Holy Table at the early Masses. The high altar was very tastefully decorated by the Misses Dunbar. Midnight Mass was celebrated at the Home of the 'Little Sisters' of the Poor (Anderson's Bay), by the Rev. Father O'Malley, and at the Convent of the Sisters of Mercy by the Rev. D. O'Neill. At St. Joseph's Cathedral on Christmas Day Masses were celebrated every half-hour from six to nine o'clock. There was Pontifical High Mass at eleven o'clock; this Low Mass (Bishop Verdon being celebrant), Rev. Father Coffey, Adm. assistant priest, Rev. Father Collins, deacon, Rev. Father Scanlan subdeacon, and Rev. Father Corcoran, master of ceremonies. A sermon appropriate to the day's festival was preached by the Rev. Father Coffey. The music of the Third Mass was rendered in a finished manner by the choir under the conductorship of Mr. J. Hussey, Mr. Vallis, presiding at the organ. The Adagio Fideles was sung at the Offertory. At the evening devotion the choir rendered music appropriate to the festival, among the sacred selections being Guilmant's Offertory in two Christmas themes, the Adagio Fideles, Nazareth, Weber's Benedictus, Mozart's 'Agnus Dei,' the 'Gloria' from Mozart's Twelfth Mass, and the motet 'Cor Jesu.' There were very large congregations at all the services, and great numbers approached the Holy Table at the early Masses. The high altar was decorated with much taste, the work of Misses Murphy and White.

Oamaru

(From our own correspondent.) At St. Patrick's Basilica Christmas Day was ushered in by the celebration of midnight Mass, at which there was a large congregation. The Rev. Father Farthing was the celebrant and preached a brief but instructive sermon appropriate to the occasion. Masses were subsequently celebrated by the Right Rev. Monsignor Mackay, V.G., and Rev. Father Farthing, at 7, 9, and 11 o'clock, at all of which the congregations attending were large. The choir assembled in force at the midnight and 11 o'clock Masses, and rendered the music in a very finished manner. The altar decorations were carefully attended to, and reflected credit on Misses M. Duhig and M. Molloy, members of the Altar Society.

Timaru

(From our own correspondent.) The church was suitably decorated for the great Christmas festival, and at the early Masses large numbers approached the Holy Table. Rev. Father Venning sang a Missa Cantata at eleven o'clock, and gave a short discourse appropriate to the day's festival. The choir rendered Farmer's Mass very creditably. Miss E. Donnelly presided at the organ. On Sunday Rev. Father Smyth at the eleven o'clock Mass preached on the Nativity.

OBITUARY

MOTHER M. KENNEDY, TIMARU.

(From our own correspondent.) Mother Mechtilde Kennedy, daughter of Mr. Martin Kennedy of Wellington, passed away on Christmas Eve in the Sacred Heart Convent. Her death was not unexpected, and her parents and relatives were with her a short time before the end. The obsequies took place yesterday (Monday) morning at eleven o'clock. The Rev. Father Duhman, S.M., was celebrant of the Solemn High Mass, assisted by Rev. Father Le Petit, S.M., as deacon, and Rev. Father Smyth as subdeacon, Rev. Father Kerley being master of ceremonies. The solemn music was sung by the Very Rev. D. O'Kennedy, Rector of St. Patrick's College, Wellington, the Rev. Fathers Aubry, Campbell, Le Petit, A. Venning, and Dignan. After the High Mass the procession to the cemetery in the convent grounds was formed, headed by cross-bearer and acolytes. The music, carrying lighted candles, preceded the coffin, the priests following. Walking immediately behind the coffin were Mr. and Miss Kennedy, together with some friends of the deceased. The procession closed with the members of the confraternity of the Children of Mary R.I.P.