

South Seas, and New Caledonia. Though he was inured to travel, and loved the sea, the journeys among the islands, very often in open boats, exposed to the tropical sun and torrid rains, proved too much for him, and so, when he returned to Sydney, he was too exhausted to continue his work, and had to seek rest. His vitality, however, soon re-established itself, and he was about as usual, and finished the duties he was delegated to perform. He left Sydney for Turin, the present headquarters of the Order, in May last. The last news by mail reported him enjoying his usual health. But the winter climate of Northern Italy, which borders on the Alps, is very rigorous. A recurrence of a cold, to which he was subject in recent years, hastened on the inevitable at last.

Brother John was a man 'who did good by stealth and blushed to find it fame.' What he has effected in the cause of Catholic education in these colonies is beyond the power of human ken to know. Without ostentation, hidden from the public eye, a stranger to controversy and newspaper correspondence, he moved noiselessly about, planning and thinking ways and means for opening new schools, recruiting subjects for the Brotherhood, forming and fitting them for their work, and placing them in positions in which they would achieve the greatest good. He was a religious in the fullest sense of the word. Severe in what concerned himself, indulgent to others, mingling mildness and strictness in his dealings with his Brothers, and thus won their confidence and respect. He was a constant reader of books, both secular and sacred; was gifted with a good memory; was a keen observer of men and things, and so as a raconteur in two languages he was a treat to listen to. His respect for authority was innate—for priests and bishops he had an abiding reverence; and in regard to his own Superiors, he had absolutely no will of his own. He was a man who gained the respect of those with whom he came in contact, and in the esteem of bishops and priests with whom he had dealings in school matters he stood universally high. For over sixty years he had labored in the cause of Catholic education, spending himself and inducing others to spend themselves in bringing the truths of religion and the knowledge of the love of God home to the minds and hearts of the children, especially to those who were poor, or, as in the case of the Islands of the South Seas, to those who were still in the thralldom of paganism. He has passed away, his toil is ended, he has gone to his reward, but the seeds he planted will continue to fructify through the labors of the Brothers whom he has left behind him to mourn their loss.—R.I.P.

Palmerston North

(From our own correspondent.)

January 25.

The many friends of Mr. Michael O'Reilly will be pleased to hear he has returned with his family to reside in the parish.

At the half-yearly meeting of the local branch of the H.A.C.B. Society, Bro. J. Gleeson, P.P., was elected president, and Bro. Thos. Norris vice-president.

Rev. Father Barry, C.S.S.R., who arrived in Palmerston during the week, will conduct the retreat for the Sisters of Mercy in the local convent during this week. He preached in St. Patrick's Church on Sunday evening.

At the usual meeting of the Federation on Monday last it was decided to hold a general meeting on the first Sunday of February, at which meeting the subscriptions for the current year will be collected. Messrs. Jas. Brophy and V. A. Dallow have been elected on the Federation committee for the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

At a general meeting of St. Patrick's Choir on Sunday, January 11, the resignation of Mr. W. T. Tabor as conductor was accepted with regret. It was

announced that the services of Mr. Salvatore Cimino had been obtained as organist, and he was unanimously elected to the dual position of organist and choirmaster for the ensuing year. The choir, which now numbers 34 regular attendants, has just secured the services of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Nash, late of the Blenheim Catholic choir. Mr. Cimino took over his duties on Sunday last, and is much appreciated.

WEDDING BELLS

KEENAN—WALSH.

A very pretty wedding was solemnised in the Cathedral recently (writes our Christchurch correspondent). At a Nuptial Mass, celebrated by the Rev. Father O'Boyle in the presence of a large congregation, Miss Nellie Walsh, Opawa, and Mr. Edward John Keenan, youngest son of Mrs. and the late Mr. Michael Keenan, of Little River, were united in Matrimony. The bride, who was given away by her father, looked charming in a crepe de chene frock, veiled with real lace. She wore the usual wreath and veil, and carried a shower bouquet. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Cassie Walsh, as bridesmaid, and by her niece and nephew, Miss Eileen Kelly and Master Frank Walsh, as train-bearers. The bridegroom had as best man Mr. E. Vaughan, of Kirwee, and as groomsmen Mr. J. Walsh. The bridesmaid wore a smart cream serge costume, and a large cream picture hat to match, and carried a pretty bouquet. After the ceremony, about fifty guests sat down to the wedding breakfast in the Social Hall, Ferry road, when the usual toasts were honored. The bride and bridegroom received many valuable wedding gifts, including several substantial cheques. The bridegroom's present to the bride was a diamond ring, to the bridesmaid a gold bangle, and to the train-bearers a gold brooch and a silver knife respectively. The bride's present to the bridegroom was an amethyst and gold pendant. The newly-wedded couple left for the Cold Lakes district for their honeymoon.

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Next term commences on Monday, February 23. For further particulars apply to the Principal—

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