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DIocese OF AUCKLAND

(From our own correspondent.)

Mr. Stephen Nerheny, son of Mr. P. J. Nerheny, returned by the hospital ship *Maheno* from the front during the week. He had been on active duty in France.

Rev. Dr. Ormond, secretary to the Papal Delegate, arrived from Sydney, via Wellington, during the week to spend the holidays with his family. He said Mass on Thursday morning at St. Mary's Convent Chapel, Ponsonby.

The annual spiritual retreat at the Convent of the Sacred Heart, Remuera, will begin on Monday evening, January 8, and will terminate on the following Saturday morning. The exercises will be conducted by the Rev. J. Corcoran, S.J., from Riverview College, Sydney. Ladies desirous of attending should apply as soon as possible to the Rev. Mother. These splendid annual retreats are now eagerly looked for, and incalculable and lasting good follow in their train.

'The Church and Labor' was the subject of an interesting discourse by the Rev. Father Murphy to the men's Holy Family Confraternity on Tuesday evening. He referred to the various writers and thinkers—men like Carl Marx and Renan—who always either intentionally or otherwise, misrepresented the Church's attitude towards labor. To understand the Church's attitude and influence towards labor it was necessary to study the life of Christ on earth. Rationalists and freethinkers had studied it, but their deductions led them into dangerous channels and conclusions. They denied His divinity, ridiculed His great work amongst the people, and charged Him with the mercenary desire of founding a world-wide empire. Writers to-day, partly theological and partly social, were proving the Church's love and sincerity for the workers. Of this school Bishop Kettleley was the great pioneer, and suffered much for it. Father Murphy announced that he would resume the subject on another occasion.

STRATFORD CONVENT

Nine pupils of the Stratford Convent School were presented for the recent sixth standard examination, eight of whom were successful in obtaining proficiency certificates. The following are the names of the successful candidates in their order of merit:—Eileen Kilbride (dux of the school), Eileen Kelliher, Mabel Geraghty, Edmund Harrington, Frank Quayle, Evelyn Sullivan, Olga Taylor, Isabel Kirkwood.

DEATH OF THE BISHOP OF WILCANNIA

As we go to press we learn from a Press Association message of the death of Bishop John Dunne, of Wilcannia. The Right Rev. John Dunne was consecrated Bishop of the diocese of Wilcannia, at Goulburn, on August 14, 1887. Wilcannia was one of the new dioceses which were formed at the Provincial Council of Australasia, held in Sydney in 1885. The diocese is a very extensive one, and the working of it entailed considerable labor on the part of the bishop. As an instance of this we may state that to get from one part of the diocese (Bourke) to another part (Broken Hill) the Bishop—to save time and money—had to come down to Sydney and then take boat or train to Adelaide, and from there train again to Broken Hill. This work Dr. Dunne has carried out unremittingly for practically thirty years. In doing so he has earned the reward of the faithful servant, which we feel sure he has now received.—R.I.P.

OBITUARY

MR. WILLIAM MALONEY, MAHINAPAU.

There died at Mahinapau on December 20 (writes a Ruatapu correspondent), William Maloney, a native of Tipperary, Ireland, at the age of 76 years. Deceased was one of the pioneers of the West Coast, and always followed the occupation of mining. In the early days of Otago he was a police constable in Dunedin and districts. He was a single man and a fine specimen of manhood. The interment took place at Hokitika on the 22nd inst. He has numerous relatives and friends in Otago.—R.I.P.

The perambulating musicians that are now known as Waits, and who still appear at Christmas time in some parts of England, are the successors of the ancient minstrels that travelled or were retained by princes and nobles. The name Wayte or Wait was first applied to a minstrel in the reign of Edward III. In more modern times, city corporations employed bands of Waits to act as musicians and watchmen. One of such bands, it is said, once made a tour round the world with Drake.

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