

Dr. O'Connor, in moving a vote of thanks to the Mayor, expressed sincere thanks that his guests had been so highly honored. He deeply appreciated the presence of the prelates, who had made long and tiresome journeys to honor a "poor Bush Bishop."

Banquet and Conversazione.

At mid-day the visitors were entertained at the Ursuline Convent, at a banquet, and in the afternoon a largely-attended conversazione took place in the Town Hall. The celebrations concluded on Wednesday with social events at De La Salle College and St. Patrick's Orphanage.

STELLA MURRAY VISIT TO DUNEDIN.

The excellent impression which Stella Murray made on the musical public of the Dominion justified the predictions of those



who held that she would win laurels in a wider field. When she went to London she speedily gained a place among the leading concert artists of the metropolis, and during her few years' residence there she was one of the most popular performers at important musical functions.

Describing Stella Murray's opening recital at Christchurch, the *Lyttelton Times* says:—"Last night she opened a New Zealand tour in the Theatre Royal, and she, for one, must now believe that the prophetic hath honor in her own country. No-visiting artist has had a finer reception than hers, and her audience could not have been bigger, for the house was full. At the conclusion of the concert there was a scene of enthusiastic appreciation which must have gladdened the heart of the singer. When she was handed a laurel wreath the great audience cheered, and for the five minutes that followed wreaths and bouquets were handed up to the stage. Stella Murray is perfect in her singing methods, and she has an attractive personality. Her voice is a rich contralto of extraordinary wide range and power, and she has developed it completely. Her lower register is beautifully mellow and sonorous, and the middle and upper are just as delightful in their way. The voice has flexibility, and is splendidly controlled. The singer is the mistress. In addition to an

excellent vocal equipment Stella Murray has a fine dramatic sense. Mention should be made of her faultless enunciation; the printed words in the programme are superfluous, for every word comes distinct. Stella Murray is unquestionably a great artist, and the Dominion should be proud to claim her as a daughter."

The Dunedin recital will be given in His Majesty's Theatre on Tuesday, October 6. Stella Murray is assisted by Harold Beck, the popular cellist, and Harold Whittle, a skilled and artistic accompanist. Among the great artists to whom he has been accompanist are Dame Nellie Melba, Paul Dufault, Capelli, Ada Crossley, Amy Castles, and many others.

The box plan will open at The Bristol next Thursday, October 1.

Miss Stella Murray will afterwards sing at Invercargill, and then give concerts at Wellington and Auckland.

Diocesan News

Archdiocese of Wellington

(From our own correspondent.)

September 25.

At the Monastery of St. Gerard there was a Retreat for the Women's Sodality last week. It was preached by Rev. Father Campbell, C.S.S.R. The members went to Communion in a body at the early Mass on Sunday morning, and the Retreat closed with exercises and a sermon on Sunday afternoon. This week it is the men's turn. The men like this sodality immensely, and attend in great numbers.

The Lewisham bazaar begins on the 3rd of next month. The various parishes are being exhorted in the matter. It is a general affair, this bazaar, not a matter of this parish or that parish. The old owl on the big art union advertisement commends the wisdom of those who try their luck in it. Some people order £5 worth at a time. The auspices are good for a successful session, provided the weather continues good. Dodgers are being distributed showing an illustration of the Sydney section for patients who cannot pay. The statistics given for patients thus gratuitously treated are illuminating.

At the Masses at the Basilica on Sunday Rev. Father Smythe made feeling reference to the departure of Rev. Father Spillane, assistant priest for Thorndon. Father Spillane has gone to the Mission House. In his place has come Rev. Father Moloney, who needs no introduction to the flock there. He is well known in Thorndon. Father Smythe referred to the sterling worth of Father Spillane, and to his work in the parish among the sick and the needy. The Altar Society will miss his guidance and help. Everyone remembers his work in connection with St. Francis's Hall during the absence of Father Smythe. Thorndon will surely hear him again and receive visits from him.

The Irish Club held its fancy dress dance last night. Prizes were given to Miss Josie Galvan and to Miss Cornwall for the most beautiful and the most original dresses respectively. During the evening the opportunity was taken of bidding farewell to Miss

Annie Gould, who, under the change in telephone conditions here, is being transferred to Dunedin. The president (Mr. Nolan) stressed the fine qualities of mind and heart that made Miss Gould such a popular and helpful member of the society. Miss Gould has been there since the club's inception and her interest has never waned. The club's gift to her took the form of a handsome suitcase. Everyone wishes her the best of luck in her new sphere of duty.

Diocese of Auckland

(From our own correspondent.)

September 24.

The Rev. Father Duffy, of Taumarunui, returned yesterday by the Athenic from Ireland, where he has been visiting his mother. The visit to his old home where he spent his childhood's days was particularly interesting to the genial padre. He found Ireland progressive and prosperous, and enjoyed a well-earned holiday.

The first two students of the Marist Brothers' Juniorate, Tuakau, returned from Australia to New Zealand recently. They will be known in religion as Brothers Jerome and Ignatius. The former will be stationed at Tasman Street, Wellington, and the latter will join the staff at Vermont Street Marist Brothers' School, Ponsonby. Both are New Zealanders, and the first fruits of the Tuakau novitiate.

The Rev. Father McCarthy, S.M., has been conducting a mission in the Papakura district. The little church has sustained a heavy siege during the period. Father McCarthy has drawn the faithful from near and far by his powerful sermons, and will leave a memory behind that will long endure. Night after night the church has been crowded. It was most edifying to see the response to the missionary's call.

Mrs. R. Wells, a prominent Parnell parishioner, has had to undergo a serious operation at the Mater, and her many friends will be glad to hear that she is progressing very well and is on the road to recovery. She attributes her rapid improvement to the unremitting attention of the good Sisters of the hospital. The Rev. Father Fahy is still in the same institution and has shown great improvement.

OBITUARY

EDMOND MAGUIRE, METHVEN.

A distressing accident at Methven, on September 17, resulted in the death of Edmond, youngest son of Patrick and the late Nora Elizabeth Maguire. The deceased, who was only 17 years of age, had endeared himself to all by his bright and manly ways. The esteem of all classes of the community was apparent from the exceptionally large attendance at the funeral, which took place in the Methven Cemetery. The Requiem Mass was celebrated by the Rev. Father Joyce (Christchurch), Rev. Father O'Meehan (New Brighton) officiating at the graveside. There were also present the Very Rev. Dean O'Donnell (Ashburton), Rev. J. Hanrahan (Papanui), and the Rev. J. Maguire (Holy Cross College), brother of the deceased.—R.I.P.

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