

## DIOCESE OF DUNEDIN

His Lordship the Bishop was on Episcopal Visitation in the parish of Wrey's Bush over the week-end.

The annual "Peter's Pence" collection was taken up at St. Joseph's Cathedral and suburban churches of the parish on Sunday.

That visitors to the great exhibition are now arriving in large numbers is indicated by the noticeable augmentation of the congregations at the Cathedral and other churches of the city and suburbs.

The customary recital of sacred music will be given by St. Joseph's Cathedral Choir on Christmas Day. The Holy Rosary will be recited at 7 p.m., followed, after the recital, by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

The Christian Brothers desire to thank the following for generous donations to the prize fund of their school:—Rev. Father Hally, Messrs. C. Lee, D. Beard, J. Smith, W. H. Cole, W. Miles, D. Fogarty, A. Dunne, and W. Scoullar, Mesdames Clark, Airey, Hussey, and Miss Gáwne.

On Tuesday morning, 15th inst., his Lordship the Bishop, assisted by Rev. E. H. Rooney, performed a reception ceremony at the Convent of Mercy, South Dunedin. The young lady who received the holy habit was Miss Katherine Phelan (in religion, Sister Mary Baptist).

At the conclusion of their last meeting the members of St. Joseph's Cathedral branch of the Children of Mary Sodality, presented their spiritual director (Rev. Father Monaghan) with a useful gift in appreciation of his devoted services during the year.

At a meeting of the promoters of the concert recently given in aid of St. Joseph's Convent, Port Chalmers, a satisfactory sum was shown to have been realised. The members of St. Joseph's Cathedral Choir, who gave their services on the occasion, defrayed their own travelling expenses, thus materially helping in the successful results.

The Masses on Christmas Day at St. Joseph's Cathedral will commence at 6 a.m. There will be Pontifical High Mass at 11 o'clock; the choir rendering the music of Gounod's "Messe Solennelle," together with the "Adeste Fideles" at the offertory and other psalms and motets appropriate to the Feast of the Nativity. Masses will be celebrated at the suburban churches on Christmas Day as follows:—North-east Valley, 7, 8, and 9.30; Kaikorai, 7.30; Mornington, 9 o'clock.

## MONSIGNOR COFFEY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS.

The Board of Trustees of the Monsignor Coffey Memorial Scholarships have awarded scholarships, tenable for one year, to Edward Albertson (St. Joseph's Convent, Port Chalmers), Elizabeth Millar (Sisters of Mercy, Mornington), Catherine Bourke (Sisters of Mercy, South Dunedin), Molly McCarthy (St. Joseph's School, Dunedin), and Anthony Byrne (Dominican Nuns, North-east Valley, Dunedin).

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## OBITUARY

## MRS. MARIA TARLETON, DUNEDIN.

It is with deep regret we have to record the death of Mrs. Maria Tarleton, who passed away at her residence, 375 Rattray Street, Dunedin, on Saturday, the 12th inst., after an illness extending over a period of twelve months. The deceased lady was a native of Co. Galway, Ireland, and visited her native land three years ago. She was of a very charitable and retiring disposition, and will be missed by a large circle of friends. Rev. Father McMahon attended the deceased in her last illness, and she died fortified by the sacred rites of her holy religion. Requiem Mass was celebrated in the Cathedral on Monday, the 14th inst., at 7 a.m., the funeral taking place at 10.30, her remains being laid to rest beside those of her late husband. Father McMahon, assisted by Father Hally, officiated at the graveside. The late Mrs. Tarleton is survived by two sons and four daughters, two sons being killed in the late war. To the relatives of deceased heartfelt sympathy is extended in their bereavement.—R.I.P.

## THE LATE MRS. JACKSON

## TRIBUTE BY HOSPITAL BOARD.

Tributes to the work of the late Mrs. M. A. Jackson were paid at the meeting of the Otago Hospital Board last week.

The Chairman (Mr. W. E. S. Knight) moved—"That the Otago Hospital Board places on record the great loss sustained by the death of Mrs. Margaret Ann Jackson, who had been a member of the board since 1912, and previously a member of the Ladies' Benevolent Advisory Committee. The services of Mrs. Jackson will be greatly missed, not only by this board, but by the many philanthropic institutions with which she was connected." The chairman said that perhaps Mrs. Jackson was better known as a social worker than as a member of the Hospital Board. She was a woman with very great sympathetic tendencies, and her work in the interests of the poor, the needy, and the downfallen was much appreciated by all who knew her. She spared neither time nor trouble in tending the wants of those requiring assistance. Mrs. Jackson gave the board very great assistance in regard to cases of relief. She was at times thought to be over-sympathetic, but when one considered her kind motive one could readily forgive her.

"A woman with a big and generous heart" was how Mr. Morgan spoke of the late Mrs. Jackson in seconding the motion. She had, he said, worked hard and honestly for the fallen, and much of what she had done was not known to the public.

The motion was carried in silence, members standing.

St. Philomena's College, South Dunedin  
ANNUAL ENTERTAINMENT.

Prior to the break-up for the Christmas vacation, the students of St. Philomena's College, South Dunedin, gave their annual entertainment in St. Patrick's School hall, on Tuesday evening, the 15th inst., before a crowded audience. His Lordship Bishop Whyte was present, accompanied by Rev.

Fathers Delany, Rooney, and Hally. Before the curtain was raised, two bright little pupils of the college approached the Bishop, one greeting his Lordship in a perfectly spoken address, while the other made the students' offering of a spiritual bouquet—quite a charming introduction to what proved a highly interesting and enjoyable entertainment. The curtain rose to tier above tier of junior and senior pupils, who gave in fine style the chorus "Queen of the Night." A pianoforte trio, "Musarenritt," was faultlessly played on two pianos by Misses Phyllis Smith, Sheila Campbell, Catherine Forde, Aroha Allan, Annie Deegan, and Kathleen Whelan; as was the duet "Bout-en-Train" by Misses Kathleen Whelan, Aroha Allan, Gladys and Phyllis Smith. The chorus "Kathleen Ny Houlahan" sung in Gaelic by the college choir was a particularly fine number, and proved the wide range of tuition exercised by the Sisters of Mercy, of St. Philomena's. This was followed by an action song each by the boys and girls of the junior classes in quaint attire—both well done and much enjoyed. The students and their teachers deserve the highest praise for their artistic results. In the part singing and full chorus work the blend of voices and perfect unison were outstanding features. The second part of the programme was of an entirely different nature, and consisted of a drama in 5 acts entitled the "Shepherdess of Lourdes, or the Blind Princess." No fewer than 22 performers were engaged in this production; the dressing and stage effects showing that, in every detail, no effort was spared to give a realistic representation of a moving episode of Catholic life. As "Bernadette" Miss Patricia Burke gave a wonderfully effective portrayal of the shepherdess of Lourdes. Her part throughout was an exacting one, and in voice and action her performance left nothing to be desired. As "Rosabella the Blind Princess" Miss D. O'Sullivan's acting was of a high order. Much could also be said of the other principals did space permit. All did remarkably well and fully deserved the appreciation shown by the audience of their talent. Evidently much time and hard study had been devoted to the work of the drama and the utmost credit is due to the young ladies on the conspicuous success they attained. Piano-forte selections were played between the various acts by Misses Kathleen Whelan and Aroha Allan. At the termination of the performance his Lordship the Bishop complimented the Sisters and students on the splendid entertainment they had provided, and, on behalf of the audience thanked them for the enjoyment so generously afforded. The present was but an example of the tuition given by the Sisters of Mercy, and year by year the same high standard had been maintained. In conclusion his Lordship wished the Sisters and pupils all the blessings of a holy Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year. The chorus "Good Night" was sung by the college choir as the final item.

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