

THE ADORATION OF THE SHEPHERDS



The Babe of Bethlehem

We come adoring, as of yore
 The Wise Men came, and ever more,
 As time rolls on, a greater throng
 Shall join the angels' joyous song;
 For unto us this day is born—
 In lowly manger most forlorn—

Of sinless Mary, full of grace,
 The sweetest babe of radiant face
 This sad, old world e'er looked upon,
 For He was God and man in one,
 The Prince of Peace, the Light, the Way
 And hope of all for aye and aye.

—WILLIAM C. CAMPBELL.

Wanganui Notes

(From our own Correspondent.)

December 17.

The unexpected death on last Friday evening, of Mrs. Wilfrid Redwood, was a great shock to all who knew her, although we knew that Mrs. Redwood had been in delicate health for quite a long time past. On Friday word came through of the death of Mr. Redwood's mother, at Kaikoura, and, early that evening, Mr. Redwood hurried into town to attend to a matter of urgency. Returning in about half an hour, he found Mrs. Redwood lying dead on the floor of the sitting-room. Doctor and priest were very quickly on the spot, but, it is thought, that death must have been instantaneous. Our sincere sympathy is extended to Mr. Redwood, to Miss Duff, and other members of the family, to whom the dear departed had always been so devoted. Requiem Mass was offered for the repose of her soul on Monday morning, and was largely attended, after which the funeral took place at St. Mary's cemetery.—R.I.P.

Sunday within the Octave of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, was specially observed at St. Mary's by the reception of a big batch of Children of Mary, and a procession of the Blessed Virgin.

At Aramoho, too, they celebrated the occasion. When Rev. Father Kimbell announced at Aramoho that the senior boarders of the convent would give a sacred concert on Sunday night, the good news travelled very quickly, with the result that St. Joseph's was more than crowded on last Sunday night. The musical talent of the convent girls is something out of the ordinary; but this concert surpassed all expectations, and will long be remembered by the Aramoho people as an entertainment, delightful as it was instructive. The evening commenced with the recitation of the Rosary after which came the concert. Rev. Father Kimbell presided at the organ. The programme comprised a beautiful collection of Latin and English hymns and motets, notably, "Adoro te Devote," "Ave Verum," "O Salutaris," "Tantum Ergo," "All in a Stable Cold and Bare," "O Turn to Jesus," "Ave Maria," "O Maiden, O Mother," "There is a Land of Peace and Love." Four of the girls rendered very sweetly Gounod's "Ave Maria." After the concert came Benediction, the congregation joining in the singing of the "O Salutaris" and "Tantum Ergo," the girls giving the finishing touch with a beautiful "Adoremus." All present sang the hymn, "O Mother Blest," which concluded the evening's devotions. In honor of the occasion, the electric light was switched on for the first time, and proved a great success. The lighting is installed on the most approved lines, the effect being very satisfactory indeed.

Congratulations to Master Halvor Holst, son of Mr. O. Holst, of Wanganui, and a pupil of the Marist Brothers' School, who has made the double success of winning St. Patrick's College Scholarship, and the Sacred Heart boys' also. Master Halvor was thirteen last month, is a good worker, and is trying, evidently, to keep the pace set by his sister Astrid, who won a Federation Scholarship some years ago, and took it out at the Sacred Heart Convent here.

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