

which the meeting was called he would suggest the appointment of a good working committee, with power to take all steps necessary for the reception of Messrs. Devlin and Donovan, and also to make the necessary arrangements for the holding of a public meeting in Dunedin. Judging from the past he believed that the meeting would be a most successful and enthusiastic one.

On the motion of Mr. C. A. Shiell a committee on the lines suggested by the chairman was set up.

Rev. Father Cleary said that he had been in communication with the delegates for the last three months, and the latest information he had received was to the effect that Mr. Devlin would leave Melbourne for the Bluff on November 28, and that Mr. Donovan would come around by Wellington. It was possible the delegates might be in Dunedin between December 5 and 9, so that it was necessary the committee should be put in working order at once. He moved that a secretary be appointed.

After a conversational discussion Messrs. T. Deehan and C. Columb, jun., were appointed secretary and treasurer respectively.

A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the business.

CHRISTCHURCH.

Our Christchurch correspondent wires to say that a well attended and representative meeting, in connection with the reception of the Irish delegates, was held on Tuesday evening, when it was decided to engage His Majesty's Theatre for the public meeting on Tuesday evening, December 18. An executive committee was set up to make the necessary arrangements.

Presentation to Bishop Lenihan

(From our Auckland correspondent.)

Thursday, November 15, was the tenth anniversary of the Right Rev. Dr. Lenihan's consecration to the see of Auckland. It was very fittingly commemorated in Auckland. During the day the Bishop received many messages of congratulation through the post and telegraph and from personal callers. At the palace nearly the whole of the priests of the diocese dined with the Bishop. In the evening a brilliant function took place in the Royal Albert Hall, which, despite the continuous downpour of rain and high wind, was filled with a large and exceedingly enthusiastic audience. The hall itself was handsomely decorated with flags, ferns, and choice flowers, and presented an animated appearance. Grouped on the stage were the girls and boys from the Catholic schools, and the girls from the Star of the Sea Orphanage, upon whom loud praises were bestowed for their neat attire, and their splendid singing of one of Moore's old favorite songs. The Bishop, accompanied by the Right Rev. Mgr. O'Reilly, was accorded a most enthusiastic welcome on entering the hall. A like compliment was paid to the Mayor and Mayoress on their appearance. The Mayor presided, having the Bishop on his right, with Monsignor O'Reilly on his left. Around were grouped the clergy of the diocese and the Hon. T. Thompson, M.L.C., and Messrs. Alfred Kidd and E. W. Allison, M's.H.R., and Mr. A. Kohn, to whom the whole success of the function was due. Rev. Father Holbrook was untiring in directing the details.

His Worship the Mayor, Mr. A. M. Myers, who had curtailed his visit to the Exhibition to hurry back to attend the celebration, presented, on behalf of the numerous friends of Dr. Lenihan, a purse containing two hundred and ninety sovereigns, and also a small gold cross studded with a beautiful and valuable emerald stone, the gift of Mr. Adolph Kohn. In making the presentations, the Mayor said that in Bishop Lenihan they had a good and exemplary ecclesiastic, and a good and worthy citizen who loved his people, and was devoted to their interests, and to their fine city he was one of its best friends and admirers. Last year he attended the ninth anniversary, and the eulogiums he then pronounced concerning their good Bishop held good to-night. The more they knew of him and his good deeds, the more they learned to love and appreciate him. This appreciation was not confined to his own people, but went beyond them, and wherever he journeyed throughout the Colony he learned of the high esteem in which Bishop Lenihan was deservedly held. If there was one thing above all others which commended the Bishop to them, it was the constant care bestowed unceasingly upon these little children, the orphans now present. The man or woman who did not love little children was not deserving of love. In handing the purse to the Bishop, the Mayor assured him that its intrinsic value measured in only a very small degree the high regard in which he was held by the subscribers.

Monsignor O'Reilly, on behalf of the priests, expressed his great pleasure at being present at this tenth anniversary of his Lordship's consecration. In the ten years which had passed, the relations between the Bishop and his priests had been the most harmonious. He (Monsignor O'Reilly) had known Auckland now for very many years. He had arrived in 1852, and from that period to the present it had grown to its present proud position; and he was pleased that one whom he had known since childhood should now be its Mayor. With the growth of the city and province their diocese had, too, advanced. Its wide sphere and scattered labors entailed upon its ruler a corresponding amount of energy, thought, and care. Their Bishop wrought hard to fulfil his manifold duties, and with what success this gathering testified. As senior priest of the diocese, if not of New Zealand, he warmly congratulated him, and assured him of the constant fidelity of his priests, and earnestly hoped that he would long be spared to rule over them.

Mr. Alfred Kidd, M.H.R., said he was proud to be with them to do honor to one who was most worthy of all honor. For many years he had been associated closely with the Bishop in many good works, particularly with the orphans, and he, by that means, got a clear insight into the manner of man the Bishop was. Generous, kindly, affectionate, manly, and ever thoughtful for the well-being of others—these were the Bishop's characteristics. To know, and shake the hand of, such a man was in itself indeed a great honor and privilege.

Mr. E. M. Alison, M.H.R., re-echoed all that had been said. He, too, was associated closely with the Bishop in connection with Takapuna Orphanage. Like many others, the Bishop suffered from impecuniosity, and the almost insurmountable difficulties with which he was surrounded at that institution were enough to daunt the ardor of many a stout heart. But these were about to be overcome. During last session an empowering Bill had been passed allowing the Bishop to dispose of the orphanage site in Ponsonby to the Gas Company, and permitting him to erect a splendid building on the fine Takapuna estate. This would relieve him from much anxiety and care for the orphans. He (Mr. Alison) knew with what vigor and determination the Bishop carried on his labors, and for him he had entertained during many years of close and happy relationship the very highest esteem. How widely that esteem prevailed, far beyond the ranks of the Catholic people, he knew well.

The Bishop, on rising to respond, was greeted with long and continued applause. He said he hardly knew how to express his feelings of gratitude for all the too flattering compliments so lavishly bestowed upon him by his kind friends to-night. The Mayor, Monsignor O'Reilly, and Messrs. Kidd and Alison were good enough to refer to him in terms which he knew came from their hearts. If he were deserving of them, his people should be the judges. Ten years had passed since he was consecrated their Bishop, and any success achieved was primarily due to the loyal and hearty support accorded to him by his faithful priests and people, and many kind friends of other denominations. He desired to thank the Mayor and his good lady for their kindness to him at all times. To the members of Parliament present, including the Hon. Mr. Thompson, and those other members, who had assisted in passing the Empowering Bill referred to, he returned his most sincere thanks. Much good would assuredly accrue from that measure. Monsignor O'Reilly, who spoke so well and kindly on behalf of the priests, he thanked most sincerely. He thanked the little children for their singing, and the orphans in particular for their rendering of Moore's sweet melody. Of Mr. Kohn, how should he speak? He could not adequately express his feelings of gratitude towards him. Mr. Kohn was his constant friend and benefactor, and he took this opportunity of again publicly expressing to him his gratitude for the many kindnesses so lavishly bestowed upon him by good Mr. Kohn.

The Bishop then resumed his seat amidst loud applause. A pleasing feature was the presentation of beautiful bouquets to the Bishop, Mayor, and Mayoress by three little orphan girls. The Mayoress, in return pinned a nice gold brooch upon each of them, the gifts of Mr. A. Kohn.

During the evening an excellent musical programme was ably rendered:

The following are the results obtained by the pupils of the Dominican Convent, Bluff, at the practical examination in music held at the local centre by Mr. C. Edwards, of Trinity College, London:—Intermediate division, Nettie McSwan, 80 (honors); Ruby Hannah, 63; Chrissie Metzger, 62; Daisy Anderson, 61. Junior division, Reina Gifford, 80 (honors); Alice Gillooly, 63; Louise McIntyre, 61. Preparatory grade, Barbara Walker, 74.