

acceptance of the accompanying purse of sovereigns as a token, however inadequate, of the feelings of respect and good will entertained for him.

Father O'Neill (Milton) and Father O'Donnell (Gore) also spoke in terms of praise of their departing confrere and wished him 'bon voyage.'

The Dean, in acknowledging his gratitude for the kindly and unexpected proof of good feeling thus given by his brother priests, assured those present that his change of plan in regard to his departure was solely with a view of getting to the Holy Land at the most suitable time of the year. He valued the good opinion of his colleagues in the ministry too highly to entertain for a moment the idea of frustrating their kindly intentions in his regard. It was the conviction, which had been often borne in on him, that we are a solidly united body in this diocese, which had encouraged him in his work and enabled him to forget the worries inseparable from laboring in a diocese such as this. Our differences of views on various matters were freely and frankly expressed and left no sting or bitterness to mar the friendly intercourse that had always existed in the past, and which he hoped would continue in the distant future. He was going out into the wide university of the world 'to visit places famous in the world of letters. He trusted he would benefit by his travels, and when he returned he would be most happy to be of use to his clerical friends by giving them the benefit of his experiences in whatever form would be most desirable. He would be able to assure friends in Ireland of the splendid spirit of love for the Fatherland that characterised both priests and people in the Dunedin diocese. He would always bear with him the kindest memories of their relations in the past, and look forward to a happy renewal of those relations on his return. He thanked them most cordially for the thoughtfulness that prompted this latest action, which, however, he assured them was not at all necessary to convince him of their good will towards him.

Fathers Delany and O'Malley were present, and joined in wishing the departing Dean a happy trip.

It is understood that Dean Burke intends to visit the Holy Land, Italy, and Germany. He does not expect to arrive in Ireland till the end of June.

STRATFORD

(From our own correspondent.)

The building trade is still brisk in the district.

The Co-operative Works are practically closed down until after the end of this month.

Our forthcoming social is being anxiously looked forward to, and the success thereof is assured.

A very pleasing function took place at St. Joseph's school on Tuesday, when, on the occasion of the departure of the Rev. Mother, the pupils showed their appreciation of the many years of care and attention bestowed upon them by presenting her with a neat handbag and other articles. The Rev. Mother, who has been transferred to Cambridge, very feelingly replied, thanking the children for their kindness. The Rev. Mother from Rangiora is expected to-morrow to take control.

WANGANUI

(From our own correspondent.)

March 7.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament took place last Sunday from the last Mass until Vespers.

Another member of the St. Mary's Catholic Club, Mr. Charles J. Shanahan, has left Wanganui for Palmerston North. All members wish him success in his new position with the Loan and Mercantile Company.

I regret to report the death of Mr. Philip Daley, of Putiki, who passed away on March 4. The deceased, who was 60 years of age, was a very parishioner of St. Mary's, and was greatly respected. The family have the sincere sympathy of all who knew the deceased. The funeral was largely attended.—R.I.P.

Wanganui will soon have trams, as the consulting engineer, Mr. F. H. Chamberlain, of Christchurch, handed in his plans and specifications to the Borough Council on Saturday. It was resolved to call tenders on June 1, to be advertised locally, in the four principal cities of the Colony, and also in Sydney and Melbourne. The Council placed on record its appreciation of the manner in which Mr. Chamberlain had executed and drawn up his plans and specifications, which reflected great credit on him and his assistants.

GREYMOUTH

(From our own correspondent.)

March 7.

A large number of members of the St. Columba Club assembled at their rooms last Thursday evening to bid farewell to their vice-president, Mr. M. F. Hansbery, of the local Telegraph Department, who has been promoted to New Plymouth. The president (Mr. M. J. Phillips) in a brief speech, referred to the loss the club would sustain through Mr. Hansbery's departure. He had been a most energetic member, since the club was started, and had always taken a keen interest in its progress. On behalf of the members, the president had much pleasure in presenting their departing guest with a small token of their esteem, in the shape of a gold-mounted watch guard, with gold medal suitably inscribed. Several other members spoke in eulogistic terms of Mr. Hansbery, who thanked the members for their handsome present, which would always remind him of the many happy days spent in the club rooms. Mr. Hansbery was also the recipient of a handsome silver watch from his fellow-employees in the local Post and Telegraph service.

INGLEWOOD

(From an occasional correspondent.)

Your travelling reporter in his notes from New Plymouth, in referring to the success of the recently established convent, at Inglewood, omitted to state that the parochial school is in charge of the Sisters of the Missions. There are now over one hundred children attending the school, although it has been opened a little over a year.

The Rev. Father McDermott, C.S.S.R., opened a mission here on Sunday, February 24. The attendances during the week at the Masses and evening devotions were excellent, eliciting high commendation from the missionary Fathers, who were delighted at the zeal and spirit of self-sacrifice shown by the large numbers from the country, who came long distances, some of them nine and ten miles, to be present at the mission services morning and evening. The Very Rev. Father Clune arrived on Friday and proceeded on Sunday morning to New Plymouth, where a mission was then opened. He was joined by Rev. Father McDermott at the conclusion of the mission at Inglewood on Sunday, March 3.

WAIHI

(From our travelling correspondent.)

Keen interest is being displayed here by the local branch of the H.A.C.B. Society in the forthcoming conference to be held in Auckland during this month. Two of their members are journeying to the city to represent the branch, and will on their return present a report of the business transacted there.

Speaking last Sunday week at both Masses, the Very Rev. Father Brodie pointed out to his congregation the benefits to be derived from good Catholic literature, and urged his hearers to support the only Catholic paper of the Colony, the 'N.Z. Tablet.' He announced that the representative of the journal was in town and would be pleased to receive the names of those who would care to become subscribers.

The annual sports to be held here on Easter Monday, under the auspices of the H.A.C.B. Society, promise to be the most successful ever held in Waihi. A first-class programme, which would do credit to a much larger centre, has been arranged. Given fine weather, the people of Waihi and surrounding districts are assured of a good day's amusement.

The Very Rev. Canon J. B. O'Mahony, D.D., late President of St. Finn Barr's Seminary, Cork, is at present on his way to Tasmania. He is travelling for the benefit of his health. Dr. O'Mahony recently resigned charge of one of the suburban parishes of his native city owing to ill-health. He was ordered a long sea voyage. He will proceed from Tasmania to Australia and thence to New Zealand en route to America. After a short stay in the United States and Canada he will return to his native diocese.