

the debt on our churches, school, and convent, and, finally, your ardent love for dear Ireland, the home of our fathers, from whom we inherit our Catholic faith. All combined to enhance your strong claim on our gratitude and we will ever pray that God may grant you health and strength for to labor in that exalted sphere in which you are so bright an ornament. We beg your acceptance of this address and the accompanying gifts.'

The Very Rev. Dean Hackett met with an enthusiastic reception on rising to reply. He said that they were gathered there that day, under the presidency of Paeroa's first pastor, the Right Rev. Mgr. O'Reilly, to congratulate him on the twenty-fifth anniversary of his ordination, and he assured them that he would ever retain a most kind and grateful remembrance of the scene on which he gazed, and the kind words spoken. He felt utterly unworthy of the praises lavished on him. Not to his personal merits but to the active and magnificent imagination, excited by the warm feeling of the Celtic hearts, did he attribute the portrait they had drawn of him. He failed to recognise himself in such a flattering picture, for he saw in it not what he was, but what he ought to be, and what, with God's grace, their prayers, and his own co-operation, he earnestly hoped to be one day. He begged them to accept his most grateful thanks, and to believe that his gratitude for the re-



**The Very Rev. Dean Hackett**

gard and affection in which they held him was far deeper than he could express. To the Right Rev. Monsignor O'Reilly he expressed his indebtedness for his presence that day. In the Monsignor the older residents of the Ohinemuri found a zealous pastor, and he (the Dean) a brother-priest whose friendship never wavered, and whose counsel ever proved wise. To the committee of ladies and gentlemen who initiated and carried to such a successful issue the jubilee celebration, as well as to those who provided the ordination breakfast for such a large number of guests, he offered his own personal thanks, and that of all present. He felt specially grateful to the delegates present from Karangahake, Waikino, and Komata, and thanked, through them, the people represented for their greetings. He had been informed that the secretary had, in course of preparation a full list of subscriptions. He (the Dean) would not be surprised to find later on that non-Catholics figured very prominently on the list. He was not surprised, for since he arrived here he enjoyed the goodwill, and could always rely on the generous help, of non-Catholics throughout the Paeroa district, and in Auckland, whenever he appealed to them on behalf of the erection of churches, convent, and school. That

they honored him that day came not as a surprise, but was another proof of the liberality and kindness beyond his power to repay. He was also informed that many of his old friends in Auckland, Waikato, and Te Aroha, had been in communication with the local committee to be remembered by those among whom he spent the first years of his ministry. This was a source of much joy to him, and such kindness he would treasure deeply in his memory. The address spoke of his love for Ireland. He loved her on account of her irrepressible Catholicity, and the uncompromising fidelity to the See of Peter, and endeavored to plant in the hearts of others the same love for Ireland and Rome that he fondly cherished in his own. The reduction of parochial debts was due to their own generosity, and the united efforts of the ladies' social and bazaar committee at Paeroa and Karangahake.

The children's address was presented by Misses Moriarty, Crosby, and McCarthy. The Very Rev. Dean was the recipient of a very large number of presents, including a gold embroidered stole from Bishop Lenihan, a Benediction veil, worked and presented by the Sisters of St. Joseph (Auckland), a very pretty stole and surplice from the children of St. Joseph's School (Paeroa), and a handsome sovereign case from Mr. J. and Miss M. Ford (Auckland). The beautiful cake, which adorned the table, was the gift of Mrs. and Miss Pratt (Auckland). The proceedings were enlivened by the presence of the Paeroa Town Band, under Bandmaster G. Mettam. The band rendered a number of musical selections both before and after the breakfast.

## TEMUKA

(From our own correspondent.)

A very successful entertainment was held in St. Joseph's Schoolroom, Kerytown, on Thursday evening last, in aid of the school funds. On account of the threatening weather and a counter attraction the attendance was not quite as large as usual. The programme, which was very well received, included two solos by the Timaru Banjo Band. The Temuka Catholic Dramatic Club also took part, staging the drama, 'The Jealous Husband.' This was very frequently applauded, showing that for a new club the members are acquitting themselves creditably.

The Temuka Catholic Club opened its session on Tuesday evening last by holding a banquet in St. Joseph's schoolroom. There was a very large attendance of members. The president (Mr. W. Barry) occupied the chair, and Rev. Father Goggan and Rev. Father Kerley were present. A long toast list, interspersed with songs and recitations, was gone through, and everything passed off very successfully. The clergy are taking a very great interest in the club, and it is hoped that before long the membership will be greatly increased.

## PALMERSTON NORTH

(From our own correspondent.)

April 28.

Mrs. McAlister has been appointed organist to St. Patrick's choir.

The annual meeting of the choir takes place on Tuesday, May 7, after which it is intended to at once proceed with a series of sacred concerts.

Councillor Essex defeated the sitting Mayor by 122 votes on Wednesday last, the polling, which was unusually heavy, being—Essex, 1064; M. Cohen, 942; Hurley, 214.

The Children of Mary will hold a progressive euchre party in the Zealandia Hall on Wednesday, May 15, in aid of St. Patrick's library, which is under their control.

The members of St. Patrick's choir entertained Mr. and Mrs. Russell and Miss Taylor at a social gathering in the parish school on Tuesday last. The ladies of the choir supplied the refreshments, and a pleasant evening was spent with speech and song. At an interval in the evening, the Rev. Father Costello, on behalf of the choir, presented Mrs. Russell with a silver-mounted travelling satchel, Mr. Russell with a smoker's companion, and Miss Taylor with a cut-glass silver-mounted toilet bottle, and in a few well-chosen remarks spoke of the regret one and all felt at losing three such useful members of the choir. Messrs. Hitchings (conductor), Handley, Higgins, and Dallow followed in a similar strain.

For Children's Hacking Cough at night Woods' Great Peppermint Cure. 1s 6d and 2s 6d....