

THE SISTERS OF THE SACRED HEART

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WELLINGTON.

The foundation stone of a new convent for the Order at Island Bay, Wellington, was laid on Sunday, May 14, 1905, by his Grace the Archbishop of Wellington. After blessing the stone his Grace, addressing those present, referred in appreciative terms to the good work done in the cause of religion and education by the Sisters of the Sacred Heart, whose institutions he had seen in various parts of the world, and whose methods of imparting knowledge were marked by thoroughness and solidity. He congratulated the people of Wellington on having in their midst such a splendid institution for the education of young girls. The convent, a view of which appears on page 15, is in the Tudor Gothic style of architecture, and cost about £15,000. The convent was completed and opened early in February, 1906.

Celebrations at Timaru.

The celebrations in honor of the recently beatified foundress of the Sacred Heart Order took place on Tuesday at Timaru, their mother house in New Zealand. Pontifical High Mass was celebrated in the handsome new convent chapel, the celebrant being the Right Rev. Bishop Grimes, who began by blessing and inaugurating a statue of the beatified religious. The chapel was crowded at each of the religious services by a congregation consisting of present and past pupils. There were also present in the chapel during the day the following clergy:—The Right Rev. Mgr. Mackay (Oamaru), Very Rev. Father O'Shea, V.G. (Wellington), Very Rev. Father Regnault, S.M. (Provincial), Very Rev. Dean Ginaty, V.G. (Christchurch), Ven. Archpriest Le Menant des Chesnais (Temuka), Very Rev. Dean O'Donnell (Ashburton), Very Rev. Dean Boyers (Geraldine), Rev. Fathers Coffey and Cleary (Dunedin), Rev. Fathers Aubry (Waimate), Tubman (Timaru), Price (Christchurch), Le Petit (Fairlie), and Le Floch (Timaru). At Benediction in the afternoon his Lordship the Bishop preached on the life, virtues, and labors of the Blessed Madeleine Sophie Barat, and the vast services which have been rendered and are being rendered to education and religion by the great Order which she established.

The social side of the celebration consisted of two very taking entertainments—one in the afternoon, the other in the evening. The afternoon performance consisted of a fine series of vocal and instrumental numbers, choruses and hymns, dialogues on the life and virtues and miracles of the beatified nun, and two exquisitely set tableaux—'Christ the example of virtues' and 'Christ the healer.' The evening performance consisted of the cantata, 'David the shepherd boy,' with various piano and violin selections in the intervals. The hall, chapel, and the entire building, inside and outside, were handsomely decorated, as befitted an occasion of such momentous and joyous interest for the Sisters of the Sacred Heart.

Palmerston North

(From our own correspondent.)

May 11.

A welcome social was tendered to Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Ward and family in the library adjoining the Zealandia Hall on Wednesday evening. The Rev. Father Costello, who presided, said that the gathering had been organised on behalf of his parishioners and the members of St. Patrick's choir as a welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Ward and family. He made special reference to Mr. Ward's musical abilities, which he trusted would be available for the various Church functions. Mr. Vernon Dallow, as chairman of St. Patrick's choir,

also extended a hearty welcome to the new arrivals, and referred to Mr. Ward's musical talents, which he well remembered when residing in Dunedin years ago.

Mr. Ward, in responding, stated that he would be very pleased to do all that lay in his power to assist St. Patrick's choir and parish generally. He feared, however, that his musical abilities had been much overrated, still he had had some experience, having acted as conductor of St. Joseph's Cathedral choir, Dunedin, for many years, and he thanked the speakers for the many kind things said of him and for the most enjoyable evening they had just spent.

Musical items and games were the order of the evening, which was concluded with a very enjoyable supper which was provided by the ladies. The following contributed items to the programme: Mesdames Halpin and Broad, Misses McGrath (2), Brophy, Stagpoole, Ward, and Messrs. Tabor, T. Rodgers, Jewett, Hanley, and Devlin, the accompaniments being played by Mrs. Halpin, organist.

Plans and specifications have been prepared for the erection of a Catholic school in Derby street, Feilding, in memory of the late Hon. Walter Johnston. The building will have four large class-rooms, separated by a spacious corridor, and will accommodate about 160 children. The design is a very handsome one, and as the building has a frontage of 76 feet it will be a decided improvement to the town. The structure will be carried out in pressed bricks, relieved with cement facings, cornices, enrichments, and gables. The interior fittings, ceilings, etc., will be of picked red pine. The building is to be finished at the end of the year.

WEDDING BELLS

GARVEY—JOHNSON.

A quiet but pretty wedding was solemnised at the residence of Mr. Garvey, Awahuri, Palmerston North, on Monday, April 13, by the Rev. Father O'Meara, the contracting parties being Mr. Richard Waddington, second son of Mr. J. F. Garvey, and Miss Maria Johnson, eldest daughter of Mrs. A. Johnson, of Dunedin. The bride wore the usual wreath and veil, and white embroidered frock, and was attended by her sister, Miss Winnie Johnson, while Mr. Frank Garvey acted as best man. The house was beautifully decorated for the occasion. After breakfast had been partaken of and the usual toasts honored, the happy pair left for Wanganui and New Plymouth, where the honeymoon was spent.

Late Burnside Stock Report

Cattle.—125 forward. Prices were somewhat firmer than last week. Best bullocks, £9 10s to £10 5s; medium, £7 10s to £8 15s; light, £6 17s 6d to £7 5s; best cows, £7 to £8 7s 6d; medium, £5s to £6; light, £4 to £4 15s.

Sheep.—2187 penned. Prices were slightly firmer. Best wethers, 20s to 22s 9d; extra, up to 26s; medium, 17s 6d to 18s 6d; light, 13s 9d to 15s; best ewes, 14s 6d to 17s 9d; extra, up to 22s 9d; medium, 12s to 13s; inferior, 8s to 11s.

Lambs.—There was a heavy yarding of 1408, and prices were about equal to those of last week. Best lambs, 14s 6d to 16s 6d; extra, up to 18s; medium, 13s to 11s; inferior, 7s to 11s.

Pigs.—153 forward. Prices for small sorts were slightly easier. Porkers and baconers were slightly firmer than last week's rates. Suckers, 9s to 15s; slips, 16s to 18s; stores, 23s to 29s; porkers, 36s to 40s; light baconers, 42s to 46s; heavy do, 50s to 63s.

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