

Gisborne, and will be on the East Coast, including Tolaga Bay, for some time. Before leaving Thames he was accorded a send-off in the Oddfellows' Hall, where a large gathering of parishioners assembled. The Children of Mary presented Father Tigar, through Miss V. Twohill, with a handsome travelling bag; Mr. John Connolly, on behalf of the young men, gave him a gold mounted quartz pendant; and Mrs. David Stewart presented him with a box of beautiful-silk handkerchiefs with Father Tigar's initials handsomely worked in the corner of each. Father Tigar thanked those present for their handsome gifts which, he said, he highly appreciated, and referred to the many kindnesses extended towards him during his stay at Thames, and hoped God's blessings would be bestowed upon them and their district. A fine musical programme was rendered, a plentiful supply of refreshments was handed round, and a most pleasant evening was spent.

Throughout the week the sale of work in the Ponsonby Hall, in connection with the Sacred Heart parish debt, was carried on with unabated success. When opening the bazaar on last Tuesday the Mayor of Auckland stated that five months ago the debt on the Sacred Heart Church was £860, but owing to the untiring exertions of Father Edge it had been reduced to £300, and he hoped that at the conclusion of the present bazaar the debt would be extinguished. Very Rev. Dean Gillan, V.G., Right Rev. Mgr. O'Reilly, and Mr. M. Casey also spoke. The display in stalls was very fine, and those in charge and their numerous attendants were most assiduous in their attentions to numerous patrons. The ladies in charge of stalls are Mesdames Ralph, Browne, Simpson, Reid, and Miss Haven. Rev. Father Doyle (secretary) and Mr. C. Reid (treasurer), and Rev. Father Edge were unremitting in their labors.

Reefton

(From an occasional correspondent.)

Ten miles from Ikamatua is the rising township of Waiuta, where the Blackwater gold mines are situated. Many of the miners are Catholics, and have decided to have a church near the mine. A certain amount of money has already been collected. At Cronadun also most of the settlers are Catholics. Their number is increasing rapidly, and they want to have a church, in order that Mass might be celebrated for them in a place more suitable than the one in which it is celebrated now. A meeting is to be held there shortly, which promises to be a great success. In a short time three nice little churches will be built to meet the needs of the growing and increasing Catholic population of the district of Reefton.

During the past two months we have had several meetings of parishioners for the purpose of making arrangements for the holding of a bazaar and art union in aid of the liquidation of the parish debt. The ladies of the parish have been engaged for some time in working for the bazaar, and the result of their labors promises to be most successful. The arranging of the details for the bazaar does not take up all the time of our worthy pastor, the Rev. Father Galeane, for he has presided over several meetings of his parishioners at Ikamatua, where a new church is to be erected to take the place of the old one, which is too small for the increasing Catholic population. The site selected is a section given by Mr. O'Malley, a well-known and highly respected resident of the district.

WEDDING BELLS

LUTJENS-HAUGHTON.

On Wednesday morning, October 21 (writes an occasional correspondent), a wedding which excited more than ordinary interest was celebrated at St. Mary's Church, Roxburgh, the contracting parties being Mr. W. Lütjens, formerly of Waitahuna, and Miss A. F. (Jane) Haughton, daughter of the late Mr. Joseph Haughton, of Roxburgh. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father Morkane. The bride, who was very prettily attired, was attended by Miss Butler, while Mr. J. H. Waigh, jun., acted as best man. After the ceremony the party proceeded to the Goldfields Hotel, where the breakfast was held. After due justice had been done to the good things provided, Father Morkane, in a happy speech, proposed the toast of the bride and bridegroom, and expressed the great pleasure he felt in being privileged to participate in the marriage of two such sterling persons. Other toasts were also duly honored. During the afternoon the happy couple, accompanied by the good wishes of a large circle of friends, drove to Lawrence, en route for the south, where the honeymoon will be spent.

Memorial Church to the Irish Martyrs, CROMWELL.

FURTHER CONTRIBUTIONS.

Previously acknowledged		£1304 4 4
Mrs. Lynch, Pukeuri, Oamaru ...	...	1 0 0
Mr. Daniel McDonnell, Bald Hill Flat ...	...	1 0 0
Mr. James Holland, Gore ...	...	1 0 0
Mr. Daniel Ryan, Gore ...	...	1 0 0
Miss Mary Heaney, Lowburn (2nd donation) ...	...	1 0 0
Miss K. Birnie, Cromwell (2nd donation) ...	...	1 0 0
An Admirer of the Work ...	...	1 0 0
Mr. and Mrs. P. Enright, Gibbston ...	...	1 0 0
Mrs. S. Miscall, South Dunedin ...	...	1 0 0
Mr. Michael Quirk, Gore ...	...	10 0
Mr. William O'Brien, Gore ...	...	10 0
Mr. Malachy Hanly, Gore	10 0
Mr. Maurice Cotter, Gore	10 0
Mr. John O'Neill, Gore	10 0

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To be continued.

All contributions to be addressed to the Rev. G. M. HUNT, CROMWELL.

Father Hunt desires to thank heartily all those good friends who have so far generously subscribed to the Church of the Irish Martyrs. There is a sum of £900 required to complete present contracts, which do not cover the whole design, which must be one that is not unworthy of New Zealand Irish men and women and the Irish Martyrs. All the available cash has now been expended, and we trust to the generosity of the Irish people of New Zealand for the further help that is needed to complete the Church of the Irish Martyrs at Cromwell.

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TO THE ELECTORS OF WALLACE.

Ladies and Gentlemen,—As a LIBERAL CANDIDATE for the Representation of Wallace in Parliament, I HEREBY NOTIFY that I will ADDRESS the ELECTORS in the under-mentioned places:—

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5:

Caroline School, 6 p.m. sharp.

Dipton Hall, 8.30 p.m.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6:

Riverside School, 6 p.m. sharp.

Fernhill School, 8.30 p.m.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7:

Wairio, the Hall, 7 p.m.

Wrey's Bush, the Hall, 8.30 p.m.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9:

Papatotara, the School, 2.30 p.m. sharp.

Te Tua, the School, 8.30 p.m.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10:

Round Hill, the School, 8 p.m.

Other dates will be duly advertised later.

DUGALD McPHERSON.