

## LECTURE BY BISHOP CLEARY IN WANGANUI

(From our own correspondent.)

His Lordship Bishop Cleary lectured here on the Bible-in-Schools question on Thursday night. The Opera House was altogether inadequate to accommodate the big crowd that turned up to hear his Lordship. What he did say (remarks the local *Herald*) was evidently approved of by the big audience judging by the numerous rounds of applause. The chair was taken by the Mayor (Mr. T. B. Williams), and his Grace Archbishop Redwood, Dean Holley, and a number of citizens were also on the platform.

The Mayor, in introducing his Lordship, stated that there probably would be a plebiscite taken on this question. He read a number of apologies from prominent people, including several from ministers of religion.

At the conclusion of the lecture a number of questions were asked, and answered to the satisfaction of the audience.

Mr. Jas. Aitken, headmaster of the Victoria Avenue State School, in moving a resolution, said that he was a Presbyterian, and had been a Sunday school teacher for forty years. He commented on the ignorance of the growing generation in Biblical matters. Speaking as a State school teacher, he thought that the Bible should be taught in schools, but objected to the teachers imparting that instruction. He commented strongly and adversely on the attitude taken up by Rev. J. Kennedy Elliott, of Wellington, who had been reported as having said that he thought the State school teachers were taking too prominent a part in the agitation against the Bible-in-Schools movement, and that they should be reminded that the schools existed for the children and not for the teachers. He moved—'That as citizens and taxpayers of this Dominion we pledge ourselves to oppose the scheme of the Bible-in-Schools League as conflicting with the rights of conscience and inimical to the real interests of religion and religious peace.'

This motion was seconded by Mr. W. M. Luxford, who was in agreement with the sentiments expressed by Mr. Aitken.

The motion on being put was carried by a large majority, although there were about half-a-dozen dissentient voices heard, among them being the voices of two or three ladies.

A vote of thanks to his Lordship Bishop Cleary was moved by Mr. J. K. Law, headmaster of the Aramoho State School, who stated that he was voicing the convictions of eighty per cent. of the teachers when he said that he conscientiously objected to the obligation of imparting the League's lessons being placed upon his shoulders.

As the 9.25 train from Wanganui was approaching the Aramoho Station, and when between the Kaikopu crossing and the signal station, a pea-rifle bullet or stone crashed through the window of a carriage in which Bishop Cleary was travelling (says the *Wanganui Herald* of May 30). The Bishop was struck on the forehead with the broken glass, causing a little blood to flow, but was not otherwise injured. Workmen were engaged on the line near by, and the signalman was watching the approaching train, but saw no one near the train. It is thought by some that the window was broken by a stone from a shanghai or catapult, while others suggest that the glass was pierced by a pea-rifle bullet.

## Remuera

(From our own correspondent.)

The Ven. Archdeacon Hackett delivered an interesting and eloquent lecture, entitled 'Two hours with Ireland,' on Wednesday evening last in St. Mark's Hall. There was a very large audience, who thoroughly enjoyed the Archdeacon's highly amusing examples of Celtic humor. The lecture was interspersed by a number of musical items. Miss Zainey, Messrs. Brett and Coleman contributed well-received Irish songs. Master

Follas gave an exhibition of Irish step-dancing, for which he received a most emphatic encore. Miss Frost played the accompaniments in a most tasteful manner. Special mention should be made of Miss Hilary Baker, a pupil of the Sisters of St. Joseph, for her beautiful playing of Irish airs on the pianoforte. Mr. W. Wright acted as stage manager for the lecture and concert. It is expected that the church funds will benefit considerably from the evening's entertainment.

On Thursday, the Feast of Corpus Christi, nine little girls made their First Communion at the Convent of the Sacred Heart. The Mass of the Feast was celebrated by Rev. Father Kirrane. A large number of the friends and parents of the children were present.

On Sunday within the Octave of Corpus Christi, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament was held in the parish church. Large crowds visited the church during the afternoon. The Children of Mary, St. Vincent de Paul Society, the sanctuary servers, and the school children all kept watch until Benediction. In the evening the church was again crowded. In his sermon Father Doyle dwelt upon the importance of the Decree on children's Communion, and reminded parents, who consider themselves loyal to the voice of the Church, of the double duty placed upon them by the Decree—that of putting no hindrance to the accomplishment of the Holy Father's wishes, and, on the contrary, of promoting the same with all their power. Father Doyle pointed out further that the young are the reserve of the Church, also that they have more immediate need of Communion, either for preserving purity of life or for regaining it. After the sermon, five young ladies were received as aspirants in the Sodality of the Children of Mary. A procession of the Blessed Sacrament then took place round the church. Those taking part in the procession were the sanctuary servers, Children of Mary, and school children. The Blessed Sacrament was borne by Rev. Father Kirrane. The altar was beautifully decorated by the Sisters of St. Joseph.

A special appeal in aid of the local branch of St. Vincent de Paul Society was made last Sunday, and a sum of £15 was received.

## Gore

(From our own correspondent.)

A series of socials to assist in furnishing stalls at the forthcoming bazaar will be held in the Town Hall during June. One in aid of the refreshment stall will be held on June 11, and that in aid of the art stall on June 25.

A wedding of considerable local interest took place in the Gore Catholic Church the other day, when Mr. A. E. Boulton, of Mandeville, was married to Miss Maggie Monaghan, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Monaghan, of Croydon. Very Rev. Father O'Donnell officiated. The bride was attended by Misses J. Monaghan and Ivy Boulton as bridesmaids, and Mr. R. Roche, of Timaru, acted as best man. After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Boulton, with a host of friends, proceeded to the home of the bride's parents, where the wedding breakfast was partaken of, fully 80 guests being present. Very Rev. Father O'Donnell, who presided, proposed the toast of the bride and bridegroom, Mr. Boulton responding. Mr. Dickie (of Croydon) proposed the toast of the bride's parents, and Mr. T. R. Carroll that of the bridegroom's parents. Mr. and Mrs. Boulton, who left Gore by the express for Christchurch, where the honeymoon will be spent, were the recipients of many handsome presents, including several substantial cheques.

At Waimate on Wednesday afternoon an old wooden grain store was being dismantled for removal when the wind blew over one of the walls, which in falling pinned a man named M. Horgan to the ground. The wall was lifted as quickly as possible and Horgan taken to the Hospital, where it was found that his hip was put out and that he was badly shaken. The injured man is progressing favorably, but it will be some weeks before he will be able to return to his work.

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