

God has set the standard of good life which all must follow. The Sisters, however, obeyed the higher evangelical course and forsook all to follow Him, devoting their lives to acts of charity and helpfulness to mankind, and to educating the young. In doing this they were using their talents rightly and their reward would be the greater. He had noticed that in other towns the church was erecting edifices at heavy cost, but he would say the Greymouth people were the best at getting money to pay for theirs.

Mr. H. F. Doogan said all present would realise that next to religion came education. The greatest essential in life was to grow up with right ideas and right ideals. The Sisters of Mercy were devoting their lives to the work of educating the young, in addition to the other duties which claimed their attention. Greymouth owed the Sisters a deep debt of gratitude for the way they had developed their talents, and all that was good, in the children placed under their care. It could be said that Greymouth trained young people were scattered all over New Zealand, equipped mentally to take their place as good citizens. These and all others of the legions of pupils who did well, were a living witness to the earnest, loving training done by the Sisters. In recognising all the good services performed by the Sisters, their increasing devotion to duty, and their many sacrifices, it would be nothing short of base ingratitude if the people did not rise and find the money needed for the carrying out of their good work in this parish. He would not suggest that the amount still required should be subscribed by a few who were in the position to give freely. He suggested that all should help and feel they had a common interest in the new convent. He would not conclude without referring to the excellent music rendered by the Band, which he knew everyone had enjoyed. The Band was leaving in a few days to take part in a contest in Auckland. He knew they would carry the best wishes of all the residents of Greymouth. He wanted to see the Band score a win, but whether they were successful or not, he could assure them Greymouth would welcome them back, knowing they had done their best. (Applause.)

The collection taken at the laying of the stone amounted to £351 12s.

The Sisters of the Convent of Mercy further acknowledge the sum of £100 from Mr. T. Clarke, being proceeds of recent entertainments by the "Follies."

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Diocesan News

Archdiocese of Wellington

(From our own Correspondent.)

February 20.

Rev. Father Joyce joined the Mission staff. Another to join up is Rev. Father Heffernan, of Napier.

Rev. Father O'Shaughnessy, an arrival from Ireland, will replace Father Heffernan at Napier.

Rev. Father Vincent is already at Hastings, where he and Rev. Father McCarthy, S.M., are to conduct a mission.

Rev. Father McGrath preached at Northlands last Sunday morning.

The great Lewisham "drive" is being set in progress. His Grace Archbishop O'Shea spoke on this subject at all the Masses at Buckle Street last Sunday. He will speak at all the Masses at the Basilica on Sunday next. After his morning visits to the various churches of the city the parishioners will meet on the afternoon of the day in question. No canvassing will take place until a general meeting of these committees has been called. Wellington has longed for the coming of these devoted nursing Sisters for so long that little comment is necessary. Christchurch can vouch for the boon they have been to her, and Wellingtonians who journeyed thither for treatment can vouch for it too. Their great skill, their perfect equipment, have been praised so often by competent critics that, as I said before, comment is needless.

Virgil Philpott and Frank McGee have left for the Marist Brothers' Novitiate at Mittagong, Australia.

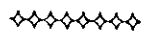
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Rev. Father Daly preached a strong sermon on Matrimony last Sunday, emphasising the evils arising out of mixed marriages.

Deep sympathy is felt with the relatives of Mrs. Slade who died this week at Lower Hutt. May she rest in peace!

Lower Hutt affairs are flourishing. The tennis courts are a very popular meeting-place for the young people. At present the tennis ladder is headed by William Donnelly and Miss Maureen Mahony (ladies).

The Marist Brothers' Juniorate will reopen at Tuakau on the 2nd of March if the epidemic abates.



Inglewood

(From our own Correspondent.)

February 16.

The members of the former teaching staff of the Inglewood Convent Schools have been transferred, much to the regret of the parishioners to whom—parents and children alike—they endeared themselves by their good work and kindness during the number of years they have been in our midst. Their successors, however, may be assured of a warm welcome and the same affection felt for those whom they succeed.

As the time for opening the carnival is now near at hand those interested are working with much energy. The convent "queen" candidate is at present leading in the competition.

Splendid harvest weather has been experienced since Christmas—the best in fact ever remembered in Taranaki—so that the winter months are well provided for. Much-needed rain has fallen this week, and the growth of pasture will be greatly eliminated as a result.

Diocese of Auckland

(From our own Correspondent.)

February 19.

With all the schools still closed, and the Retreats of the clergy and Sisters being just completed, parish affairs have been quiet about Auckland. In fact the weather has been so oppressive there is a lull socially and otherwise. Really the only item of interest to announce is the enterprise of the Sisters of Mercy. This year the good Sisters propose to extend the operations of their Order to Mount St. Mary (the Pah), Onehunga. At this beautiful and health-giving site, with its perfect playing grounds, a boarding and day school will be opened. The place is thoroughly equipped with spacious buildings and modern conveniences, and as an educational institution its situation is unsurpassed and should appeal to Catholic parents. A qualified staff will be provided in all college courses leading to University degrees, with a thorough training in all grades from Kindergarten to Matriculation standard; Montessori classes, and individual instruction in backward pupils. The Sisters are to be commended in their efforts to extend the advantages of Christian education.

The Rev. Father Hyland, of Australia, paid a visit to Auckland recently.

The epidemic of infantile paralysis has shown a decided downward tendency during the last few days in Auckland, and it is hoped that with the approach of cooler weather this scourge will disappear altogether. It has already taken toll of many young lives, creating gloom in many a home, and causing extreme anxiety in others. Its disappearance will loosen the bonds of restriction that surround at present the lives of our little folk, who will joyously welcome their freedom.

The Rev. Brother Osmond has returned to the college after a well-earned holiday.

Diocese of Christchurch

(From our own Correspondent.)

February 21.

Under the will of the late Mr. Daniel Galvin, of Ferry Road, Christchurch, who died on October 20, 1924, and of whose will the Public Trustee is appointed executor and trustee, the following bequest is made:—To the Little Sisters of the Poor, Anderson's Bay, Dunedin, the sum of £50, free of death duties, for the benefit of the aged poor of all denominations.

The blessing and opening of the new school-church at Beckenham, will take place at nine o'clock on Sunday, March 2, at which hour his Lordship the Bishop will celebrate Holy Mass.

Rev. Father Long, Adm., Greymouth, paid a visit to Christchurch during the week. He will be leaving on a trip to the Old Country on March 16.

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