

The foreman: Yes.

His Honor: And you adhere to your finding that he was not guilty of malice?

The foreman: Yes.

His Honor: In that case I direct you to find a verdict upon these answers for the defendant. It amounts to a verdict for the defendant. I take it that is what, on my direction, you mean, because I told you that unless you found that the plaintiff had proved both of these things there must be a verdict for the defendant. I take it you intend that to be a verdict for the defendant.

The jury then, by direction, returned a verdict for the defendant.

His Honor, in dismissing the jury, said: "I am sorry you have been kept so long over the case. I thank you for your assistance."

Mr. Shand: I ask for a stay of proceedings.

His Honor said that he would grant a stay.

After the Verdict.

There was a scene of excitement when the jury returned their verdict. An attempt at applause in the gallery was at first only a feeble effort; but, gathering courage, portion of the audience, particularly the women, began vigorously to clap their hands. His Honor held up his hand in remonstrance, and policemen and court orderlies quickly quelled the disturbance, and the audience filed out, meanwhile talking excitedly. Loud cheers were heard from the crowd waiting outside while Mr. Flannery, K.C., was receiving congratulations from friends in the court. The large assemblage outside seemed loth to disperse, and ringing cheers, mingled with a few boo-hoos, re-echoed in King Street until the strong force of police in attendance gradually persuaded the excited crowd to move on.

Diocesan News

ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

July 29.

His Grace Archbishop Redwood left yesterday for Sydney to attend the Conference of Bishops. His Grace will be absent for about three months.

A very successful afternoon was given last Saturday at the convent school, Newtown, to raise funds for the bazaar which is to be held in September.

A queen competition caused considerable excitement and rivalry in the Newtown parish, and was the means of substantially augmenting the convent bazaar fund. Miss Gladys Smyth, representing St. Joseph's Convent, won the crown, the other candidate being Miss Joyce Kirk, representing St. Anne's Convent School. The coronation took place on Saturday evening at St. Anne's Hall, and was a brilliant affair.

The following Catholic schools and institutions participated in the annual distribution of interest allocated by the trustees of the T. G. MacCarthy estate:—Home for Incurables, Buckle Street, Wellington, £100; Home of Compassion, Island Bay, Wellington, £100; Convent of Mercy, Hill Street, Wellington, £50; St. Mary's College, Hill Street, Wellington, £250; Marist Brothers' School, Hawkestone Street, Wellington, £80; Marist Brothers' School, Newtown, Wellington, £75; Convent of Mercy, Newtown, Wellington, £50; St. Anne's School, Newtown, Wellington, £50; St. Patrick's Parochial School, Kilbirnie, £60; St. Catherine's Convent, Kilbirnie, £50; St. Francis's School, Island Bay, Wellington, £50; Preparatory College, Seatoun, Wellington, £75; St. Mary's Convent School, Carterton, £50; Brigidine Convent, Carterton, £50; St. Vincent's School, Castlecliff, £50; Convent School, Feilding, £80; the Convent, Feilding, £80; St. Mary's School, Foxton, £50; Brigidine Convent, Foxton, £50; St. Joseph's Convent, Jerusalem, £20; St. Joseph's Convent, Levin, £50; Parochial Convent School, Levin, £100; Sacred Heart Convent, Lower Hutt, £100; Convent Parochial School,

Lower Hutt, £75; St. Matthew's School, Marton, £50; Convent of Mercy, Marton, £50; St. Patrick's School, Masterton, £75; St. Bride's Convent, Masterton, £100; Boys' School, Nai Nai, £250; St. Patrick's Convent, Ohakune, £50; St. Joseph's School, Ohakune, £40; St. Joseph's Convent, Otaki, £50; Brigidine Convent, Pahiatua, £100; St. Anthony's School, Pahiatua, £40; St. Patrick's Parochial School, Palmerston North, £80; Convent of Mercy, Palmerston North, £100; Convent School, Petone, £90; Sacred Heart School, Ranana, £20; St. Joseph's Convent School, Taihape, £40; St. Joseph's Orphanage, Upper Hutt, £250; St. Mary's Convent, Wanganui, £50; St. Patrick's College, Wellington, £300.

Mr. Tom O'Brien recently gave an "evening" at his residence for the benefit of St. Mary of the Angels' Building Fund Bazaar, and as a result over £50 was realised.

The need for a hostel to accommodate Catholic boys is becoming more and more apparent. Numbers of boys are coming to this city to take up positions, and it is a most difficult task to find accommodation for them. They are forced to seek shelter in the establishments of non-Catholic denominations, thereby jeopardising their faith. The establishment of a hostel would prove a great boon for these Catholic boys, and the parents of the lads would feel more at ease were they safely housed in a good Catholic institution. The question of establishing a boys' hostel is now being discussed, but the greatest obstacle is that of finance. Wellington people consider that such an institution would not be for the benefit of Wellington boys but rather for the boys of parents who reside elsewhere, and thus maintain that the greater portion of the finance should come from outside. It is to be hoped that something tangible will be the result of the present movement. The Catholic women's hostel has proved a great success, and there is no reason why a Catholic boys' hostel should not be equally successful.

Members of St. Joseph's concert party visited the Upper Hutt recently, and gave an enjoyable entertainment to the children of St. Joseph's Orphanage. The concert hall was tastefully decorated by some of the children. Rev. Mother Ambrose expressed the community's appreciation of the thoughtful action of the performers in planning and carrying out the pleasing function.

DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

(From our own correspondent.)

July 29.

Rev. Father Eccleton, S.M., has just concluded a Retreat at the Home of the Little Sisters of the Poor, Ponsonby.

The social in aid of the funds of the Marist Brothers was held in St. Benedict's Hall on Tuesday, July 26, and proved a great success. The function was organised by St. Benedict's Club, assisted by many friends from the city and suburban parishes. The Brothers heartily thank all who contributed towards its success.

The rebuilding scheme of the convent, Grey Lynn, has been deferred for some months until the cost of building eases somewhat. In addition to the collections which still continue, various schemes for raising funds are under consideration by the committee. The first is an art union in which valuable prizes are being offered, and tickets for same will be on the market very shortly. The second is the screening of the famous picture "Fabiola" in the Town Hall, Auckland, in the near future. The management of "Fabiola" has kindly granted same gratis for the convent funds. In connection with the exhibition of the picture a select choir will render the incidental music. Following shortly after "Fabiola," a concert will be arranged by the children of the combined schools of the city and suburbs, assisted by leading artists. It is to be hoped that the public generally will accord their generous patronage to the art union and the functions, which will be held in the Town Hall, and thus considerably augment the convent funds.

His Lordship Dr. Liston, Coadjutor-Bishop, visited Otahuhu and Papakura on Sunday, July 24, and administered the Sacrament of Confirmation.

A most enjoyable concert, arranged by the Misses Beresford, was given in the Concert Chamber of the Town