

## Napier

(From our own correspondent.)

August 31.

On August 15, the diamond jubilee of the Order of Notre Dame des Missions was celebrated at St. Joseph's Convent. High Mass was celebrated by Rev. Father Clancy. The children's singing, especially that of the Maori girls, was beautiful, and reflected credit on the tuition of the Sisters. There was exposition of the Blessed Sacrament during the day, and Benediction in the afternoon. The grounds were illuminated in the evening, and both Sisters and children took part in a torchlight procession in honor of Our Lady. The Napier foundation was the first, after the Mother House, in New Zealand, as the pioneer sisters arrived here on February 26, 1865, while Father Forrest, S.M., had charge of the district.

On Sunday evening, August 28, a meeting was held in St. Patrick's Hall for the purpose of selecting new members for the school committee, when the following were appointed:—Messrs. J. W. Callaghan, W. J. McGrath, W. Harris, J. O'Reilly, J. Murphy, and J. Tynan. There are still some vacancies which will be filled at a later date.

Misses A. Falvey and M. Callaghan have been appointed representatives of the Children of Mary Sodality in the Napier branch of the Catholic Federation.

Mr. Thomas Hawkins, one of Taradale's oldest identities, and a man well known throughout Hawke's Bay, died lately at his residence, Springfield, in his 88th year. Much sympathy is extended to his surviving children—Miss A. Hawkins and Messrs. M. and P. Hawkins, of Taradale.—R.I.P.

Mr. Patrick Kilkenny, one of Hawke's Bay's oldest residents, died at Meeanee on Saturday, August 27. The deceased, who was highly respected throughout the district, was born in Co. Leitrim, Ireland, in 1841, and came to Hawke's Bay in 1865, after visiting the West Coast goldfields. For nearly half a century the late pioneer resided at Puketapu. As he was a Hibernian, the funeral was attended by members of the Napier branch. Rev. Father Hickson, of Taradale, officiated at the graveside, Very Rev. Dean Binsfeld and the Napier clergy being present. Mrs. Kilkenny and her two sons and daughters have the sincere sympathy of a wide circle of friends in their bereavement.—R.I.P.

## DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

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August 26.

The clergy tendered his Lordship, Bishop Cleary a farewell dinner at the Bishop's House, Ponsonby, on Wednesday, August 24, on the 11th anniversary of his consecration, when Right Rev. Dr. Liston, Coadjutor-Bishop, on his own behalf, Right Rev. Mgr. Hackett for the diocesan clergy, and Very Rev. Dean Van Dyk, on behalf of the Mill-Hill Fathers, tendered their felicitations to the Bishop and wished him *bon voyage* and a safe return. The speakers referred to the magnitude of the work accomplished by his Lordship during the 11 years of his episcopate, and wished him *ad multos annos*. A presentation covering the cost of his return ticket was then made by the clergy, and Dr. Cleary, who replied in a very happy speech, referred to the cordial relations existing between the Coadjutor, the clergy, and himself. He thanked all for their goodness, and whole-hearted co-operation in the work of the diocese, and asked their prayers for his restoration to health and his safe return to his diocese.

Right Rev. Dr. Liston visited St. Joseph's parish, Grey Lynn, on Sunday, August 21, when his Lordship preached at the Masses and administered Confirmation to a large number of adults and children in the afternoon. His addresses on all occasions were listened to with wrapt attention as he dealt with the ideal Catholic home, and the dangers of the day—mixed marriages, and bad literature.

A very important innovation has been made by Dr. Liston, Coadjutor-Bishop, in the establishment of St. Luke's Guild, which meets monthly in St. Benedict's, when a special address on religious subjects, and topics of the day relating to Catholics and the community generally, are given. The membership consists of the laity of the

various professions. After the lecture questions are asked and answered.

In connection with the Forty Hours' devotion, a mission, conducted by the Rev. Father Campbell, C.S.S.R., was concluded with special solemnity at All Souls' Church, Devonport, on last Sunday evening. The spiritual exercises were well attended during the week, and the devotional music rendered was of a high order.

I regret to learn that Rev. Father Buckley, of St. Patrick's, has undergone a serious operation in the Mater Hospital, but his many friends are very grateful to know that the worst has passed, and that the indefatigable and zealous priest is now on his way to recovery.

September 2.

Rev. Father Campbell, C.S.S.R., is conducting a mission in Northcote, Takapuna, this week, and will open a mission in Hamilton on September 4.

On Sunday evening, August 21, Right Rev. Dr. Cleary preached at St. Patrick's Cathedral, to a large congregation.

His Lordship Dr. Cleary will be farewelled by the clergy and laity in the Cathedral on Sunday evening, September 11, at 7 o'clock, when an address from the laity will be presented. The Cathedral choir will render a special programme of sacred music. After the Bishop's reply, his Lordship will officiate at Solemn Pontifical Benediction.

Right Rev. Dr. Cleary leaves by the Rimutaka from Wellington about the 13th inst. We all wish his Lordship *bon voyage* and a safe return, with renewed health and vigor. Rev. Father Bradley will accompany his Lordship.

Right Rev. Bishop Liston presided at the ceremonies of the Forty Hours' Adoration at the Sacred Heart College on Sunday, August 28. On Monday evening, his Lordship was present at the meeting of the St. Luke's Guild in St. Benedict's, when Rev. Father Edge delivered an address on the subject of "Divorce." He received an attentive hearing and answered questions at the conclusion of the address.

Medical inspection of St. Joseph's School, Grey Lynn, was conducted during the week by Dr. Davis, of the Department of Health. On Wednesday evening, in the school, the doctor addressed the parents and guardians on the care of children, and illustrated his subject with good lantern views.

Rev. Father Buckley is making satisfactory progress in the Mater hospital.

Rev. Father Wright, of Ponsonby, has gone to the Mater to undergo an operation. Rev. Father J. Moore is assisting in the Sacred Heart parish during Father Wright's absence.

Rev. Mother Lawrence, Mother-General of the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Sacred Heart, Mount Street, Sydney, is at present on visitation to the houses of the Order in the Dominion. The Mother-General visited Whangarei and Dargaville during the week.

The cause of Ireland—A Nation—has an able exponent and advocate in Mr. Hall Skelton, who is most self-sacrificing in its interests. During this week he has lectured to crowded audiences in the O'Neill Street Hall, Ponsonby, on Monday; on Tuesday in Te Aroha; Wednesday in Morrinsville; and Friday in Huntly. His addresses are most logical and convincing, and everywhere he is making converts to the cause. One excellent result of his mission is the smashing of the sectarian bitterness and feeling which has been fostered by the apostle of hate of Ireland and the Church in Auckland and elsewhere in recent years. Mr. Hall Skelton is a young Irish-New Zealander, a barrister by profession, and belongs to the Anglican Church.

The production of the picture "Fabiola" in the Town Hall, Auckland, will take place on Wednesday, September 14, and not on the 6th as previously notified. Several choirs are now actively engaged in preparing for the grand musical programme which will accompany the production of the picture. Mr. G. Inglesby Allen will preside at the organ, and Mr. W. G. Pringle is the musical director. The proceeds are in aid of the Grey Lynn Convent Rebuilding Fund.

A recital of sacred music, arranged by Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Towsey, was given in All Souls' Church, Devonport, on Sunday, August 28, in aid of the Church fund. The artists were Mrs. Cyril Towsey, Misses Winifred Mitchell,