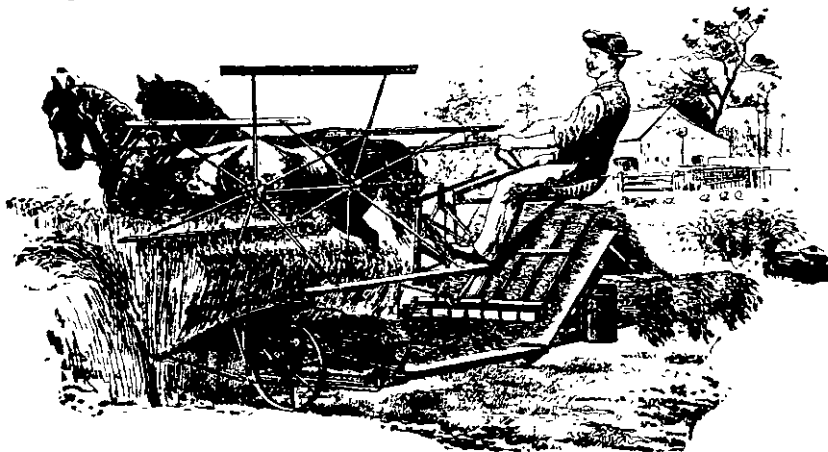


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The school situated on Catholic reserve at Lake Takapuna is now gazetted as an auxiliary to St Mary's, Ponsonby, and is to be exclusively for boys. Father Lenihan, who manages St Mary's so successfully, is to have the management, and three Sisters of Mercy are now stationed there.

DIOCESAN SUMMARY.

ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON.

A STATUE of the Sacred Heart of Jesus has been erected in the church at Reefton. The ceremony of blessing the statue was performed on the first Sunday of Lent by the Rev Father Rolland, assisted by the Rev Father Briand. The Rev Father Galerne has been recently appointed curate of the Reefton parish.

The Rev Father O'Shea, who some months ago received the sacrament of ordination at Wellington from the Most Rev Dr Grimes, has been appointed Professor of Philosophy at the Meaneer Seminary. On Sunday, February 18, Father O'Shea celebrated Mass at Napier in St Mary's church, where 10 years before, while he was attending the school of the Marist Brothers, he had been one of the altar boys.

The convent at Westport has been opened, and the nuns have already given proofs of their presence in the school. The building is handsome and finely situated. The Very Rev Father Walsh, who carried out the erection in the face of many difficulties, is to be congratulated on the success attained by him. The foundation in question speaks volumes for his ability and zeal.

DIocese OF DUNEDIN.

In St Joseph's Cathedral on Sunday the Very Rev Father Lynch, Rector, recommended to the prayers of the congregation the soul of the late Most Rev Dr Donnelly, Bishop of Clogher, who, he said, had been a college friend of the Most Rev Dr Moran. Father Lynch also referred to the satisfactory attendance at the Catholic schools of the city—which was larger than it had been during the preceding year.

DIocese OF CHRISTCHURCH.

On Sunday, February 18, as a fitting conclusion to the Redemptorist mission given, with great success, at Rangiora by the Rev Father Plunkett, C.S.S.B., the Most Rev Dr Grimes administered the Sacrament of Confirmation there. Mass was celebrated by the Rev Father Marnane assisted by the Very Rev Father O'Connor. The number of persons confirmed was 37.

NAPIER.

(From our own Correspondent.)

February 21st, 1894.

FATHER O'SHEA, who was recently ordained a priest in Wellington by Bishop Grimes, celebrated second Mass at St Mary's Church on Sunday last. The Very Rev Father Grogan, in announcing that Father O'Shea would preach at Vespers in the evening, said that ten years ago Father O'Shea was one of the altar boys in that church, and attended the Marist Brothers' school in Napier, and now he was a priest amongst them. He was also professor of philosophy at the Meaneer Seminary, the latter appointment being proof that he was a young man of ability. What an example for colonial boys. A short time ago, continued the Rev Father, they had in their midst Dr Keneedy (now of St Patrick's College) who was the first New Zealander who had been ordained a priest, and Father O'Shea might be said to be the second. At Vespers there was a large attendance, when the rev gentleman took for his text, "Lord teach us how to pray," and, in well-chosen language, he urged on the congregation the importance of prayer. He was listened to attentively, and made a favourable impression on those present. He gives promise of becoming an eloquent speaker.

Napier, I am sorry to state, has lost the services of Sergeant Cullen, who has been transferred to Wanganui. At St Mary's on Sunday the Very Rev Father Grogan alluded to this matter, and referred in eulogistic terms to Sergeant Cullen as a good Catholic, and a trustworthy public servant. He said that although Sergeant Cullen was going to a good parish where there were good priests and efficient schools, still he was sorry for his removal, and he also regretted losing his sons from the altar. During the time Sergeant Cullen had been in Napier he had proved himself a good Catholic. Sometimes, when men occupied important public positions, and were invested with authority, they became proud and independent, and forsook their Church. That, however, he was pleased to say, could not be said regarding Sergeant Cullen. On Monday, at the B.M. Court, his Worship the Mayor made a few observations anent the departure of such a zealous officer as Sergeant Cullen, and wished him God speed. Owing to the police regulations they were debarred from giving him a public testimonial.

The bazaar at Hastings has been very successful, and I hear that there is now sufficient money in hand to warrant Father Smythe commencing the erection of the new church without delay.

The Very Rev Father Grogan requested the prayers of the congregation on Sunday for the repose of the soul of Mr Peter Henry McShane. Deceased was a brother-in-law of one of the Sisters in St Joseph's monastery here. This was the gentleman whose death was referred to in last week's TABLET.