

WATCH THIS SPACE

FOR FULL PARTICULARS ABOUT

DE L'AVEL'S CREAM SEPARATORS,

Which will appear in

NEXT WEEK'S TABLET.

Orphanage for the last seven years, to express in writing the sentiments I have frequently expressed by word of mouth, namely, my great appreciation of the ability and earnestness with which you have cared for the interests of the "little ones," and administered the finances of the institution. You know how I regretted, and still regret, your continued request to be relieved of the charge, but I realise the reasonableness of your wish, and can accept your resignation only with feelings of sincere acknowledgement of your most valuable services, and the assured hope that you will reap abundant reward hereafter from Him who has said, 'Quod uni ex his ministris fecistis mihi fecistis.' With best wishes and blessing, I remain, yours very sincerely in Jesus Christ,—† J. E. LUCK, O.S.B., Bishop of Auckland."

His Lordship the Bishop has presented Father Lenihan with a gold watch, on the back of which is engraved, "What you have done to one of My little ones, you have done to Me." To the Rev George M. Lenihan, late hon manager, St Mary's Orphanage, Ponsonby, Auckland, N Z, 1894.

HAWERA.

(From an occasional Correspondent)

June 26th, 1894.

If we may judge by the number of people who are coming to the district (Taranaki), no doubt is looked upon as one of the most flourishing parts of New Zealand at the present time. Butter and cheese are our staple trade, and as a consequence land is at a premium. Let us hope that the large farms around Hawera may be soon broken up, and that proper settlement on the land may take place. Without exaggeration I may say that Taranaki is one of the spots most favoured by nature on this side of the line. Fertile plains and a genial climate go far to make a country prosperous, and of both we can boast in this part of the colony. Butter and cheese factories, creameries, etc, are being erected on all sides. Bush settlers are no longer hewers of wood and drawers of water. Judging from the appearance of their homesteads they are well-to-do, happy, prosperous and contented.

From a Catholic point of view Taranaki is making wonderful strides. The Rev Father Mulvihill, having the Church of the Sacred Heart, Manaia, completed, has let the contract for a new church at Oponake. The Church of the Holy Cross at Oponake will be Father Mulvihill's fourth church, all vying with one another in neatness and beauty. I understand that it is Father Mulvihill's intention to establish a convent school at Manaia at the earliest possible opportunity. Manaia will doubtless be a branch of the Hawera Convent. At Hawera the Sisters are at present working under difficulties, but we hope to soon see them removed. Father Mulvihill is at present trying his utmost to raise the "needful" for a beautiful convent at Hawera. The plans, etc, are being prepared by Mr P. G. Smith, architect, New Plymouth. We only hope that Father Mulvihill (whose health is not of the best), may be spared to see his expectations fulfilled—the convent at Hawera completed and that at Manaia established, and churches at Eban, Okaiawa, Kaponga, etc, well on.

We notice with much pleasure that Rev Father James M. Kenna, of New Plymouth, is doing wonders for the district of which he is in charge. A new and beautiful church has been lately erected by him at Stratford. In the main the church is built on the plans of the Hawera Church, while correcting all the faults under which our neat little church labours. At New Plymouth Father McKenna is also having built a church worthy of the chief town of Taranaki. May he be long spared to carry out great things, *ad maiorem Dei gloriam*.

It we turn our eyes southwards we see Rev Father Power, of Patea, emulating, and in many respects, surpassing his confreres of the north. On taking over the parish of Patea, Father Power had many difficulties to encounter, but he is one of the few who have

learned that there is no such word as "Fail." Short as he has been at Patea, he has deservedly won golden opinions on the part of those whose opinion is worth having, without seeking popularity he has already won true popularity.

Robberies are becoming rather frequent in our quiet township. Three or four rather serious offences have lately come under notice. Our respected and charitable townsman, Mr Milmo, had his house broken into last Sunday night week (17th inst), and lost some valuables. Let us hope the culprits may be soon found and duly punished.

LYTTELTON.

(From a special Correspondent)

ON Sunday, the 17th of June, at the request of the Rev Father Salvador, the Very Rev Father Cummings, the amiable V.G. of Christchurch, delivered a most interesting and eloquent sermon on devotion to the Sacred Heart to a very large and appreciative audience in St Joseph's Catholic Church. The church was beautifully decorated for the occasion. The improvements effected therein, since the present pastor took charge of the parish, reflect the greatest credit on him.

On Thursday, the 21st June, being the feast of St Aloysius, a special service took place for the occasion of the Rev Mother's feast day. A large congregation of parents and children attended Mass and Benediction, Father Salvador officiating. The singing of Bordeuse's Mass by the Convent school children was really in excellent style, and reflected very great credit on the good Sisters of Mercy.

The children then invited Rev Mother to a little concert prepared for the occasion, followed by a presentation of a handsome statue of St Aloysius. The creditable manner in which the few selected items were carried through is an evidence of the painstaking and ability of the Sisters. At the close of the entertainment the children were invited by the Sisters to partake of some refreshments, and having done full justice to the good things provided, they enjoyed themselves for the remainder of the day. This incident reminds me of a remark passed a few weeks back by Father Salvador in the church, when, eulogising the good dispositions and good conduct of the Convent school children, he said, "He hoped their their elders would not prove a hindrance to them by setting before them a bad example."

On Sunday, the 24th June, notwithstanding the wet weather, a very large congregation attended first Mass, and *en masse* responded to the appeal which their pastor made on the previous Sunday, to conclude the month of June by receiving the Sacrament of Eucharist. In fact, it was very edifying and consoling to witness so many approaching the altar rail. The zealous and holy priest of the African mission, Father O'Sullivan, addressed the people in the morning on the laborious and meritorious work of the African mission in a very eloquent speech, and in the evening on the devotion to the Mother of God.

Diphtheria is very prevalent amongst the children in Lyttelton and we regret to chronicle the demise of two children of two respected citizens, Messrs Riordan and C. MacConville; the former lost a bright and promising girl of 8 years.

A quiet and Christian marriage took place on the 6th June in St Joseph's Catholic Church between C. O'Brien and E. Banford. The bride was given away by her father. The happy couple went to spend their honeymoon down south.

The Licensing Committee meeting was held on the 21st June, and their final verdict closed three pubs, and thereby cast adrift at least six families on the world penniless and hopeless. As nobody is permitted access to the Santa Sanctorum of these meetings, which more or less are always involved in some kind of mystery, I feel justified to pass some remark on their verdict, which, under the circumstances, seems not to be fair and impartial. The restriction Licensing Act is the manifestation of the will of the people, its acting committee has been elected by the people; the Council represent the people, yet we have to witness one public house left unmolested in a place where it is not wanted, and a respectable house with good accommodation and badly required for the wants of the western and southern part of the town, closed. Oh, the mystery of those committees are impenetrable! The chairman is a conscientious man and should investigate the matter.