

Darfield, which position he relinquished last year, and left for Europe. Always an indefatigable worker, although of an unassuming disposition, he was revered by those to whom he ministered, and held in high esteem by his fellow-members of the clergy.—R.I.P.

Mr. J. Daly, who has just retired from the Mayoralty of Kaiapoi, a position he has filled for several years with conspicuous success, was, with Mrs. Daly, entertained at a social farewell last week. Mr. Daly was presented with a gold Albert by the councillors, a gold pendant from the residents, and a parting gift from South African returned troopers. Mrs. Daly was the recipient of a gold pendant. They leave shortly on a trip to the Old Land.

During his address at the opening of the new school at Addington on Sunday, Mr. M. Nolan alluded in graceful terms to the 'N.Z. Tablet,' and his remarks were loudly applauded. They were proud, he said, of the gifted rev. editor of their only Catholic paper, which was a tower of strength in the cause of religion and education, an unerring champion of the rights of the people, and a strenuous vindicator of manifold wrongs often sought to be inflicted upon them. The 'Tablet' was, he said, the most forcibly written paper in the Colony, and undoubtedly ranked in a foremost position among the leading Catholic papers of the world.

At Addington on Sunday his Lordship gave the first public intimation of the fact that Mr. Geo. O'Malley, of Darfield, had, on the day previous, handed him (the Bishop) five hundred guineas (£525), being the second instalment of a donation of one thousand guineas, to the Cathedral fund. Mr. O'Malley had, he said, intended reserving this final amount until the opening day of the Cathedral, but, learning of the urgent need of funds at the present juncture, decided to contribute at once. As proving the strength of faith manifested, the Bishop related the fact that when promising the munificent contribution, Mr. O'Malley had said that throughout life God had been good to him, and he felt that what he proposed doing was but making some return to the Almighty for benefits received.

On Saturday and Monday of Easter week a bazaar was held at Leeston in aid of a debt on the local convent, and resulted in a credit balance of £150. On this as on a previous occasion the bazaar partook of rather a novel character, being practically conducted in the open air. McCormack's recreation grounds were utilised for the purpose, being illuminated by the electric light booths to contain the wares were erected at various points around the racing track. The duties of secretary were in the capable hands of Mr. J. O'Brien, and much credit is due to the ladies in charge of stalls and their energetic corps of assistants, who by their strenuous exertions made the event such an unqualified success. With the valued assistance of their popular pastor, the Rev. Father Goggan, the parishioners of Leeston are worthy of great commendation for the way they set about effecting improvements and providing the varied requirements of their district.

The St. Patrick's Day celebration committee met at the presbytery, Barbadoes street, on last Tuesday evening, when the report and balance sheet in connection with the recent entertainment in aid of the funds for establishing a Nazareth house and home for the aged and afflicted were read by the secretary, Mr. E. O'Connor, and adopted. The net result was shown to be £103 18s 8d. Mr. W. Hoban, who presided, said a deep debt of gratitude was due to the hon. secretary for the zeal and energy he had displayed year by year in the cause. His Lordship the Bishop, who was present and accompanied by the Very Rev. Vicar-General, fully endorsed the chairman's remarks, and expressed gratitude and satisfaction at the progress of the good work. That the proposed new institution was worthy of the support of all classes was evidenced by the fact that already applications had been made by three intending subjects for admission, all of whom were non-Catholic. Late advices from the Mother-Superior of the Sisters of Nazareth conveyed a message of gratitude for the interest locally displayed in the work. The Sisters were all delighted at their prospects, and anticipated their departure from London during the English autumn. Acting as their attorney he (the Bishop) had secured a most favorable site for the home, situated as it was close to the Cathedral. The remarkable interest displayed by the committee (continued his Lordship) during the last three years was an earnest of what will be done when the work of the Sisters is actually going on in our midst. Mr. E. O'Connor said they were most fortunate in having such a painstaking chairman as Mr. Hoban, whose heart was in the work, and whose time and means were also devoted to the cause. He warmly commended the ladies for invaluable assistance, and heartily thanked, in the name of all concerned, Mr. H. Rossiter, the capable musical director, for splendid services rendered. A

small sub-committee was appointed to act with his Lordship the Bishop in matters pertaining to the furnishing and fitting up of the institution.

**DIocese OF AUckLAND**

(From our own correspondent.)

May 5

The fine new and commodious building for the Little Sisters of the Poor is rapidly approaching completion. At St. Benedict's the Rev. Father Gillan is preaching a course of sermons on our Blessed Lady. The May devotions here are well attended.

Last Friday his Lordship Dr. Lenihan administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to forty children of the Star of the Sea, Orphanage, Ponsonby. The Rev. Father Duffy, chaplain, who had prepared the children, was present and assisted in the ceremony. Mr. P. Darby and Mrs. T. Loneragan were sponsors.

His Lordship Dr. Lenihan, Very Rev. Father Power, of Hawera, and a number of the local clergy went down to the Railway wharf where the 'Sonoma' was berthed to say good-bye to his Grace the Archbishop of Wellington, and the Very Rev. Dean Smyth, of Hastings.

His Lordship Bishop Lenihan left for Tuakau last Saturday morning where, on the following day, he administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to a large number of children. Rev. Father King, the parish priest, had prepared the candidates. Rev. Father Benedict, O.P., preceded the Bishop and gave a mission in the district, which was eminently successful.

At St. Patrick's Cathedral last Sunday evening there was a crowded congregation. The usual procession of the Blessed Sacrament took place. Very Rev. Father Power preached a very eloquent sermon on the influence of our Holy Church, and concluded with a reference to the Blessed Virgin, and enjoined upon his hearers to practise assiduously during this month the devotion and prayer to the Mother of God. The choir, under Mr. P. F. Hiscocks, as usual, rendered the music in a very efficient manner.

At the Sacred Heart Church, Ponsonby, last Sunday, the Very Rev. Dr. Egan celebrated the 10 o'clock Mass and preached on devotion to our Blessed Lady. The choir, under Mr. Adams, rendered admirably Weber's Mass in G. After Mass a meeting of parishioners was held in the schoolroom to consider what steps should be taken to reduce the parish debt, now increased by the recent purchase of land adjoining the school ground. The Very Rev. Dr. Egan presided. Mr. Darby, jun., was appointed hon. secretary pro tem. The rev. chairman briefly addressed the meeting, and explained the great and urgent necessity for reducing, or better still, wiping out the heavy debt which retarded their progress. Hitherto their energies were devoted to paying off interest. Mr. Maurice Casey thought that by enlisting the active services of the ladies, and by a great effort of the parishioners as a whole the debt would be reduced. Speeches were also delivered by Messrs. J. J. O'Brien, P. Flynn, and D. Bryant regarding the means to be adopted for reducing the debt, and eventually it was decided to postpone further consideration until a future date.

**Paeroa**

The ceremony of blessing and opening the new convent chapel was performed on Sunday, May 1, by the Right Rev. Mgr. O'Reilly. There was a large congregation present. After Mass (says the 'Paeroa Gazette') the convent school pupils marched through the grounds singing 'Faith of Our Fathers'; the adult members of the congregation also took part in the procession. Monsignor O'Reilly preached a telling discourse, during which he made reference to the progress of religion in the district and the establishment of Catholic schools. The chapel was afterwards blessed, and was visited by members of the congregation. Dean Hackett announced that a collection would be taken to meet the liabilities in connection with the furniture and decorations of the chapel, and thanked the following for presents already made to the chapel, viz., Mr. Joseph Nathan, 14 framed Stations of the Cross; Messrs. Cullen and Co., linen altar cloth; Mr. Keller, etc.

Before his sermon in the evening Monsignor O'Reilly thanked the congregation on behalf of the Sisters for the generous response made that morning. The money collected would be of great help in defraying the expense of the new chapel and fittings.

The Monsignor preached a powerful sermon on religious education, during which he dealt with the arguments advanced by the Bishops of New Zealand in their recent manifesto on that question. There were large congregations at both services, and the singing of the children at Mass was referred to by the Monsignor as worthy of his highest commendation.