

REEFTON.

(From an occasional correspondent.)

June 16.

Miss Kohu, of Wellington, has taken charge of the Reefton Hospital, owing to the illness of the acting-matron, Miss Hales.

A very sad accident happened to Master W. Harvey while returning home from town this afternoon. It appears the young fellow was thrown from his horse and had his head badly crushed. He was at once brought to the hospital, where Dr. Conlon did all in his power to relieve the little sufferer, but he is still unconscious, and little hopes are held out for his recovery.

When the sad news of the death of our late Premier reached Reefton, the fire bells and Catholic Church bells were tolled, and flags were at half-mast on all the Government Buildings and business places. The various schools in the district were closed out of respect to the memory of Mr. Seddon. Great sympathy is expressed on all sides for Mrs. Seddon and family in their sad bereavement.

A very pleasing ceremony took place at the local post office on Thursday afternoon, when the Postmaster (Mr. Whelan) presented Mr. J. G. Fama, on behalf of the staff, with a shaving set. Mr. Fama has been transferred to Oamaru. Mr. Whelan, in a very happy speech, while regretting the recipient's departure, wished him every success in his new sphere of labor. Mr. Fama thanked his brother-officers for their gift. On the same evening Mr. Fama was entertained at a social gathering in the Princess Theatre. During the evening Mr. W. J. Morris, on behalf of the committee, in a neat speech presented Mr. Fama with a purse of sovereigns, as a slight appreciation of the valuable services which he had rendered to the town in musical and theatrical circles.

The speaker assured him that in taking his departure from Reefton, he would take with him the best wishes of all for his future success and happiness. Mr. Fama thanked one and all for their handsome presentation and the social. Although he had been in Reefton only thirteen months he had found it the best place he had ever been in, and regretted exceedingly to have to leave.

The Rev. D. Lawton, who has labored zealously in the archdiocese of Melbourne for seven years, has been recalled to his native diocese by the Bishop of Ross. The rev. gentleman leaves for Ireland next month.

The usual Corpus Christi celebration took place at Manly on the Sunday within the octave of the feast. Over 15,000 went across by ferry steamer from Sydney, and altogether there were over 20,000 persons present.

At a meeting of the executive committee of the Father Le Rennetel Memorial in Sydney the other day it was reported that the whole of the monument had arrived in Sydney, and it was decided, if the erection could be completed in due time, to have the memorial ceremony at the grave on Sunday, July 22, which is the Sunday preceding the anniversary of the death of Father Le Rennetel.

The Rev. Walter Barry, who recently arrived from England, has been appointed rector of the Redemptorist Monastery at Ballarat, in succession to the Rev. Father Leo, who is now on his way to the Philippines, where he will again fill the position of superior of the monastery there. Father Barry, who is a native of Wexford, is a distinguished member of the Order of Redemptorists.

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