

## DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

(By telegraph, from our own correspondent.)

November 30.

Rev. Father O'Doherty has gone south for a short holiday.

Rev. Father Grogan returned from Coromandel last Wednesday, since when he has been engaged giving a retreat to the Little Sisters of the Poor.

A novena preceding the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, which is being made for the Bishop's intentions, commenced at the Cathedral on Monday evening.

The mission for men conducted by Rev. Father Kelly, C.S.S.R., at St. Benedict's, commenced after last Mass on Sunday, and will continue throughout the week, terminating next Sunday.

Sir Joseph Ward addressed one of the best meetings held in Auckland for many years. An hour before the meeting opened the vast Town Hall was filled. Enthusiasm was unbounded, and at the close of the meeting was as vigorous and robust as at the commencement.

Rev. Father Holbrook gave a most interesting lecture—the second of a series—on his trip through the Holy Land, to the members of the Holy Family Confraternity. Familiar Biblical places and scenes were graphically described. Father Holbrook announced that he would continue the subject on a future occasion.

Rev. Father Forrestal addressed the Holy Family Confraternity at its last meeting on primary education in Ireland. He treated the subject from its inception, through all its trials and vicissitudes, in which the pertinacity of the Irish priests and people to a great principle and ideals were shown. Such an example, he said, should inspire and encourage Catholics in this Dominion to continue to fight for educational rights, for which he was pleased to notice they had and were now making such sacrifices. Father Forrestal will speak on the same subject at a future meeting.

At a meeting of the Auckland City Council last week a motion was introduced to contribute from the Council's funds a sum of £20 in reduction of a debt of £60 spent in beautifying the grounds of one of the public schools of the city. Councillor Nerheny strongly opposed the motion, and referred to the Marist Brothers' School grounds in Ponsonby, where, by the scholars' pennies and the manual labor of the Brothers, material had been purchased from the tram company and spread at night by the light of lanterns. Why should this school not receive a subsidy from the city funds also, particularly as it was not bounty fed by the State? So strong a case was made by Councillor Nerheny that the motion was shelved.

Two of the royal sisters of the future Empress of Austria are nuns in the Benedictine Convent, Isle of Wight.

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## WEDDING BELLS

## O'FLAHERTY—BLANCHFIELD.

A quiet though pretty wedding, was solemnised at St. Patrick's Church, Greymouth, last week. The ceremony was performed by the Very Rev. Dean Carew, the contracting parties being Mr. John O'Flaherty, second son of the late Hugh and of Mrs. O'Flaherty, of Kumara, and Miss Julia Blanchfield, youngest daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. P. Blanchfield, of Maori Creek. The bride, who was given away by her brother, Mr. J. Blanchfield, was dressed in a fawn costume and white hat. The bridesmaid, Miss Nellie Noonan (niece of the bride), wore a pale blue dress, with hat to match. Mr. Frank O'Flaherty (brother of the bridegroom) acted as best man. The bride's present to the bridegroom was a travelling case; the bridegroom's present to the bride was a gold brooch, and to the bridesmaid a gold bangle. The happy couple subsequently left per Otira express for Christchurch and Dunedin, and received a hearty send-off at the railway station, amidst showers of confetti and best wishes for their future happiness.

## HANLEY—SULLIVAN.

A quiet, but pretty, wedding took place on Tuesday of last week at Temuka. The contracting parties were Miss Bridget Sullivan, youngest daughter of the late Mr and Mrs. Sullivan, 'Gurteen,' Levels, and Mr. Patrick Hanley, 'Earlydale,' Glenavy. The ceremony took place at St. Joseph's Church, the Rev. Father Kerley officiating. The bride, who was given away by her uncle, Mr. Michael Mullin, of Timaru, looked charming, wearing a beautiful white crepe de chine gown with touches of Limerick lace on the bodice. She wore the usual dainty veil and wreath, and carried an ivory covered prayer book. The bridesmaid (Miss Julia Sullivan, sister of the bride), wore a dainty shell pink charmeuse gown, with overdress of Breton lace, and a large picture hat lined with shell pink silk. The trimming was of roses to match the silk and long ostrich feather. Mr. James Flynn, of Morven, was best man. Mr. and Mrs. Hanley left for the north with all good wishes of their friends. The bride's travelling dress was saxe blue cloth costume and white hat, bunches of blue flowers and ostrich feathers to match.

A Catholic priest, who modestly declined to give his name, prevented a man from falling over the cliff at Coogee on November 5. The man was behaving strangely on the edge of the cliff, and was about to fall, when the priest seized him. There was a struggle on the edge of the height, but the priest kept his grip till assistance arrived. The man was taken to the reception house.

Interesting to Catholics (says the *Catholic Press*) is the fact that H.M.A.S. Sydney, which ended the raiding career of the Emden, received her presentation colors from the Sacred Heart parish. It was in November of last year that Captain Glossop and a detachment of his men were entertained in the Sacred Heart School hall at a concert on the invitation of Monsignor O'Haran. Two magnificent silken ensigns—the Union Jack and the Australian flag—were prominent on the stage, and when Monsignor O'Haran asked Captain Glossop to accept them there was much enthusiasm. The gallant captain expressed his delight, remarking that the Sydney had been getting a little jealous, as until the Monsignor arrived and offered the beautiful ensigns it had been out of the running.

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