

**Greymouth**

(From our own correspondent.)

August 11.

The generosity of our Catholic people has, during the past fortnight, been much in evidence. A substantial presentation was made to Father Quinn on taking his departure from Greymouth; then active lady canvassers collected in a few days £60 for the purchase of a piano, which the Marist Brothers will use when teaching the boys singing.

On last Sunday week Father Eccleton, S.M., of Reefton, preached at St. Patrick's Church a charity sermon in aid of the funds of the local Confraternity of Diocesan Ladies of Charity. So effective was his appeal that over £40 was collected in the church. This sum, with the fees of the active and honorary members, should give encouragement to the ladies of the society who work so zealously in the cause of charity.

The Sisters of Mercy have secured three fine properties fronting Tainui Street, to which there is access from the convent grounds, and on which it is intended, in the near future, to erect an up-to-date convent. The site, containing as it does a large area of ground, is admirably suited for the purpose named.

The seat rents and the penny collections received at the church doors are the chief means of supporting our parish schools. A large number of the congregations who have no children attending the schools, by these means generously assist in their maintenance, and it now only

remains for those having children attending the schools to do their part by assisting, in a practical manner, in the great cause of Catholic education.

Building operations throughout the town and district have, through the war and the high prices of materials, been practically suspended. It is clear, however, that the charges for bricks, cement, timber, general building requirements; and labor will not decrease, so that nothing will be gained by postponing the erection of buildings.

The following esteemed members of our congregation were, on leaving Greymouth, farewelled at a social held at St. Columba Club:—Mr. J. Martin, chief in charge of the mail room at the local post office, who has been transferred to a similar position at Christchurch—a well-earned promotion; Miss Hatch, of the local telephone exchange, who has been transferred to Ashburton, and who will be greatly missed from our church choir, of which she was a prominent member; Miss Braidwood, also of the local post office, who has been transferred to Oamaru.

Father Aubry announced on Sunday last that the allowance paid to the Sisters of Mercy and the Marist Brothers, for teaching at the parish schools, were to be increased by £60 per annum. Those having children attending the schools will no doubt assist in paying this increase. The Catholic workers of Greymouth, Brunner, Runanga, and Cobden are out with their fellows to get the highest wages, and they will not begrudge this increase to the small pittance which the Sisters and the Brothers have been receiving.

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