

### Gisborne

The Rev. Father Lane, who returned to Gisborne after eight weeks' absence in Auckland, owing to the breaking of his arm through a buggy accident, was tendered a welcome in St. Mary's Hall on Thursday evening, June 30, when there was a large gathering (says the local *Herald*). The Rev. Father Wientjes presided. He told Father Lane that the people of his parish had assembled that night to do him honor upon his return. Their feelings towards him he would judge from the numbers present that night. Their purpose in being there was to express to him their delight at once more seeing him again restored to health, recovered from the accident which had ever been in the minds and had been the subject of much inquiry by his people. Father Wientjes concluded by thanking the parishioners for the honor conferred upon him in asking him to preside at the function.

After several items of music had been rendered, Mr. R. F. Houlihan was called upon. He said he thought he was expressing the feelings of all present in saying how pleased they were to see Father Lane once more amongst them. Mr. Houlihan then read the following address:— 'To Rev. Father Lane,—We, the parishioners of St. Mary's Star of the Sea gathered together here to-night, beg to give expression on behalf of the whole Catholic community to our joy at having you, dear Rev. Father, again in our midst. Great as was our grief at your painful accident, we now rejoice at seeing you again before us, and are sincerely grateful to the Almighty for having restored you to health and to us, to whom you have endeared yourself by your amiable qualities, your unflagging zeal, and your incessant labors for our spiritual welfare and general happiness. We gladly seize this opportunity to once again give you assurance of our attachment to you, of the great esteem in which we hold you, and of our heartfelt gratitude, for all you have done and felt for us in the past. Aware of the impossibility of making an adequate recompense to you, and without intent of making even an inadequate one, we yet beg to be allowed to convey you, dear Rev. Father, a palpable proof of the great regard all your parishioners and other numerous friends have for you. Accept, therefore, in the spirit in which it is offered, this small token of the love there exists in the hearts of your people towards you. Signed on behalf of your parishioners.—E. Williams, J. C. Parker, P. A. Armstrong, R. F. Houlihan, D. J. Barry, J. H. Martin.' Mr. Houlihan then presented the Rev. Father Lane with a purse of sovereigns. He said another pleasant duty devolved upon him to show Father Wientjes their appreciation of his services during the absence of Father Lane. He had conducted his work in a whole-hearted manner, and they thought he should not depart from them without some recognition being shown of his services to the parishioners. Mr. Houlihan then presented Father Wientjes with a purse of sovereigns.

Dr. Collins expressed pleasure at being present, and seeing so many people there to welcome Father Lane back. There were hundreds in the parish who had been treated to some kindness by Father Lane, and they thanked Providence that his accident was no worse. Continuing, Dr. Collins eulogised the work of Father Lane, and referred to the respect and esteem in which he was held not only by the Catholic community, but by the public generally. Dr. Collins conveyed to Father Lane the heartiest congratulations from his flock at his presence amongst them that night.

The Rev. Father Dignan, in a humorous address, also expressed delight at seeing Father Lane back again. He wished Father Lane every prosperity in the future, and expressed gladness at his being home again.

Mr. J. F. Sheridan also spoke, endorsing the sentiments expressed.

Father Lane, who was received with applause, said his feelings of gratitude could not be adequately expressed for the words of welcome extended to him, and their tokens of generosity. The public manifestation was not necessary to assure him that they still held him in their respect. He would have been satisfied with the address alone without the practical acknowledgment, knowing the heavy calls that fell upon the Catholics of the district. He accepted the gift in the spirit in which it was given, and took it as a token of renewed devotion to him. Referring to the work done in the parish, Father Lane said the bulk of it had been done by the parishioners and his predecessors. He conveyed to them his expression of profound gratitude for the many kindnesses showered upon him from the time he came amongst them. Father Lane referred appreciatively to the manner in which Father Wientjes had carried on the work during the former's absence.

In the course of an eloquent reply, Father Wientjes paid high tribute to Father Lane and the members of the parish.

During the evening songs were rendered by Mrs. P. Barry, Mrs. Hennessy, Misses Burke and Hyde, and Messrs. Quick and Barlow. Miss K. Martin played a pianoforte solo, and Mr. J. Sheridan gave a recitation. A couple of items were also rendered by the Gisborne Club's orchestra. The accompaniments were played by Misses Neill, Roberts, and Barry. An excellent supper was provided by a ladies' committee, and the singing of the National Anthem concluded the first part of the function.

A pleasant function took place in St. Mary's school-room on Friday morning, when the pupils welcomed back

Father Lane. An address of welcome was read by Miss Kitty Walters, who afterwards, on behalf of the pupils, presented Father Lane with a toast-rack and a silver cruet set. Father Lane suitably responded, and addresses were also given by Fathers Wientjes and Dignan. An excellent musical programme was rendered by some of the pupils, who were afterwards given a holiday for the rest of the day.

### Wanganui

(From our own correspondent.)

A meeting for the purpose of starting a Catholic club in Wanganui is to be held this week. Those interested are very enthusiastic, and a good result is anticipated.

I regret to chronicle the death of Mr. Emile Fremont, of Aramoho. Deceased was much respected in the district, and sincere regret was felt at his demise. The funeral, which took place on Sunday, was largely attended.

Great preparations are being made for the social in aid of the Catholic charities, which takes place on July 20. The function promises to be one of the most successful of its kind ever held here.

## Interprovincial

Just before going to press we received a report of a farewell tendered to the Rev. Father Golden prior to his departure from Kaikoura. Owing to its length we had to hold it over until our next issue.

The manager of a Gore mercantile firm, giving evidence in a case heard in the Magistrate's Court on Friday, said one potato-grower had anticipated 300 tons from his crop. He had purchased 100 tons with the first right to the balance, but the grower could only deliver 91 tons in all.

One of the applicants for the Bruce County Clerkship aroused mild surprise from the fact that he wished to abandon a situation as clerk to a Wellington county (smaller than Bruce) and a salary of £300 a year, and come down to South Otago and £200. 'For health's sake' was the explanation.

'The witness has no right to be insulted,' was the sharp comment of Mr. C. C. Kettle at the S.M. Court at Auckland a few mornings ago, when a solicitor said something about the witness not being fond of paying until threatened. 'If he owes you money,' said Mr. Kettle, 'that is a private matter between you, and has nothing to do with this case.'

Four foreigners arrived as steerage passengers from Sydney by the Moana on Wednesday of last week, and as they were able to pass the education test they were permitted to land. They are a Russian girl about seventeen years of age, a German, a Norwegian man, and a Norwegian woman who has come out to join her husband.

An Auckland message states that the spread of weasels throughout the north is somewhat alarming. The Dargaville correspondent of the *New Zealand Herald* states that a mob of considerably more than 100 was encountered on Sunday on the road between Avoca and Karaka, travelling in a northerly direction. The rodents did not even move off the road in fear of horsemen, but divided in order to let them pass.

A comical slip of the tongue caused much amusement at the luncheon given by the Wellington City Council to the visiting Municipal Conference delegates at Day's Bay. The toast of 'His Excellency the Governor' was to be proposed, but (says the *Past*) in the proposal the proposer unfortunately stumbled over the word 'toast.' 'Ladies and gentlemen,' he said, 'I ask you to drink to the ghost—I mean the toast—of his Excellency the Governor.'

It might be thought that in their solitude the inhabitants of the Chatham Islands would receive items of important news with interest, but a recent visitor, now in Wellington (says the *Dominion*), states that they are almost indifferent to the happenings and doings in the great world outside their ken. A case in point occurred when the news of the late King's death was conveyed to Pitt Island. As a steamer's boat approached the landing place, a man ashore was hailed, 'Have you heard that the King is dead?' 'No,' was the reply. 'Have you brought my case of kerosene?' There was a trace of mild surprise and feeling in the initial negative, but the commercial inquiry followed without a break.

It will be remembered that at the Bealey tunnel fatality in May last several of the miners employed displayed conspicuous heroism in rescuing comrades whose lives were threatened. A movement is now on foot to have the facts brought before the Government with a view of the men being recommended for the Edward medal. The medal is awarded to workmen who, while employed in some industrial occupation, display conspicuous bravery in saving or trying to save the lives of others. It is considered that the conduct of several of the men at the tunnel on the occasion referred to entitles them to the distinction which it is proposed to obtain for them.

For Children's Hacking Cough at night,  
Woods' Great Peppermint Cure, 1/6, 2/6.