

AFRICAN MISSIONS

(From an occasional correspondent.)

Auckland, September 26.

Very Rev. Father O'Sullivan has returned to Auckland from a successful tour of the Thames and Waikato districts, and is the guest of Monsignor Gillan at St. Benedict's, where he preached morning and evening yesterday. At the request of Monsignor Gillan he will also preach a triduum in St. Benedict's Church on Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday in preparation for next Sunday's Holy Rosary Feast and the indulgences in connection with its celebration. Next week he resumes his lecture tour of the diocese. He hopes to finish about the end of November. After Christmas he starts in Arundale, N.S.W. The centres lectured in during the past few weeks were Thames, Huntly, Te Awamutu, Kihikihi, Te Aroha, Karangahake, and Waikato. A most agreeable feature in Father O'Sullivan's mission is afforded in the sympathy and support of the local clergy. Among those who presided at and helped his recent lectures were Very Rev. Dean Hackett, Very Rev. Father Brodie, Rev. Father Tigar, O.P., Rev. Father Lynch, and Rev. Father Cahill.

Rotorua

(By Telegraph from our own correspondent.)

September 26.

The Rev. Father Wientjes has been appointed pastor of Whangarei, after residing in Rotorua for about six years. On hearing of his contemplated departure, the parishioners determined he should not leave without some recognition of their esteem and affection, and at a farewell gathering in St. Joseph's Schoolroom on Sunday evening after devotions an address was read by Mr. J. Fitzgerald, expressing the parishioners' great regret at losing one who had endeared himself to them by his exemplary zeal and piety. At the conclusion of the address Father Wientjes was presented with a gold watch and chain, a gold cross pendant, etc.

In a felicitous speech the Very Rev. Dean Lighthouse referred to Father Wientjes' many good qualities, and although it was necessary (he said) that Father Wientjes should leave Rotorua in order to perform the duties of his sacred calling, he regretted deeply his departure.

Rev. Father Wientjes, in a feeling reply, said the presentation and farewell gathering had come on him as a surprise. He was not aware he had done anything to deserve such recognition from the parishioners. However, this expression of their love and affection for him would attach him even more to them, and now he felt his leaving them keener than ever. He desired to place on record his appreciation of the kindness extended to him during his residence in Rotorua by Dean Lighthouse, who had been his best friend from the very day he landed in New Zealand.

The very pleasing function was brought to a close with the handing round of light refreshments by the ladies of the parish, after which all present regretfully bade good-bye to Father Wientjes, one and all expressing their best wishes for his success in his new sphere of labor. Father Wientjes left by next morning's train for his new charge, being seen off by representatives of the parish.

Palmerston North

(From our own correspondent.)

September 26.

Our parish school was examined by the chief inspector the week before last. The report is not yet to hand, but I learn that he was generally impressed by the intelligence of the pupils and the good work being done by the local Sisters of Mercy.

The Friendly Societies Council in Palmerston North are once more taking energetic steps to enlist sympathy in starting a Societies' Dispensary for the district, and at the quarterly meeting on Tuesday night of the H.A.C.B. Society delegates will wait on the members to explain their views.

Mr. J. R. Hunt, chairman of the literature committee of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, Wellington, which is doing a great work there, was a visitor to Palmerston North during the week.

The many friends of Rev. Father O'Beirne will hear with regret that it has been necessary for him to undergo an operation in the hospital at New Plymouth. I trust that he will soon be restored to his usual good health.

It is with pleasure I learn that our late townsman, Mr. A. M. Ongley, solicitor, of Feilding, has been elected unopposed to the Borough Council of that important town, vice Mr. Fred. Pirani (resigned).

The many Palmerston North friends of Mrs. Redwood, R.A.M. and R.C.M., of Feilding, are pleased to hear of her appointment out of nineteen applicants to the important position of musical instructress to the Wanganui Girls' College.

Mr. Martin Murray, who resigned the Waipawa County clerkship to accept the assistant town clerkship of Napier, was entertained at Waipawa on Saturday night. The Mayor presented him with an illuminated address, a gold

albert sovereign case, and silverware on behalf of the townspeople. Mr. Jull, County Chairman, presented him with a silver tea set and a rose bowl, the gift of the council's employees. Eulogistic speeches were made by prominent residents. Mr. Murray also received presents from the bowling and racing clubs and St. Patrick's choir.

Interprovincial

'Another confectioner,' remarked his Honor in dealing with applications for the discharge of bankrupts at the Gisborne Supreme Court. 'That appears to be an unsatisfactory trade here. Have people given up eating cakes, or what?'

The picturesque language of the Maori is illustrated in a petition presented to the House in regard to certain native lands. The petitioners wind up their prayer as follows:—'Your petitioners hereby pray your honorable Assembly to expedite the re-hearing for these lands, lest they be sold by persons who have no right to them, and our spirits descend in tears into the darkness, and our descendants be left to be mocked at by those who will sell their shares.'

Three well known Dunedin gentlemen—Messrs. C. W. Hay, T. H. Thompson, and F. R. Brown—have received cable advice from New York that they have secured the selling rights for New Zealand of Edison's new storage battery, which it is said is destined to revolutionise motor traffic, including tramways. It is stated that the demand in America for batteries is so great that the Edison factories, working night and day, can hardly cope with it.

ST. PATRICK'S COLLEGE JUBILEE FUND.

The following is a list of Subscriptions to the above Fund:—

	£	s.	d.
Very Rev. Dean Regnault, S.M., Wellington	500	0	0
Very Rev. A. Keogh, S.M., B.A., Hastings	300	0	0
Very Rev. Dean Carew, S.M., Greymouth	100	0	0
Mr. Martin Kennedy, Wellington	100	0	0
Mr. Maurice O'Connor, Wellington	100	0	0
Sir George Clifford, Christchurch	100	0	0
Rev. James Goggan, S.M., Napier	50	0	0
Rev. John Holley, S.M., Blenheim	50	0	0
Staples and Co., Wellington	50	0	0
Very Rev. Dean Grogan, S.M., Wanganui	50	0	0
Rev. P. Aubrey, S.M., Waimate	40	0	0
Very Rev. Dean Ginaty, S.M., Christchurch	25	0	0
Very Rev. Thos. O'Shea, S.M., V.G., Wellington	25	0	0
Mr. A. Craighead, Waimate	25	0	0
Mr. T. W. Tymons, Lower Hutt	25	0	0
Mr. J. S. Swan, Wellington	25	0	0
Rev. Father Costelloe, Palmerston North	25	0	0
Rev. P. Fay, Temuka	10	10	0
Mr. Segrief, Wellington South	10	0	0
Mr. P. Sheridan, Wellington	10	0	0
Mr. H. Parker, New Plymouth	10	0	0
Mr. H. S. Wardell, Wellington	10	0	0
His Lordship Bishop Verdon, Dunedin	5	5	0
Rev. Thomas McCarthy, Greymouth	5	5	0
Mr. James Dealey, Wellington	5	5	0
Mr. Michael O'Meaghan, Timaru	5	5	0
Mr. J. J. Devine, Wellington	5	5	0
Mr. P. Burke, Birchdale	5	5	0
Mr. Hennessy, Foxton	5	5	0
Mrs. M. McDonnell, Greymouth	5	5	0
Rev. Father Menard, S.M., Opunake	5	0	0
Mr. T. Buckley, Wellington	5	0	0
Sergeant Cullen, Stratford	5	0	0
Rev. P. W. Tymons, S.M., Meeanee	5	0	0
Rev. Father Duffy, Patea	5	0	0
Rev. Father Hills, Leeston	5	0	0
Rev. Wm. H. Mahoney, Onehunga	5	0	0
Mr. C. J. McCarthy, Wanganui	5	0	0
Mrs. T. Geaney, Pleasant Point	5	0	0
Mr. P. F. O'Connor, Palmerston North	5	0	0
Mr. Cummins, Stratford	5	0	0
Mr. Carbery, Stratford	5	0	0
Mr. T. Higgins, Greymouth	5	0	0
Mr. P. M. Griffen, Greymouth	5	0	0
The Sisters of Mercy, Greymouth	5	0	0
'Anonymous,' Greymouth	5	0	0
Rev. E. E. Kimbell, Temuka	4	4	0
The Sisters of Good Shepherd, Christchurch	3	3	0
Mr. M. Maher, Wellington	3	3	0
Mr. D. Barry, Hawera	3	3	0
Mr. B. Doherty, Wellington	3	3	0
Mrs. Bradley, Waverly	3	3	0
Mr. Donnelly, Hawera	3	3	0
Mr. J. Bradley, Wellington	3	3	0
Mr. H. A. McClelland, New Plymouth	3	3	0
Mr. A. Uklanberg, Stratford	3	3	0
Mr. C. Clarke, New Plymouth	3	3	0
Mr. Mandl, Hokitika	3	3	0
Mr. J. Moloney, Westport	3	3	0
Mrs. Schumacher, Midhurst	3	0	0