

**The Bishop of Maitland
(Most Rev. Dr. Gleeson)
Opens and Blesses the
NEW CONVENT OF
MERCY**

**at "Monte Pio," Campbell's
Hill.**

The building was erected at a cost of £2179. It was announced by the Administrator (Dr. E. V. Tweedy) that a debt of £769 remained. At a collection following the ceremony, £142/2/- was subscribed.

Visitors were present from other parishes. Clergy included Very Rev. Monsignor V. F. Peters (Hamilton), Very Rev. J. O'Donohoe (West Maitland), Very Rev. W. L. Byrne, C.S.S.R. (May-

The Bishop said that the Church showed her appreciation of Catholic education not alone by the blessing of the schools, but by blessing the residences of the teachers also. The Convent was really a sacred place in which the Sisters sanctified themselves that they might be able to transmit their spirit to those they undertook to educate. It should not be a palace, but a habitation simple, commodious, and worthy of the grand work performed in it. Such was the Convent he was now dedicating. His Lordship gave the history of the old building and told how shocked he was last year when he found it in a dilapidated condition. It was easy for him then to make up his mind to authorize the erection of a new building. The Sisters of Mercy deserved well of Bishops, priests and people in the Diocese of Maitland. Each work of theirs seemed specially blessed by God, he said, particularly referring to the Mater Hospital, Waratah. He hoped the debt on the new Convent would soon be cleared away. He wished to see the day when the Orphanage would grow into a large industrial institution to take its place amongst the finest in Australia.

Father O'Donohoe and Mgr. Peters also spoke.

The Mayor of West Maitland (Ald. E. E. Morris) said that in their work of training the orphans, the Sisters were performing a fine service to the community and upheld the high prestige of their Order.

Dr. Tweedy said there were four of the foundation workers at the orphanage present, including Mother Borgia (Mother Superior) and Mother Mechilde (assistant).

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field), Rev. J. Kelly, J. Morrissey (Braxton), P. Davoren, J. Burke (Cessnock), T. Gloster (Kurri Kurri), H. Ward (Lochinvar), P. J. Flanagan (Hamilton), M. Carlton (Singleton), W. Morrissey (Scone), R. Ryan (Lambton), P. Ryan (West Maitland), T. Hayes (Morpeth), J. Quinn (Raymond Terrace), J. McNamara (Waratah), and P. Carey (Monte Pio).

Dr. Tweedy said that before the new building had been started, the need for better accommodation was realised. Simple in itself, the new structure was adequate for the needs of those who had laboured there for 27 years, and showed that the parish and other parishes appreciated the work of the Nuns in training the young children entrusted to their care. He particularly referred to the work for the Orphanage done by the late Mrs. J. F. O'Brien, who might well have been termed the mother of the Orphanage, not only of the children but of the Sisters.

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