

**DIOCESE OF SANDHURST.***(From our own Correspondent.)***CONFIRMATION AT MYERS' FLAT.**

On Sunday his Lordship the Bishop of Sandhurst administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to some 65 children at St. Augustine's Church, Myers' Flat. The small church was crowded upon the occasion. A collection was made, and liberally responded to, in aid of the Catholic school, State aid being now withdrawn, and his Lordship is by no means disposed to allow any of the Catholic schools of the diocese to be closed if the people will only assist him in raising the funds necessary to carry them on.

**NEW CHURCH AT HUNTLY.**

On Sunday next, 5th inst., his Lordship the Bishop will open and bless the new church at Huntly.

**SISTERS OF MERCY CONVENT.**

A bazaar in aid of the building fund of the new presbytery and convent for the Sisters of Mercy will be opened in November. The Rev. Father Kelly, S.J., has also kindly consented to deliver a lecture in aid of the same excellent objects on 20th September.

**HOSPITAL COLLECTION.**

Mr. Abbott, secretary of the Hospital Sunday Committee, acknowledges the receipt of £23 per Rev. Dr. Backhaus, being the balance of the collection made last Hospital Sunday at St. Kilian's. This, I suppose, is the last we shall hear of the embroglio between the clergy and Hospital Sunday Committee, as the point in dispute has been settled to the satisfaction of the clergy, by their being entitled to recommend a "liberal" number of patients to the Hospital or Benevolent Asylum.

**THE CATHOLIC CLAIMS.**

SANDHURST, 31st August.

At the confirmation services to-day at St. Augustine's Roman Catholic Church, Myers Flat, Bishop Crane, in a sermon on the Life of St. Augustine, said his early immorality and infidelity were the result of his education at the College of Carthage, where the name of God was ignored, and religion placed under a ban. Those vices were the necessary consequence of an education similar to that given in our State schools, where the name of God was ignored. With reference to the flourishing condition of the Roman Catholic school at Myers Flat, with 140 pupils, he urged the congregation to support the school in future as in the past, and their efforts would be sure to be successful in the end. The church was crowded.

**EAGLEHAWK.***(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)*

Wednesday, 29th April.

This evening a tea and dance were held in the Town Hall in aid of the St. Augustine's Church, Myers' Flat, and proved an unqualified success, fully 500 persons partaking of tea. The tables which were invitingly laden with delicacies, provided gratuitously by the ladies connected with the congregation, were gracefully provided over by Mesdames Casoy, Abernethy, and Misses Lyons, Johnson, Midson, Pollio, K. Maloney, Duggan, Abernethy, Conway, and Heggarty. A special word of thanks is due to Miss M. Moloney for the great assiduity she displayed in endeavoring to bring the celebration to a successful issue. At the conclusion of the tea the tetrachorean portion of the programme was initiated to the enlivening strains of the piano, manipulated by Misses Deehan and Midson respectively, and the violins by Messrs. Vinton and Miller. Amongst the masculine portion of the assemblage who manifested great interest in the proceedings were Father D. F. O'Connell, and Mooney, and Mr. M. Burke, president of the Marong Shire.