

Dean O'Donnell (Ashburton); Very Rev. Dean Bowers (Geraldine); Rev. Father Marnane (St. Mary's, Christchurch); Rev. Father Regnault (Waimate); Rev. Father Tubman (Timaru); Rev. Father Le Petit (Fairlie); Rev. Father Hyland (Rangiora); Rev. Father Goggan (Leeston); Rev. Father Richards (Lincoln); Rev. Father Cooney (Lyttelton); Rev. Dr. Kennedy (Akaroa); Rev. Father Ahearn (Darfield); Rev. Fathers O'Connell and S. Mahony (Cathedral, Christchurch); Rev. Fathers Kerley and Rockliffe (Temuka); Rev. Father Creed (Ashburton); Rev. Fathers Le Floch and Finnerty (Timaru); Rev. Father O'Connor (Waimate); Rev. Father Hoare.

There were also present representatives of branches of the Hibernian Society to which the late Dean was chaplain—namely, the New Headford Branch (represented by Bro. S. J. Ryan; and the Christchurch Branch, represented by Bros. T. Pender, R. J. Hayward, O'Connell, and O'Connor.

After the absolutions at the catafalque, the Right Rev. Dr. Grimes preached

A Panegyric

on the deceased from the following text of II. Tim., iv., 7-8: 'I have fought a good fight. I have finished my course. I have kept the faith. As to the rest, there is laid up for me a crown of justice, which the just Judge will render to me in that day; and not only to me, but to them that love His coming. Make haste to come to me quickly.' The speaker thought he might appropriately put upon the lips of the departed Dean those words which one great apostle had addressed to another. He too had fought the good fight, he had completed his course, he had preserved the faith, and now they (his hearers) all hoped that the crown of justice was upon his brows. He was not going to preach a panegyric on one whose memory was held in benediction among both priests and people. A pagan writer had said: 'Either one says too little and errs against truth, and disappoints survivors; or he says too much and is accused of exaggeration, and is not believed.' He (the speaker) pleaded guilty as to the first count. As to the second, there was no danger of exaggeration. There were those present who had known the dear departed Dean from his childhood; they knew how even then his piety was a household word; they knew his devotion to duty, his fatherly care of the sick and poor throughout his priestly life. His precious remains were brought there at his own request. 'Heaven,' said his Lordship, 'is my witness to the pain which I felt when I saw him removed from the church where he had worked so devotedly, and passed so many years of his ministry.' But (added his Lordship) Dean Foley's last wish was that his body should rest among the people, whom he loved so well, and he now reposed almost (so to speak) under the shadow of the spot where the people, if not ungrateful, should long be mindful of him. Timaru owed a debt of gratitude to the late Dean Foley. They too (his hearers) shared in the fruits of his ministry. And so he (the speaker) made the sacrifice and allowed the precious remains to rest among them. Another reason also urged him. The late Dean Foley's predecessor, Father Fauvel, had died far from the spot which he loved so well and for which he had toiled so zealously; and in a spirit of humility and self-sacrifice he had expressed a wish to be buried among strangers. His successor wished to be brought among the people over whom he had been pastor. Even in the short time he had been in charge, he loved his people as a father loves his children; he was a true pastor, ever ready to lay down his life for his flock. Now, out of respect for his dying wish, his remains would rest in their God's acre. They would guard and treasure that precious gift. And from the grave their departed pastor would still preach earnestly to them to fight the good fight, to serve God and the Church, save their souls, and share one day in the crown he (the speaker) hoped their beloved spiritual father was enjoying. He concluded by exhorting them to pray in their homes and in the church and at the graveside for the repose of the soul of the late Dean Foley. His Lordship spoke throughout with much feeling, and during his discourse many in the congregation were much affected.

The Cortege

from the church to the cemetery (about a mile distant) was a long and imposing one. It was headed by cross-bearer and acolytes; next followed the clergy (29 in number) and the Bishop, in their proper robes; after the hearse came the chief mourners (Rev. Father Coffey, nephew of deceased, and Very Rev. Dean Smythe); and after them a great concourse of people. Among these was a fine body of members (50 in number) of the local Catholic Young Men's Club, in whom the late Dean Foley had, during his pastorate

of Temuka, taken a great interest. Both at Christchurch and Temuka the pall-bearers were selected from the clergy of the dioceses of Christchurch and Dunedin. The services at the graveside were conducted by his Lordship the Bishop, and the whole body of the clergy joined in the singing of the 'Benedictus' and the responses. There were many wreaths placed upon the grave, among them a handsome one from the Christchurch Branch of the Hibernian Society.—R.I.P.

Our Schools

Sacred Heart Convent High School

(From our Christchurch correspondent.)

There was a crowded attendance at the annual entertainment, prize distribution, and exhibition of pupils' work in connection with the Sacred Heart Convent High School, conducted by the Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions, Barbadoes street. His Lordship Bishop Grimes presided, there being also present the Very Rev. Father Le Menant des Chesnais, S.M., V.G., and Rev. Fathers Marnane, Ahearn, Mahony, O'Connell, and Peoples. A choice programme of instrumental and vocal music was excellently rendered by the pupils as follows:

Duet, 'Les Muscadens,' Misses N. Coakley, M. Ryan, E. McCarthy, A. Donnell, E. Murphy, M. Brown, A. Rainbow, M. Slattery, (violins) Misses L. Sim and A. Rantin, (organ) Miss L. Burland; chorus, 'Come where the lilies grow,' pupils; instrumental selection, 'Burning of Rome,' (violins) Misses Sim, Rantin, Barker, (banjo) Miss B. Myles, (harps) Misses C. Barker and R. Young, (piano) Miss J. McLaren; trio, 'Les jeunes virtuoses,' Misses E. Poff, E. Murphy, U. Williams, S. Ansen, L. Coakley, G. Thompson, I. Green, G. Wilson, A. Coakley, M. O'Malley, M. Strout, I. Grange, (organ) Miss A. Riordan; vocal duet, 'In the dusk of the twilight,' Misses M. O'Connor and Cheevers, (piano) Miss A. Riordan; duet, 'Echo of the waves,' Misses K. O'Malley, M. Mullane, G. Barker, M. Rodgers, A. Edser, E. Derrett, A. Watson, G. Donaghey, (organ) Miss E. O'Malley; song, junior pupils; solo, with accompaniments, 'Salut d'amour,' (violin) Miss L. Sim, (banjo) Miss B. Myles, (harp) Miss C. Barker, (piano) Miss M. O'Connor; duet, 'Boute en train,' Misses L. Dwyer, D. Amyes, I. Rule, I. Sheppard, V. Barker, R. Buchanan, D. Peachey, E. Poff, (violins) Misses L. Sim and A. Rantin, (organ) Miss O'Connor; song, with accompaniments, 'The blind girl to the harp,' Miss M. O'Connor, (harp) Miss R. Young, (piano) Miss J. McLaren; solo, 'Polka de la reine,' Misses J. McLaren, E. Washbourn, and M. O'Connor; vocal trio, 'Sunset,' Misses M. O'Connor, B. Riordan, A. Riordan, I. O'Connor, (piano) Miss L. Sim; duet, 'Lucrezia Borgia,' Misses J. McLaren, A. Gannaway, A. Riordan, L. Burland, E. Washbourn, V. Gardiner, M. O'Connor, G. Wilson, (violins) Misses L. Sim and A. Rantin, (harps) Misses R. Young and C. Barker; chorus, pupils.

After distributing the prizes his Lordship the Bishop said he must first of all congratulate the good Sisters on the charming programme furnished that afternoon, a judicious selection of vocal and instrumental, items which displayed great taste in drawing up, combined with marked skill and aptitude in rendition. He was much struck with the exact time displayed in the selections, in some of which thirteen performers were engaged. Their devoted teachers evidently rightly gauged the capabilities of the pupils. The results reflected great credit on the teachers, and on the part of the pupils diligent application was rewarded by the success attained. Although the results in the recent examinations were not yet known, he was assured their success last year was most creditable to their application to study and of great satisfaction to their teachers. Within the convent walls (the Bishop continued) was laid the foundation of their future lives. There the good Sisters took the place of parents. Their authority was asserted, but not in a tyrannical manner. Their love, not fear, was the prevailing incentive. The tasks allotted the pupils were from motives of love, the highest of all motives. Returning now home to parents and friends for the holidays with keen delight, the same dutiful love should be there manifested as prevailed at their school and convent. In conclusion he had much pleasure in expressing satisfaction and gratification on his own, and on behalf of all present at this year's example of industry and progress. He wished them a very enjoyable vacation, a truly 'Merrie Christmas' in the good old English sense, and a bright and happy New Year.

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