

Ramsgate, and then on the advice of Canon Todd, formerly of Trinity College, Dublin, a distinguished convert, the young student was sent to St. Edmund's College, Oldhall Green, to study for the Westminster diocese. In 1877 he went to Spain to complete his philosophical and theological training. In April, 1882, being then subdeacon, he received word from Father Edmund Luck that he (Father Luck) was likely to be appointed Bishop of Auckland, and asked, if such were the case, would he accompany him to the Antipodes. He readily consented, being anxious to labor under his old superior, and further hoping to meet in Auckland his beloved tutor, Lord Abbot Alcock. On August 13, 1882, Father Luck was consecrated Bishop at Ramsgate by Cardinal Manning, and on August 27 the Rev. G. M. Lenihan was raised to the priesthood. He was the first student of Ramsgate College ordained as a secular priest, and the first priest ordained by Bishop Luck. On September 7, 1882, Bishop Luck, Father Lenihan, and a number of clergy left London for the Antipodes. On arriving at Melbourne the Bishop went on to Sydney, whilst Father Lenihan came on to Auckland via the Bluff. He reached the northern capital on November 12, and was warmly welcomed by the clergy and laity. The Bishop arrived four days later, and at once placed Father Lenihan as curate under the late Monsignor Walter McDonald at St. Patrick's Cathedral, where he labored for three and a half years. In April, 1886, Father Lenihan was appointed pastor of the new parish of Ponsonby, then without a church or presbytery. On October 31 of the same year the new church at Ponsonby was blessed, and on the following January was opened and dedicated to the Sacred Heart. Here was a striking example of Father Lenihan's many and undoubted administrative qualities, and this was so apparent to the Bishop that his Lordship added to the new pastor's already abundant parochial responsibilities the charge of the Star of the Sea Orphanage at St. Mary's. On February 10, 1891, Father Lenihan was made irremovable rector of Parnell, which position he occupied until he was appointed diocesan administrator by Archbishop Redwood on the death of Bishop Luck in January, 1896. As previously mentioned, at a meeting of the clergy, presided over by the Metropolitan, Father Lenihan's name was placed first in the list forwarded to the Holy See from which to appoint a successor to the deceased prelate. His Holiness ratified the choice of the priests.

On Sunday, November 15, the impressive ceremony of consecration took place in St. Patrick's Cathedral. His Lordship the Bishop of Christchurch was the consecrating prelate, and he was assisted by the Right Rev. Dr. Verdon (Dunedin) and the Right Rev. Dr. Gallagher (Goulburn). Besides the diocesan clergy present there were visitors from other parts of the Colony as well as from Sydney and the Islands. Solemn High Mass was celebrated by the Right Rev. Dr. Grimes, Rev. Fathers Kirk and Hackett being deacon and subdeacon respectively. Father Cummings (Christchurch) assistant priest, Father Gillan master of ceremonies. The preacher on this occasion was his Lordship the Bishop of Goulburn. The sermon in the evening was preached by his Lordship Bishop Grimes.

On the following evening a conversazione in honor of the new Bishop was held in the Choral Hall, which was beautifully decorated. There was an immense concourse of people to do honor to their new Bishop, who was accompanied by the Right Rev. Dr. Grimes and the Right Rev. Dr. Verdon. Priests from all parts of the Colony attended. Addresses were presented from the clergy, laity, Hibernian Society, the students of the Marist Brothers, to all of which his Lordship fittingly replied. Since then he has done yeoman work in the diocese; much of it is known to our readers; but few except those on the spot can have an adequate conception of the splendid and far-seeing administrative work which his Lordship has been doing in conserving and securing educational and other endowments for his important See. The Auckland diocese of the future will have good reason to rank Bishop Lenihan high among its greatest benefactors.

STYLE AND DIMENSIONS OF ADDITIONS

The additions just erected, and which complete the Cathedral, consist of an addition to the nave of 40ft x 40ft; a north and south transept, 40ft x 39ft and 40ft x 31ft respectively; a main sanctuary, 40ft x 16ft; two side chapels; main sacristy, 20ft x 16ft 6in; and boys' sacristy, 23ft x 9ft. The walls are of brick, faced outwardly with cement to correspond in style with the old part of the church, and inwardly with plaster. In each transept there is a large, deeply recessed doorway, 7ft wide, set between buttresses, and flanked by two-light windows corresponding to those in the side

walls of the old building. Over the doors runs a moulded string course, and above this is a large five-light window, 13ft wide and 21ft high, with tracery in the upper portion. The side walls are subdivided by buttresses, and each bay is occupied by a window similar to those before mentioned. The sanctuary is surrounded by a gable containing a large rose window. All windows are of Oamaru stone, with moulded dividing mullions, and are at present glazed with rough plate glass, but will afterwards be filled with stained, decorated designs as opportunity offers. The intersection of the nave and transept roof is surmounted by a ventilating turret, with louvred openings in each face, and a spire covered with galvanized iron, rising to a height of 25ft above the roof.

Inwardly the intersection of the nave and transepts is formed into a square by four moulded arches of Oamaru stone, 40ft span, and 54ft in height to apex, springing from a group of clustered columns at each corner. The columns are ornamented with moulded and carved caps and moulded bases. The roof of this portion is supported on diagonal principals of 60ft span, having arched ribs, springing from bracketed columns at the level of the large arches, filled in with open tracery above the collar ties, and chamfered openings in the spandrels. The transept roofs are supported on framed principals corresponding in design to those of the old portion of the building.

The sanctuary and side chapel are vaulted in wood with moulded ribs springing from carved corbels, subdivided into panels by moulded purlins, and filled in with boarding. In the back wall of the sanctuary are three recessed archways, divided by clustered columns and moulded arches, the two side recesses being filled by two-light windows, and the centre by a Calvary group supported on a moulded corbelling. A wooden dado, 6ft 6in high, runs all round the sanctuary divided into panels by turned columns and carved heads, which at the northern end is raised and formed into a Bishop's throne, with projecting vaulted canopy. The sanctuary rails project 20ft into the nave, making a total depth of 36ft 6in. The architect was Mr. Thomas Mahoney; contractors, Messrs. Malcolm and Ferguson; and clerk of works, Mr. T. Hussey.

LAST SUNDAY'S CEREMONIES

(By telegraph from our own correspondent.)

On Sunday the solemn ceremonies in connection with the blessing and opening of the additions to St. Patrick's Cathedral took place. The sacred edifice now presents a finished and striking appearance. During the last six months it has been in the hands of the architect and builders, and they have most satisfactorily carried out their work. Very great credit is due to his Lordship the Right Rev. Dr. Lenihan, because to him solely is due the success of the project. It was thought out by him, and his ideas were reduced to paper by the architect. The Bishop had been almost daily in attendance since the work began, and the amount of time and trouble and thought he has devoted to it has been remarkable indeed. For the complete state in which the Cathedral is now the Catholic people have to thank Bishop Lenihan, and they will show their gratitude in the best way by wiping off the £7000 which it has cost.

There were very large congregations both in the morning and evening. Pontifical High Mass was celebrated at 11 o'clock by his Lordship Bishop Lenihan, Right Rev. Mgr. O'Reilly being assistant priest, Very Rev. Dean Hackett and Very Rev. Father Gillan, V.G., deacons at the throne, Very Rev. Father Brodie and Rev. Father Mahoney deacons of the Mass, and Rev. Father Holbrook master of ceremonies.

THE SERMON.

An eloquent sermon was preached by the Very Rev. Father Clune, C.S.S.R., from the text, 'What mean these stones?' We are gathered together to-day (said the Very Rev. preacher) on a hallowed and historic spot, whose acquisition for church purposes was almost coeval with the planting of the Faith on New Zealand soil. In the first place, we have come to witness and take part in a most solemn, sacred, and impressive rite, namely, the blessing and dedication of this grand Cathedral to the worship and service of Almighty God; under the twin guardianship of St. Patrick and St. Joseph. In the next place, we have come to rejoice with his Lordship and the good people of Auckland, and offer them our cordial congratulations on the completion of this magnificent temple that has grown from humble beginnings to such mighty proportions that, in its successive stages of growth, the enlargements mark the corresponding stages of progress and expansion in the diocese,