

Mass, and going at once to the convent he read the last beautiful prayers of Holy Church for the departing soul.

A Solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated on Tuesday morning in the presence of his Lordship the Bishop, Very Rev. Father O'Donnell (Ashburton), and Rev. Father Marnane (St Mary's) being deacons at the throne. Very Rev. Father Le Menant des Chesnais, V.G., was celebrant, Rev. Father Cooney (Lyttelton) and Rev. Father Rouillac (Solomon Islands) deacons of the Mass, Very Rev. Father Gnaty (Mount Magdala) assistant priest, Rev. Father Richards (Lincoln) and Rev. Father O'Connell (Pro-Cathedral) cantors, Rev. Father McDonnell master of ceremonies. The Rev. Father Geggan (Leeston) and the Rev. Father Hyland (Rangiora) were also present. There was a very large congregation.

His Lordship the Bishop preached an impressive sermon from the text: 'I am the Resurrection and the Life,' and sketched the life of the deceased, who belonged to the family of Fenot, whose missionary spirit gave bishops, priests, and religious to the Church. The deceased, whilst in her teens, joined the Sisters of the Mission, having an ardent desire to go on the foreign mission. Soon after her novitiate she went to a house of the Order in England, where eventually she had charge, and spent several years in the mother-house in France, which has since suffered at the hands of the Government. She was for two years in India, and then came to New Zealand. Quoting the words of Our Lord to Martha and Mary, when visiting the house of Lazarus, 'I am the Resurrection,' etc., his Lordship said these were words of comfort and consolation. With the assurance of future life they were not to mourn as those without hope—'God sees blemishes where mortals see perfection.' The deceased was endowed with remarkable faith and religious fervor, and had great devotion to the suffering souls in purgatory. The deceased was touchingly grateful for acts of kindness during her last illness, and with deep Christian spirit was often heard to exclaim: 'What a happy thing to be a member of the Catholic Church.'

In the singing of the Gregorian music the clergy were assisted by members of the Pro-Cathedral Choir. Miss Katie Young was at the organ and played the Dead March from 'Saul' as the funeral cortege left the church.

The interment took place at the Linwood Cemetery, the ceremonies at the graveside being conducted by the Very Rev. Father Le Menant des Chesnais, V.G., assisted by a large number of clergy.—R.I.P.

New Catholic Church at St. Andrews

On Sunday last the new Catholic Church at St. Andrews was solemnly blessed and opened by his Lordship Right Rev. Dr. Grimes, Bishop of Christchurch. It was only with considerable discomfort (says the Timaru 'Post') that Dr. Grimes was able to be present, as he had been recently laid up with a painful accident, and Sunday's ceremony was the first at which he had been able to officiate for six weeks. The church was packed to the doors both morning and afternoon and by far the majority of these came from a distance determined not to be absent on such an auspicious occasion, despite the miserable weather.

The Church stands on an admirable site of over nine acres, of course facing west, and on that side of the railway, a very good view of it is obtained from the line. The inside finishing and furnishing are particularly worthy of notice, the wood lining and rafters of the roof and the carved altar and other fittings presenting a most solid and good appearance. Exceedingly chaste and handsome, too, are the cathedral glass windows, in various tints, and the tout ensemble of the interior is most striking and beautiful. The acoustic properties of the building were, of course, an unknown quantity until Sunday, when they proved to be everything that could be desired, each word that was uttered or sung, and every note of the music being most clear and audible. Nor was any fault or blemish discoverable in the exterior, and it would be hard to find a more perfect little church of its kind. As is generally known, it is constructed of brick, plastered, the effect being most pleasing and handsome. To return to the interior once more, the seating accommodation (for about 300) is plain, but substantial and comfortable, and the carved stone bosses add not a little to the beauty of the walls. The total cost of the church was about £1300, and of this large sum no less than £1000 has already been collected, a tribute to the generosity of the givers and the earnestness of the Rev. Father Tubman, their pastor, which speaks nobly for itself. Shortly before eleven o'clock

The Ceremony of Blessing the new church was performed by Bishop Grimes, immediately after which Mass was celebrated by the Rev. Father Tubman, the choir rendering Farmer's 'Missa Cantata' in B flat, excepting the 'Benedictus' and 'Agnus Dei,' which were from Weber's in G. The choir consisted of Miss McGuinness (soprano), Misses McKenna and Fgan (alto), Mr. Jefferson (tenor), Mr. McDonald (bass), Mrs. O'Meehan, Miss E. McGuinness (organist), and Messrs. Coombs (violin), O'Leary, Knight, Kane, and Coughlin. At the afternoon service the church was crowded again, though by this time the rain had set in heavy and steady. The devotions consisted of the recitation of the Rosary, sermon by the Bishop, and episcopal benediction, at which the celebrant was assisted by the Rev. Fathers Tubman and Taylor. Dr. Grimes also

gave an eloquent discourse in the morning after the first Gospel. The Bishop had not intended to preach in the afternoon, but did so on account of the large congregation, at the earnest request of Father Tubman. After the sermon at Mass his Lordship made an appeal to the congregation to give according to their means, so that the church might be as far as possible free of debt, not a mortgaged and encumbered house of prayer. At the collection subsequently taken up, nearly £100 was received. Father Tubman heartily thanked those who had contributed towards the church in any way, the Bishop for his great kindness, the choir, and all who had helped or sympathised, including many kind friends of other denominations. Father Tubman likewise said he fully appreciated the motives of the Bishop in not even mentioning his own great building of a new Catholic Cathedral in Christchurch, and promised, on behalf of the congregation, that they would not forget it, but would help the work to the utmost of their means. The Bishop then appealed to the Catholics of the district to initiate contributions of 6d a week. He felt sure that none of them would wish to see the great work stopped for want of funds, and that he could look to them for the small contribution for which he asked.

At Mass his Lordship preached an eloquent sermon from the text, 'I have heard thy prayer, and I have chosen the place to myself,' the words of God to Solomon on the completion of the Temple at Jerusalem. In conclusion Dr. Grimes heartily congratulated the congregation, for on that day they could take a legitimate pride in their church. Passers-by would notice the beautiful landmark, and would recognise in it the faith, piety, and generosity of its Catholic builders. In the afternoon his Lordship preached from the Epistle of the day, giving a history of the Cross, and explaining the meaning of the Sign of the Cross.

St. Andrew's Church is the first in the diocese of that name, and is also, we believe, the only church in the Colony of the same name as its parish.

The Late Dean Mahoney

Just as we were going to press we learned that the Month's Mind for the late Very Rev. Dean Mahoney will take place at Nelson on Wednesday next, the 13th inst.

WEDDING BELLS

Brady-Smith.

A wedding which attracted more than ordinary interest (writes a correspondent) was celebrated at the Sacred Heart Church, Reefton, last week, the contracting parties being Mr. Philip Brady and Miss Agnes Smith. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father Hickson. Mr. W. Smith, brother of the bride, gave her away. The bride was attired in a dress of silver grey cashmere, with pearl and silk trimmings, and wore a cream tuckered chignon toque, trimmed with ostrich feathers and pear blossom. The bridesmaid, Miss Sarah Smith, wore a dress of strawberry voile with trimmings of string-colored insertion and black picture hat trimmed with ostrich feathers and pink roses. Mr. Terence Brady acted as best man. The bridegroom's present to the bride was a handsome diamond brooch and ring, and to the bridesmaid a pretty brooch. The bride presented the bridegroom with a pair of gold sleeve links and a set of gold studs. After the ceremony the bridal party drove to the residence of Mr. and Mrs. O'Malley, where the wedding breakfast was laid. The happy couple left by the evening train for Greymouth on the honeymoon trip, taking with them the best wishes of their many friends for a prosperous married life. Mr. and Mrs. Brady were the recipients of numerous handsome and useful presents.

The Rev. Father Costello (says the Rangitikei 'Advocate') has been presented by the Catholics of Hunterville and Pohorua with a valuable harness horse for his private use. In connection with the Hunterville bazaar, the Catholics in the same portion of the parish have donated a cream pony which is to be sold, the proceeds to be devoted to the bazaar funds. The liberality of his people is much appreciated by Father Costello. Mr. Ronald Cameron, of Turakina Valley, has presented a valuable saddle horse to be disposed of at the same bazaar.

Those of our readers in Otago and Southland who intend to buy stylish carriages, or useful vehicles of any kind, would be consulting their own interests by inspecting the very fine stock displayed in the establishment of Messrs. Hordern and White, Princes street south, Dunedin. The proprietors of the Dunedin Carriage Factory will be always pleased to quote prices and supply all other necessary information to persons requiring carriages or vehicles.

Messrs. Donald Reid and Co., acting under instructions from the trustees of the estate of the late Mr. Francis Moenan, will sell at the Corn Exchange, Dunedin, on May 22, a valuable freehold property with buildings thereon, situated in Great King street. The purchaser of the property will have the option of taking over the goodwill and stock-in-trade of the old-established produce business on a valuation.