

lived up to that high ideal when he set a noble example of the priesthood of Christ. That is the highest aspect in the beautiful life he has set before us. But he was not only a priest—he was a servant of Mary, he belonged to the Society of Mary, a society of priests whose aim it is to preach the rule and empire of Jesus Christ through Mary: those virtues of gentleness, of compassion, and that soothing nature which appear to us so beautiful in Mary the Mother of God. The one we lament to day did give an example of these virtues of Mary. How far removed he was from any harshness, how gentle and kind in his ways; he showed to us the virtues of Mary, her gentleness, her humility. This dear one whom we lament gave an admirable example of humility. When looking for a priest who would be kindness, gentleness, and humility itself, one that could take the place of the late Rev. Father Garin, I chose Dean Mahoney, and indeed he made that dear old man happy. He was the soul of all the work that went on, yet gave all the credit to his old pastor. Had it not been for his kindness that old man would not have passed such cheerful and happy days. I say that Dean Mahoney gave to the world an admirable example of meekness and humility, gave to others the credit of the work that he himself suggested and carried out to its accomplishment. If we look upon him in other aspects, we find that he was most zealous as a pastor of this flock. We could point out numbers of people who now belong to the Catholic Church that he gained over, first by his kindness, by his human qualities and virtues, and then leading them by the instructions he gave them to join the body of the holy Catholic Church. So in a noiseless manner he was carrying out the work of our Divine Lord, bringing many into His fold. To those who did not belong to his Church, you all know

His Kindness, His Liberality;

you know the broadness of view he had with regard to all. He had none that he did not care for whether they belonged to his flock or not, but doing them all the good he could. He had a really Catholic charity, one extending to all just alike, the charity of Jesus Christ extending to all, even to those who put him to death. A real Catholic charity; and so he had many friends outside his own fold. Some of his dearest friends, some of those in whom he confided most in matters of friendship, belonged not to his fold. There is a noble example of the conduct a priest ought to have in a country of divided creed like ours. He should be all zeal for his own flock, and at the same time all kindness, justice, and charity to all who do not belong to his own flock; and he set a noble example in this similar to the example set by the one to whom he succeeded, the Rev. Father Garin, who had that same broad and Catholic spirit.

"Blessed are they who die in the Lord, that they may rest from their labors for their works remain after them." He worked hard in this world, he was always diligent in everything he undertook. I knew him long before you, years ago in Dublin, where I was his professor of theology, and there I knew him as a young man not yet in Orders, who was always the joy and happiness of his fellow-companions and students by his kindness, his gentleness, his genial humor, and at the same time his strictness to the rules he had to observe in his works and study under my tuition. I can say that he was a model student; he had fair abilities and he used them well, he used them according to his power, and he had so many other gifts that the result was great indeed and never will be forgotten in this district.

"Blessed are they who die in the Lord that they may rest from their labors." We hope that now he has gone to his eternal rest, where we all hope one day to go. We are here only for a passing moment, but our home, the house of our eternity is there expecting us. May we be happy with him one day, may we share with him his eternal rest! In order to do that, we must share with him the practice of every Christian virtue. The tribulations of this life are momentary, they are nothing compared to the joy in store for those who serve God. We hope he has already gone to share in that peace and happiness. "Blessed are they who die in the Lord for their works remain after them." How

His Spiritual Works Remain

after him and all those souls he gained to God, all those children he brought up prepared to take their place in society! How everything about us speaks of his works! This very church in which we stand is a monument to his faith. Then we have other institutions around us that have sprung up under his administration—that large and noble convent, the presbytery and hall which is so useful. Then we have the orphanages, the one for girls in the town, and the one for boys at Stoke. If he were living, what happened a few days ago would have been a heavy blow to his charitable heart, he would have had to make a great appeal to his resignation to the will of God to bear that blow. It is a blow that has been stricken by an all-wise Providence. We may look upon it as a certainty that that orphanage will rise from its ruins in increased efficiency and splendor. You wish to raise a monument to the memory of that noble Dean Mahoney whom you lament. There is no monument he would appreciate so much as the orphanage erected upon the ruins of the one which has disappeared, in order to continue that noble work of charity. As you love your lamented pastor, as you wish to do something to his memory so that he may never be forgotten, I say there is the opportunity. You are going to raise a small monument to his memory, but this is a larger monument, one that will speak powerfully. This building that we are going shortly to undertake will rise as a

monument to the memory of this dear and lamented Father. There is no need to say more, but I may add a few words to console you upon some matters. I am happy to tell you that Dean Mahoney received every possible attention, every kindness, everything that could be done by the most celebrated doctors and the most perfect nurses in one of the finest hospitals in the world; and he had a friend there who was a friend indeed because he was a friend in need, and that was the Very Rev. Dr. Watters. He was all kindness to him, did everything in his power to comfort him and make his end happy and peaceful. Everything was done indeed that could be done to make the passing away of this dear one as easy and as happy as possible. We are all called to see God for eternity if we lead a virtuous life. Let us resolve to lead good lives and discharge our duties to God and to man, that when the time comes for us to go, we shall be able to hear what I hope he has already heard, those beautiful, touching, familiar, and entrancing words of Jesus Christ: "Well done thou good and faithful servant, because thou has been faithful in small things I will set thee over great ones, enter thou into the joy of the Lord." With such a hope and such a prayer I now give you my blessing.

OBITUARY

Sister M. Monica, Dunedin.

The announcement that Sister Mary Monica Tobin had passed away came as a great shock to the Catholic community of Dunedin, for very few of them were aware that she had been unwell. She had been ill only for ten or twelve days, but her condition up to a short time before death was not such as to cause anxiety, but pneumonia set in and despite all that medical skill could do she passed away at St. Dominic's Priory on Thursday morning of last week, her death being a very holy and most edifying one. During her illness she was constantly attended by the Rev. Father Murphy, who was also present at the last moment to administer the rites of the Church to the departing soul. The deceased Sister received her education at the schools of the Dominican Nuns, and made her religious profession about twelve years ago, having been received into the Order of St. Dominic by the late Bishop Moran. Prior to her profession she had held, for a considerable time, the position of president of the Sodality of Children of Mary, a Confraternity in which she took a very deep interest. The deceased was what is known as the Sister Touriere of the community—having charge of the external business of the convent, a position which brought her into contact with the general public, by one and all of whom she was highly esteemed for her unvarying gentleness, tact, and courtesy. For a number of years she devoted a great deal of time and work to the Cathedral, bestowing special attention on the beautifying of the sanctuary, and the chaste decorations on the high altar on special occasions bore testimony to her good taste and her great zeal for the proper adornment of God's house. The parish has, indeed, sustained a great loss in her demise. By the Dominican Nuns her loss will be keenly felt, as her services were much valued by the Mother Prioress and the whole community.

On Saturday morning the remains were removed from the St. Dominic's Priory to St. Joseph's Cathedral, where a Solemn Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of the deceased was celebrated by his Lordship the Right Rev. Dr. Verdon, Rev. Father Cleary being assistant priest, Rev. Father Howard deacon, Rev. Father O'Malley sub-deacon, and Rev. Father Murphy master of ceremonies, there being also present Rev. Father Coffey and Rev. Father Delany. The solemn music of the Mass was rendered by the choir of the Dominican Nuns. The funeral took place in the afternoon, and was largely attended by all classes, and the number of beautiful wreaths placed on the coffin was evidence of the high respect in which Sister Mary Monica was held by the Catholic community. His Lordship the Bishop officiated both at the Cathedral and at the graveside in the Scathern Cemetery, the clergy present being the Rev. Fathers Murphy, Coffey, Cleary, Delany, Howard, M. Ryan, and P. O'Neill.—R.I.P.

The winter excursion organised in Sydney in connection with the blessing and opening of the Catholic Cathedral at Suva (Fiji), gives every promise of being a very successful trip. It will occupy five weeks, and will embrace the mid-Pacific as well as the western groups of islands. As previously mentioned by us, the Victoria, 3000 tons, has been chartered for the trip, and as is well known the fittings and appointments of this steamer are of the most modern description. A first-class table will be provided, and every necessary provision made for the comfort and entertainment of passengers. A medical man will accompany the party. In addition to the usual boat equipment the Victoria will carry a steam launch to facilitate embarkation at island ports. Among the places of call and points of interest in sight during the trip will be Lord Howe Island, Norfolk Island, Tonga, Samoa, Wallis, Futuna, Fiji, New Hebrides, Loyalties, etc. The excursion leaves Sydney late in July so as to arrive at the islands in August, when the weather conditions in the tropics are ideal. Nearly 7000 miles of ocean will be covered, and the principal mission stations and trade centres of the Western Pacific will be visited. Intending tourists should write for full particulars to the hon. secretary, c.o. Mr. Spruson, King street, Sydney....