

GREYMOUTH

(From an occasional correspondent.)

Very Rev. Dean Lighthouse, of the Maori mission, recently visited this district on a collecting tour. Few could resist the Very Rev. Dean's appeals for help for his poor mission. He declares that the inhabitants of Brunnerton are the kindest people he ever met.

The collection of funds for the completion of the tower of our church was on a recent Sunday morning enthusiastically taken up. £800 being collected. A pleasing feature was the ready response of our young men. Our worthy pastor, Very Rev. Dean Carew, is highly pleased at the result of the collection. His strong desire for the completion of our splendid church will now be soon accomplished. This, indeed, is, as it were, the finishing stroke of the great works carried out by him in Greymouth. One has but to stand on the verandah of the presbytery and look round to see what has been accomplished by our zealous pastor, the cost of the works carried out totalling £20,000. This is without taking into account the large amounts sent to the Cathedral City. It should be mentioned that the worthy Dean has himself been a generous donor to the parish.

His Lordship Bishop Grimes is now here on his pastoral visit. On last Sunday he entered minutely into details of the erection of the Cathedral at Christchurch. The collection for the work realised £200. Truly the generosity of the Greymouth people is marvellous, and altogether beyond the ken of our non-Catholic friends. But what know they of the spirit that animates the Irish Catholics, schooled for generations in the spirit of self-sacrifice, whose generosity in the cause of their religion has made them the wonder of the world.

The Rev. Father Herbert has lately been delivering a course of sermons on the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. The sermons of the Rev. Father, who has justly earned a reputation as a ripe scholar and an eloquent preacher, are eagerly looked forward to and listened to with rapt attention by large congregations. Last Sunday's sermon on the Catholicity of the Church was a splendid discourse. Few indeed could listen to the rev. preacher's eloquent peroration, which included Macaulay's famous passage taken from his review of Ranke's 'History of the Popes,' without a feeling of pride and thankfulness in being a member of the Catholic Church. Father Herbert is also as practical as he is eloquent, he having effected several improvements in and around the sanctuary. The old pulpit has been removed, and a stationary one, with handsome brass railings, has been erected in its stead outside the altar rails.

A few days ago his Lordship the Bishop administered Confirmation at Brunnerton, Dean Foley having preceded him on the previous evening. His Lordship is experiencing a real West Coast winter, the weather of late having been extremely bad.

Widespread regret was felt here at the sad news of the death of Captain Darragh, who was washed off the deck of his vessel and drowned when crossing the Hokitika bar. The gallant sailor made desperate efforts to reach the shore, but no help being available, he sank after swimming fully half a mile. The case is a peculiarly sad one, the captain having been married but a few months ago to a Christchurch lady, Miss Lawlor. The then happy couple spent their honeymoon on the West Coast, where Mrs. Darragh made many friends. Captain Darragh was a fine specimen of the Irish seaman, and a practical Catholic.—R I P.

WAIMATE

(From our own correspondent)

July 26

On receipt of the news of the death of the Holy Father the bell of St. Patrick's Church was tolled, whilst the school children recited the Holy Rosary. The flags of the principal business places were flown at half-mast. At both Masses on Sunday feeling references were made to the deceased Pontiff. At the evening devotions, to a large congregation, the Rev. Father Aubry reviewed the life of the late Pope.

At the half-yearly meeting of the H A C B S the following office-bearers were elected: President, Bro. A. Harris; vice-president, Bro. J. Mills; secretary, Bro. J. Sims (re-elected); treasurer, Bro. O'Brien (re-elected); warden, Bro. M. Healy; guardian, Bro. J. Hickey; sick visitors, Bros. M. Hickey and M. Lyons. One new member was initiated.

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WANGANUI

(By telegraph from our own correspondent.)

July 28.

The news of the death of the late Pontiff was received in Wanganui with profound sorrow, not only by those who owe allegiance to the Chair of St. Peter, but also by many who are not of the household of the Faith. On the receipt of the sad news his Grace the Archbishop immediately telegraphed to the parishes of the archdiocese authorising the tolling of the church bells for one hour and the celebration of Solemn Requiem Mass at the earliest suitable date. For the last few days the church has put on the outward signs of sorrow, at once bringing home forcibly to the minds of the worshippers that the Catholic Church throughout the world now mourns the loss of its head and spiritual guide. On Monday night the Very Rev. Dean Grogan delivered an eloquent panegyric on the late Pope, taking for his text the words, 'Behold the high priest.' The preacher outlined the life of Leo XIII. Even from his boyhood days his brilliant career as a student in the Roman colleges, his achievements as Nuncio at Brussels and as Archbishop of Perugia, his appointment to the Cardinalate, and his final elevation to the highest dignity to which it is given man to attain—the Chair of St. Peter. For a quarter of a century (said the Very Rev. Dean) the late Pope ruled with marvellous tact and energy the greatest empire in the world—greatest because it includes all the republics, monarchies, and empires of the world. Dean Grogan spoke for upwards of an hour, and his masterly treatment of the subject made a deep impression on the large congregation. This morning (Tuesday) a Solemn Requiem Mass was offered for the repose of the soul of the late Pope. Despite the early hour (8 o'clock) a large congregation assembled to pay their last tribute of love and respect to the memory of their late spiritual Father. Mass was sung by Dean Grogan, Rev. Fathers Lacroix and O'Sullivan being deacon and sub-deacon respectively. The choir was in attendance and rendered the solemn music appropriate to the occasion in a creditable manner.

WEDDING BELLS

CUNNEEN-DOHERTY.

A quiet but pretty wedding (writes a correspondent) was solemnised recently at the Church of the Reparation, New Headford, Lincoln, the contracting parties being Mr. James Cunneen, of Broadfield, to Miss Margaret Doherty, of Lincoln. The ceremony, which was witnessed by a number of friends, was performed by the Rev. Father Richards, who also celebrated the Nuptial Mass. The bride, who was given away by her father, was prettily attired in a dress of dove grey cashmere trimmed with cream satin and chiffon, and wore a white felt hat. The bridesmaid, Miss Molly Doherty (sister of the bride), wore a white muslin dress and large black hat. The bridegroom was attended by his brother, Mr. Edward Cunneen. As the happy couple left the church the 'Wedding March' was played by Miss McLachlan. Having adjourned to the residence of the bride's parents the wedding breakfast was partaken of, after which Mr. and Mrs. Cunneen left for Christchurch, en route for Dunedin, where the honeymoon was spent. The bridegroom's present to the bride was a gold initial ring, and to the bridesmaid a greenstone brooch. Mr. and Mrs. Cunneen were the recipients of a large number of costly presents, amongst which were some substantial cheques, showing the esteem in which both are held.

The Buchu Kidney Cure, prepared by Messrs. Johnstone and Haslett, chemists, Dunedin, is recommended as an excellent remedy for all kidney and allied complaints. It is free from injurious ingredients, and is prepared from specially selected drugs, which are of tried efficiency.

Any of our readers in Otago and Southland requiring ironmongery or hardware of any description cannot do better than patronise the establishment of Messrs. Thomson, Bridger, and Co., of Dunedin and Invercargill. This well known firm keeps a large stock of electroplate household ironmongery, grates, ranges, hardware, etc., all of the best quality, and suitable to the requirements of all classes. Prices are brought as low as possible, consistent with good quality.

The D.I.C., High and Rattray streets, Dunedin, are now showing a splendid stock of millinery, mantles, dress fabrics, jackets, men's clothing, underclothing, men's mercery, fancy goods, and house furnishings, etc. A visit to this splendid establishment will convince any of our readers of the extent and excellence of the stock.

The railway authorities notify that holiday excursion tickets will be issued from Dunedin and northern stations from August 8 to August 14 in connection with the Christchurch races....