

There was no panic, though there was some confusion, in the midst whereof the Empress of Ireland lurched. The passengers rolled down the deck into the sea, the women crying and praying, and the men shouting. The cries continued until the icy waters ended their sufferings. The officers behaved splendidly, facing death fearlessly. Captain Kendall remained on the bridge until the vessel sank.

The following is the final official list of the number of lives lost and saved—Lost, 1032; saved, 355.

An Englishman named Duncan declared that every one of the crew acted like men, attempting to rouse the women. They secured numbers of lifebelts on deck ready for those below when they should reach there.

The Union Company has received official advice that the Auckland passengers on board the Empress of Ireland were Mr. W. R. Bloomfield, Mrs. Bloomfield, Miss Bloomfield, Mrs. H. Wynn Price, and Miss Townsend. All of them were drowned except Miss Townsend. Mrs. Wynn Price was an aunt of Miss Townsend.

DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

June 1.

On Sunday last (Feast of Pentecost) there was Solemn Pontifical Mass in the Cathedral. His Lordship the Bishop was celebrant, Rev. Father Taylor, S.M., assistant priest, Very Rev. Father Graham, S.M., M.A., and Rev. Father Quinn, S.M., deacons of honor at the throne, Rev. Fathers Murphy, B.A., and Long deacon and subdeacon respectively of the Mass, and Very-Rev. Chancellor Price, Adm., master of ceremonies. His Lordship the Bishop preached a sermon appropriate of the day's festival. The music was Gounod's 'Messe Solennelle,' capably rendered by the choir under Mr. Thorley at the organ. The sanctuary and high altar were most tastefully and effectively adorned. At all the Masses the annual collection in aid of the seminary fund was made.

Christchurch North

June 1.

On Tuesday evening last the members of the Boys' Guild had their first meeting in St. Mary's Church, and were addressed by the Very Rev. Dean Hills, S.M., V.G. On Sunday next the boys will approach the Holy Table in a body in company with the members of St. Vincent de Paul Society.

The devotions in honor of our Lady, which have been well attended every evening during the month of May, were concluded on Sunday evening. There was a procession of our Lady, in which a very large number of the Children of Mary took part.

His Lordship Bishop Grimes and the Very Rev. Dean Hills, S.M., V.G., visited the Convent of the Sisters of Mercy, Colombo street, on Thursday last. The ceremony of electing a Rev. Mother for the next term took place, when Sister Mary Baptist was chosen.

Lincoln

(From our own correspondent.)

On Sunday the Rev. Father O'Connor asked the prayers of the congregation for the repose of the soul of his father, the news of whose death he received by cable a few days ago. His parishioners extend to Father O'Connor their sincere sympathy in his very great sorrow, and pray that his dear father may soon enjoy the reward of his generosity for having given his son to God's service, working for the spiritual welfare of the people of this diocese. Great must have been his joy on the day of Father O'Connor's ordination, and at his dying moments great must have been his consolation to know that his son could so efficaciously pray for him, and that he would remember him each morning as he stood at the altar to offer up the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.—R.I.P.

Another of the pioneers of the plains of Canterbury, in the person of Mrs. O'Grady, wife of Mr. Patrick O'Grady, of Lincoln, passed away to her reward on Thursday morning at the residence of her son-in-law (Mr. Kavanagh, of Riccarton). For some time Mrs. O'Grady did not enjoy good health, and went for a short holiday to her daughter's, where pneumonia set in and death was the result. She was ever charitable and kind, and was always at the service of her neighbors, whenever she could do them good. She was a native of Galway. She leaves a husband, one son, and three daughters to mourn their sad loss, and to whom much sympathy is extended. Always a devout Catholic, she died a holy death. Father O'Connor celebrated a Requiem Mass at 10 o'clock on Saturday, after which he performed the last sad rites at the Shands' Track Cemetery.—R.I.P.

Temuka

(From our own correspondent.)

The annual meeting of the Children of Mary was held on Sunday, May 24, when there was a very large attendance of members. The election of officers for the forthcoming year resulted as follows:—President, Miss Mary Barry (re-elected); secretary and treasurer, Miss Mary Leary; councillors—Misses Mary Connell and Greta Daly. After the election, the spiritual director (Rev. Father Kerley, S.M.) addressed the members, and congratulated the newly-elected officers on their election.

On Wednesday evening last, the Rev. Father Lezer, S.M., who was recently transferred to Timaru, was entertained by the Temuka parishioners and presented with a purse of sovereigns. Mr. M. Crannitch presided, and the presentation was made by Mr. W. Hally. Speeches were also made by Very Rev. Dean Tubman, S.M., Rev. Father Kerley, S.M., Messrs. J. M. Twomey, J. Simpson, and T. Knight. Rev. Father Lezer feelingly replied. On the same evening the Children of Mary, Kerrytown, presented Father Lezer with an address, and a gold-mounted fountain pen suitably inscribed. The presentation was made by Miss M. Fitzgerald, whilst the address was read by Miss C. Coughlan.

On Tuesday morning at St. Joseph's Church, Miss Elida Anderson, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anderson, Seadown, was united in the bonds of Matrimony to Mr. William Spillane, sixth son of Mrs. M. Spillane, Temuka. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Father Kerley, S.M. Miss B. O'Connell, of Timaru, acted as bridesmaid, and Mr. J. Fitzgerald, as best man. After the ceremony the party adjourned to the residence of the bride's parents, where the wedding breakfast was partaken of, and the usual toasts were honored. In the afternoon the happy couple left for the North Island, where the honeymoon was to be spent.

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