

wise helpless, and nearly 100 orphans. A high school for boys has been opened recently on the Ferry road, and is known as St. Bede's Collegiate School; and a missionary residence, with four missionaries, has been established at Temuka.

Increase of Churches and Schools.

Since the erection of the diocese in 1887, new parishes have been established at Fairlie, Akaroa, Leeston, Darfield, Hawarden, and Christchurch North, and in addition to the magnificent Cathedral in the city, churches have been built or enlarged at Manchester street, Timaru, Waimate, Waiau Downs, Makikihi, St. Andrews, Hakataramea, Fairlie, Albany, the Cave, the Hinds, Rakaia, Methven, Hornby, New Brighton, Woolston, Leeston, Darfield, Springfield, Coalgate, Rangiora, Hawarden, Cheviot, Hanmer, Waiau, Greymouth, Blackball, Rimu, Ahaura, Barrytown, Dunollie, Kanieri, and Waitangi. New schools have been erected or enlarged in Christchurch North, Christchurch South, Addington, Halswell, Lyttelton, Akaroa, Rangiora, Darfield, Leeston, Temuka, Timaru, Waimate, Kumara, Greymouth, Brunnerton, Dunollie, Hokitika, Kanieri, Ross, and Rimu. Presbyteries have been built, secured, or greatly enlarged in Christchurch, Lyttelton, Akaroa, Darfield, Hawarden, Leeston, Lincoln, Greymouth, Hokitika, Ross, Ahaura, Ashburton, Temuka, Timaru, and Waimate; new convents have been erected in Colombo street, Christchurch, Mount Magdala, Sydenham, Lyttelton, Akaroa, Rangiora, Darfield, Kumara, and Ross; Catholic Clubs have been opened in Christchurch, Ashburton, Temuka, Timaru, Waimate, Greymouth, and Hokitika; and domestic chapels have been erected in the convents in Christchurch, Timaru, Temuka, Waimate, and at Mount Magdala. The expenditure for the erection or enlarging of these ecclesiastical or scholastic properties has reached large proportions. Without taking into account what is daily required for their upkeep, the church and scholastic properties in Christchurch alone have cost £170,000 since 1887.

A Noble Record.

The late Bishop, in replying to the addresses presented to him, accompanied by a purse of £1020, by the clergy, laity, and various societies on the occasion of his silver jubilee, said:—

Since Christchurch was, a quarter of a century ago, erected into a separate diocese, great changes have taken place as you remind us, and great deeds have been done. The local press, a few weeks back, gave several striking facts illustrating these changes and deeds chiefly in the material order, such as the building of churches and presbyteries, schools, and convents and

clubs. God alone knows the great things done in the spiritual, the intellectual, and the moral order. This is surely a fitting occasion to add to what the press related a few supplementary facts no less startling.

Twenty-five years ago the Catholic population of our diocese was barely 20,000. To-day it has increased to about 30,000. The diocesan registers record 19,000 Baptisms, more than 15,000 First Communions and Confirmations, nearly 2000 conversions, 3341 marriages, 450 religious or ecclesiastical vocations, whilst the munificent sum of over £304,000 has been expended in the erection of churches and educational establishments, without taking into account the enormous amount spent in their upkeep. It were impossible to enumerate the immense good done for suffering humanity in the noble institutes of Mount Magdala and Nazareth House, whilst the recently opened collegiate school of St. Bede is slowly but surely laying the foundation of a successful future. The Missionary Fathers, temporarily installed in the parish of Temuka, have already shown the great good we are likely to expect from them not only in this our diocese, but in the whole of the Dominion and far beyond. This is indeed a noble record, one whereof priests and people may be truly proud.

Public Sympathy.

On the news being conveyed to Bishop Julius (writes the Christchurch correspondent of the *Otago Daily Times*), his Lordship said: 'The loss occasioned by the death of Bishop Grimes will be felt by many others than the members of his own communion. As one who has served with him for many years in public institutions, and has been closely associated with him in matters of public interest for the last five-and-twenty years, I can bear witness to his genuine loyalty, his Christian courtesy, and his broad sympathies. In the name of the Anglican communion I tender to the members of the Roman Catholic Church our respectful sympathy in the loss they have sustained.'

'It is with sincere regret that I learn of his Lordship's death,' remarked the Mayor. 'It was my pleasure to meet him as a colleague on the McLean Institute Board of Governors. I found him to be a man of broad ideas and good judgment, and I am sure his loss will be severely felt by the citizens of Christchurch as a whole.'

Very Rev. Dean Hills, V.G., said he had known Bishop Grimes for over 40 years, and had always found him to be a Christian gentleman. He had done great work here, and the splendid Cathedral in Barbadoes street would be a lasting monument to his memory.—R.I.P.

