

ages which they have sent to the Bishops and the ecclesiastical authorities in this diocese. This has touched us very deeply, and it is most consoling, and will serve to draw tighter the bonds of affection that should exist, especially in these perilous times, between the people of all classes and creeds in this Dominion.

His Grace based his discourse on the following text:—'And I heard a voice from heaven saying to me: Write: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord. From henceforth now, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; for their works follow them' (Apoc. XIV. 13). Proceeding, his Grace said: A great calamity has overtaken this diocese of Christchurch, and a great sorrow in consequence fills all parts. Your beloved Bishop, who for nearly eight and twenty years ruled so successfully and so well over this portion of the Lord's vineyard, is no more. After a long, strenuous, and active life that passed the allotted span, he has laid down the burden, and the whole diocese is in mourning. It is hard to realise that the stout heart has ceased to beat, and that an active brain is now stilled in death. But the sad fact is before us, and we are assembled here in this beautiful Cathedral, which the departed prelate raised with such loving care, to pay our last tribute to all that is mortal of the first Bishop of Christchurch. To me personally the task of addressing you on this occasion is the more difficult, because I was bound to your Bishop by the closest of ties. It was at his hands that I received the great dignity of the priesthood, and this fact naturally drew me towards him, made me look up to him with feelings of filial affection.

Early Days of the Departed Prelate.

Bear with me then, my brethren, while I discharge the sad duty of recalling to mind, before we consign his body to the tomb, the chief incidents of his life—the work that he accomplished, the virtues that he gave example of. The Right Rev. John Joseph Grimes was born in the year 1842 at Bromley, Kent. He was a bright, intelligent lad who, from an early age showed that he possessed exceptional talents. He studied in various colleges of the Marist Fathers in Ireland and France, and, as he showed signs of a decided vocation to the religious and priestly life, he was received into the Society of Mary in the year 1867, and was ordained priest in 1869. For a time he taught in the colleges of his Order in Ireland and England, and after a while he was sent to the United States, where he was attached to the staff of Jefferson College, New Orleans, eventually becoming head of that institution. While in New Orleans the yellow fever broke out. As many of the diocesan clergy were down with it, Dr. Grimes and the college priests offered their services to assist in ministering to the sick,

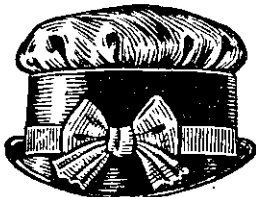
and he too caught the fever. Happily he recovered, but no doubt the attack weakened his by no means robust constitution. He was sent back to England in 1880, and appointed Superior of St. Mary's College, Paignton, in the South of England. He held this position until the year 1887. It was in that year that the Holy See decided to separate Christchurch from Wellington, and Dr. Grimes was selected by the Holy Father to be the first Bishop of the new diocese.

Bishop of Christchurch.

So he was consecrated by the late Cardinal Vaughan in St. Anne's Church, London, in the middle of the year 1887, and he arrived in Christchurch at the beginning of the following year, just twenty-seven years ago. The Colony, as it was in those days, was not as advanced as it is at present. Things were more or less in a state of formation, and there was a lot of building up to be done. A new diocese always presents difficulties to its first ruler that would not confront a bishop who takes up the reins in a diocese that has already been well established and ruled over by able predecessors. The new diocese has to be organised. Things have to be gradually brought into shape and into line with the requirements of ecclesiastical law. All this involves on the part of the Bishop an immense amount of energy, skill, tact, and perseverance. The work of visitation alone in those days was a heavy one. The means of communication, especially in Westland, thirty years ago were not as up-to-date as they are at present. But visitation is one of the chief duties of a bishop, and it is always more necessary in case of the organising of a new diocese. We know how conscientiously Dr. Grimes carried out that part of his office down to the very last. He went into every district—becoming acquainted with his people, giving Confirmation, preaching, exhorting, and in a word setting all things in order like the first bishops of whom we read in the New Testament. The strain of the first three years was so great that he very nearly broke down in health and had to go to Europe for a prolonged holiday. Even there he did not altogether rest, but did something towards raising the nucleus of a fund for the erection of a Cathedral worthy of this city. When he returned restored in health, he set to work vigorously to further this last-mentioned project. At the same time he did not neglect attending to the other wants of the diocese, especially the educational and charitable institutions, which made very great progress soon after his advent to Christchurch. But the work of raising the large sum of money for the new Cathedral was indeed a formidable one, especially in view of the many other requirements of the diocese. However, he was not dismayed at the greatness of the undertaking. He threw himself heart and soul into the work, for he



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