

PUBLICATIONS

'Progress' is the note reflected in the *Students' Magazine of the Sacred Heart College, Auckland*, for the past year—progress both as to the doings of the college, and as to the turn-out and contents of the *Magazine* itself. As to the former, the editorial supplies us with a concise and interesting summary: 'To no year can we look back with greater pleasure than to the one just closed. In no period of the college life was there more perfect harmony among the pupils or greater union between the teachers and the taught; fresh laurels have been won in the examination halls; the laboratory has been thoroughly equipped with apparatus necessary to enable the pupils to grasp readily the various branches of science taught in the secondary schools; experimental plots have been laid out to which many farmers from the districts round have paid a visit of inspection in order to improve their store of agricultural knowledge from the results obtained by the pupils' work; further facilities have been given to pupils for perfecting themselves in cricket, football, handball, and tennis; and, lastly, thanks to our zealous parish priest, the Very Rev. Father Cahill, and his devoted assistant, the Rev. Father O'Malley, the spiritual wants of the pupils have been assiduously attended to with unflinching regularity in spite of weather conditions and the many difficulties that must often arise in the busy life of a parish priest to interfere with the performance of outside functions.'

In the chronicle of the year's activity one notices that the subject of science in all its branches bulks very largely; and the records of the newly-installed telescope, of the laboratory, and of the course of practical agricultural training, give us an idea not only of the keen interest displayed by the students in the various scientific subjects but also of the very admirable work that is being accomplished by Brother Bonifas in this department. In addition to the annual record of the scholars' attainments and of the activities of the college, the *Magazine* contains as a specimen of the work that is being accomplished by the students, a very successful speech on David of Gaul delivered by J. P. Harvey, in his competition for the W. P. Hackett Medal for the year. The speech shows careful study and a wide knowledge of the subject, admirable arrangement, and highly creditable powers of thought and of expression. Another extremely interesting item is the selection of extracts from letters written by Fred. Glasier, an old boy of the college, who accompanied the N.Z. troops to Salon. Outside of the purely college items, the *Magazine* features a study of the present Pope to whom is accorded the place of honor in an excellent frontispiece, and of whom an interesting biographical sketch is given. The general literary matter comprises an essay on Newman's *Apologia Pro Vita Sua* by Miss Callan and 'Thoughts on a First Reading of the Life and Poems of Francis Thompson' by Miss V. Jacobsen, M.A.—two exceptionally fine and high-class contributions. Altogether, the *Magazine* is a very bright and readable production, and one in regard to which both editors and students have reason to congratulate themselves.

We have also to acknowledge receipt of the following timely and excellent publications of the Australian Catholic Truth Society:—*Pius X.*, by the Bishop of Salford, *Benedict XVI.*, by Benedict, C.S.S.S.; *National Education: A Statement of Principles and a Comparison of Systems*, by P. S. Cleary; *The Labor Party and Secular Education: How the Catholic Workers of England Solved the Problem*, published by the Advocate Press; *Cultured Paganism: A Critical Study*, by Rev. W. J. Tucker, S.J.; *Little Thérèse: A True Story for Little Readers*, and *Some Xmas Letters, A Soldier's Son, and Other Stories*, by 'Miriam Agatha.'

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THE LATE BISHOP GRIMES.

TO THE EDITOR.

Sir,—Now that I have witnessed the last sad rites in connection with the consigning of the mortal remains of our late beloved Bishop to their earthly resting place within the beautiful Cathedral of Christchurch, permit me to make a reference by way of correction and addition to the accounts given of his early days. In the reports of the *Christchurch Press* and *Lyttelton Times*, just shortly after his death, in your issue of the 18th inst., and, again, yesterday by his Grace the Coadjutor Archbishop of Wellington, in his beautiful panegyric, it was recorded that the deceased prelate was ordained (to the priesthood) by Dr. Whelan in London. I respectfully suggest that this referred to his receiving sub-deaconship or deaconship. It may surprise you to know that I was a pupil at St. Mary's College, Dundalk, Ireland, when he came there as a professor, and he was then only Rev. Mr. Grimes (not Father), and one of my teachers.

I have in my possession to-day, after all these years, the medal presented to me by his Grace the Most Rev. Dr. McGettigan, Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland, on the occasion of being train-bearer to his Grace at an ordination ceremony held in the Chapel of St. Mary's, Dundalk, when the late Bishop (Dr. Grimes) was raised to the dignity of the priesthood and I hold the distinctive honor of having served his first Mass the following day. This fact was publicly acknowledged by the late Bishop on the occasion of my presenting him with an illuminated address, when he visited this portion of his diocese a good many years ago, and also on a certain occasion when, entertaining his guests at dinner in Christchurch, he said 'You cannot guess whom I saw in the Cathedral this morning?' He was remarkable for his discernment of people in a congregation. He answered his question by stating that he saw in my person the boy, who served his first Mass at St. Mary's Dundalk. He told me this himself.

I hope, Sir, that you or anybody else will not think I write this in any egotistical spirit, unless to a pardonable extent on account of my privilege, but I would be sorry to think that the cherished memory of this event for the past 46 years proved to be 'But a dream of the mind, a false creation, proceeding from a heat-oppressed brain.' I mention it more on account of the deep and sincere friendship with which he regarded my parents and family during all these long years, corresponding with them, and never failing to call on them whenever he went to Europe, and visited Dublin; for the many kindnesses received by myself at his hands, as well as giving me the opportunity of expressing my heartfelt grief at his death.

Oh, memory, fond memory!
When all things change we fly to thee;
We bid thee bring us back again
The thoughts, the friends, we loved so well,
E'en our sorrow, time endears,
Breathe upon us thy magic spell!

I am, etc.,

JAS. McCORMACK.

Oxford, Canterbury, March 25.

Wanganui

(From our own correspondent.)

Very Rev. Deans Holley and Binsfield arrived here to-day, after attending the obsequies of the late Bishop Grimes.

Special references were made in both churches last Sunday to the late Bishop Grimes. At St. Mary's at the 10.30 o'clock Mass, the Rev. Father Moloney, S.M., spoke at some length of the great work the deceased prelate had accomplished, and at Vespers the organist (Mr. J. Kearsley) played the 'Dead March' from 'Saul.'