

We had hoped to give a similar extended notice of the companion volume, *The British Navy in War*, but limitations of space for the present forbid. It will suffice to say that it is an admirable and in every way successful attempt to make the work of the Royal Navy in the great war more easily comprehensible to those who have made no previous study of the art of naval warfare. It begins with a description of the nature of naval operations, with particular reference to the conditions of the present struggle. This is followed by chapters on the organisation of the Navy, showing what different types of ships it contains, and what are the especial duties of each type; how it is governed; and how it is manned. Both volumes discuss—the one from the land the other from the naval point of view—the question of a German invasion of England; and the author of *The British Navy in War* thinks it probable that even yet some such attempt will be made. Both writers agree, however, that the project is, in any serious sense, impossible of success. 'It is consoling to reflect,' says Mr. Carr Laughton, 'that no such project for the invasion of England has ever borne fruit in the past; and there is no reason to suppose that it is likely to do so in the future.'

## THE LATE BISHOP GRIMES

### MONTH'S MIND AT THE CATHEDRAL.

(By telegraph, from our Christchurch correspondent.)

The Month's Mind of the late Bishop Grimes took place in the Cathedral on Tuesday at 10 o'clock. Pontifical Requiem Mass was celebrated by the Right Rev. Dr. Verdon, Bishop of Dunedin, the Very Rev. Dean Hills, S.M., being assistant priest. Very Rev. Father Graham, S.M., M.A. (Rector St. Bede's College), deacon, Rev. Father Graham, M.S.H. (Darfield), sub-deacon, and Very Rev. Father Price, A.M., master of ceremonies. His Grace Archbishop O'Shea, S.M., was present in the sanctuary. The other clergy present were the Right Rev. Agr. Mackay, V.G. (Omarama), Very Rev. Dean Hyland (Rangiora), Rev. Dr. Kennedy (Methven), Rev. Fathers Lynch, C.S.S.R., Kelly (Kaitiaki), Hurley, A.M. (St. Joseph's, Wellington), O'Reilly (St. Patrick's College), Moloney (Wanganui), W. Tynons (Greenmeadows), Venning (Te Anau), O'Connor (Wellington South), Aubry (Waimate), Le Petit (Fairlie), Seymour and Murphy (Timaru), Kerley (Temuka), Bowers (Geraldine), O'Donnell (Ashburton), Hanrahan (Lincoln), O'Connor (Hawarden), Cooney (Lyttelton), O'Boyle, also the clergy of the Cathedral, St. Mary's, and St. Bede's College. His Lordship Bishop Verdon gave the Absolution.

### THE PANEGYRIC.

The panegyric was preached by the Very Rev. Dean Smyth, S.M. (Provincial), from the following text:—'And I will raise Me up a faithful priest, who shall do according to My heart and My soul, and I shall build him up a faithful House' (1. Kings ii. 35.)

My dear Brethren,—It is a sad task as well as a painful privilege for me (said the Very Rev. preacher) to have to address you this morning on the life and labors of your late beloved Bishop, whose death we all so rightly deplore, and whose memory will ever be revered by a grateful people, as long as a stone remains upon a stone in this magnificent Cathedral, which might be fitly termed a worthy monument of a worthy Bishop. When we look around this stately edifice, and remember that its erection was the crowning work of his Lordship's untiring labors, and when we recall to mind the many and great sacrifices, efforts, and worries which its completion demanded, and when we add to these the numberless other works which the formation, building up, and administration of a new diocese claimed at his hands, and with such whole-souled response and happy results, we surely can very appropriately apply to the deceased prelate those words of St. Paul to the Corinthians: 'But I most gladly will spend and be spent myself for your souls, although loving you more I be

loved less' (II. Cor. xii). Such were the immolating words of St. Paul to the Christians of Corinth when going to them as God's messenger, with his own weaknesses and infirmities upon him no doubt, but with the love of God in his heart and his divine power in his arm. Thus equipped, St. Paul set out on his mission, and, as he himself tells us, at the close thereof he left amongst his beloved Corinthians 'marks of his apostleship in all patience and mighty deeds.' And this because the arm of God was with him—'*Ecce potentiam in brachio suo.*'

Such was the spirit—the spirit of the great St. Paul—which animated the late Bishop Grimes in accepting the burden of the episcopacy. His first Pastoral Letter of 1888 tells us of his fears in sight of his own weakness, and of the great dignity to which he was about to be raised, but his spirit of faith buoyed him up; he remembered also St. Paul's stimulus—'I can do all things in Him Who strengtheneth me.' Into his ear, no doubt, the spirit breathed: 'My grace is sufficient for thee, for power is made perfect in infirmity.' It tells us, too, of his Lordship's readiness to do God's will, manifested to him through his ecclesiastical and religious superiors. And so mindful and heartfelt of the example of Mary—the model, the mother, the mistress, and the queen of every true Marist, as his Lordship ever was,—he trustfully and hopefully accepted the burden placed on him by the Holy See, and, like Mary, answered in holy obedience: 'Behold the servant of the Lord, be it done unto me according to Thy word.'

So coming to you in the name of Christ's Vicar, and as the anointed of God with the graces of the holy spirit upon him, and in the plenitude of the priesthood under the tutelage of Mary, his motto being, '*Si venis mecum eadem.*' he placed himself at your disposal, and after the example of St. Paul, he spoke to you thus in the old pro-Cathedral: 'Most gladly will we spend ourselves and be spent for your souls, although loving you more we be loved less; your every true interest will be dear to us; after the greater glory of God, every thought and desire, every energy of our mind and heart and strength shall be for you and yours.'

Was not this a whole-hearted oblation of himself to you and to his diocese as soon as he set foot amongst you. And we all know how unsparingly and unceasingly he devoted himself, until, with wasted frame, lost energies, and spent-out heart, he laid down the mitre and the crozier in holy resignation to the Divine Will. The late Bishop was

### A Man of Wonderfully Strong Faith

—faith in the supernatural, faith in the dignity and power of the priesthood, and in everything connected with the Christ's commission to his Church. It was this faith that made him ever most ardent as a worker, most zealous for the salvation of souls, most circumspect with regard to faith and morals and tone and manner,—and most particular in every iota of Church ceremonial, and hence the ceremonies as carried out in his Cathedral were always uplifting and soul-inspiring. This was the secret of Bishop Grimes' success in his spheres of action as a priest and bishop. As of our Lord Himself, we can say of him, '*Bene omnia fecit.*' 'He did all things well.'

It was my good fortune, as a young priest, to be associated with him for four years in one of our colleges in the United States, where, as professor, and later on as superior of the institution, he won the esteem and affection, not only of the boys and college faculty, but of the people of every class and creed. And this by his urbane manners, his broad Christian sympathies, his firmness of conviction, pertinacity of purpose, his unflagging zeal, and devotedness to duty, and also on account of the great success which attended his efforts as professor. It was but the natural outcome of his high ideal of what a Christian gentleman should be, and of his still higher ideal of what a priest and bishop should be. His Lordship never lost sight of the fact that the priest, though not of the world, was, nevertheless, in the world; that he was a man taken from amongst men, and that, therefore, everything concerning the good