

going to take care of his fourteen patients he took in fifty more at one stroke! When people expressed wonder at this rashness, he replied quite simply, 'Don't be afraid! God will make it go!' At any rate, it did go; and the hospital not only grew, but was transformed, and in half-a-dozen years was capable of caring for eighty patients.

Since the death of Pere Vigroux it has been under the care of Pere Bertrand, and has attracted the favorable notice of the Government, so that when great leper hospitals are going up at the cost of the State, they try to imitate this Gotemba Hospital in methods.

It ought also to be said that the genial courtesy and Christian simplicity of the best type of the French clergy are graciously manifested by M. Bertrand. How in the world he can keep cheerful and merry in constant association with so much misery is, perhaps, a mystery. It may be 'French,' it may be temperament; I suspect that there is something deeper, something more vital, that explains it all. The Christus Consolator is not a dead image, nor a shadow out of an unreal fancy, but Himself, the ever-living One. There is no expense for administration, no salaried officials. The very few well persons employed earn every cent of their meagre incomes by good hard work. The Father Director lives on his mission pittance of 40 francs a month. The whole thing is a devotion, unstinted, self-forgetting, frank, and simple.

Te Awamutu

The blessing and opening of the new Catholic presbytery at Te Awamutu took place on the first Sunday in June. The ceremony was performed by his Lordship Bishop Cleary. The church (says the *Waipa Post*) was filled to its utmost capacity, and the large marquee, which had been erected at the entrance, was utilised to seat part of the congregation. Visitors were present from all parts of the district, including Hamilton and Te Kuiti.

The Rev. Father Lynch, in extending a hearty welcome to Bishop Cleary, said they were always glad to see him among them, and especially on the occasion of the opening of their new presbytery. The collections would be in aid of the presbytery, and he trusted that the collection that day would be worthy of the object and worthy of the visitors.

The Bishop delivered a very eloquent and impressive sermon. The building which they had erected was one they might be proud of. When most of those present were gone the building would still be there, though it would show the effects of rain and storm, and in time would decay like the mortal body. He congratulated the architect, the builders, and all those who were responsible for the building they had erected.

Mrs. Sullivan presided at the organ. The collection amounted to over £130.

The new presbytery, which adjoins the Catholic church, occupies an ideal position, the main entrance facing Alexandra street, and is entered through a piazza. On each side are two tablets, with the following names of the building committee:—Captain J. A. Hope-Johnstone, D. Moroney, D. O'Shea, P. Rice, P. O'Sullivan, J. Corboy, F. McGovern, J. de Coek, A. Kay, F. Kay, D. Cavanagh, C. Rauch. The rooms are all commodious and well lighted, and consist of bishop's room, priest's room, dining-room, parish room, house-keeper's room, and kitchen, with hot and cold water service, scullery, and pantry. On the western side is a brick verandah, with semi-circular arches and brick tiers. The ceilings throughout are of eternite divided into panels, with wood battens. Oiled rimu is the timber used throughout the building. The mantels, which are of special design, are both simple and pleasing. The whole of the interior is finished with Keen's cement. Marseilles tiles have been used in the construction of the roof. Local bricks have been used throughout, with a cement base and rough cast gables. A semi-circular drive has been laid out, with cyclone gates at either end, which divide the entrance to the church and presbytery respectively.

Morrinsville

(From an occasional correspondent.)

The new church, recently completed in this district, was blessed and opened on Sunday, June 15. Prior to that date a most successful mission was given in the church by the Rev. Father Creagh, C.S.S.R., assisted by the Rev. Father McGuinness, in whose parish Morrinsville is situated. Over 60 persons approached the Holy Table on the Sunday morning, and a number of children also made their First Communion.

Ruru (West Coast)

(From an occasional correspondent.)

A Communion breakfast was held at the residence of Mr. R. R. Hall, Ruru, at the closing of the mission in Te Kinga, Ruru, and Moana on June 15. The breakfast was generously given by Mrs. Emil Nyberg,, and a great number of men were present—in fact, all the Catholic men around attended with one or two exceptions. The tables were loaded with good things. At the conclusion of the repast, Rev. Father Taylor, who presided, made a few remarks about the pleasure it gave him to preside at such a pleasant function, and thanked Mrs. Emil Nyberg for her generous hospitality, in which she was very ably assisted by Mrs R. R. Hall, and the Misses McGuire. Mr. Hall, in responding, said it gave him great pleasure to thank Father Taylor on behalf of the Catholics of Te Kinga, Ruru, and Moana for the very successful mission given by him, and hoped God would give him health and strength to carry on his good work. One thing that was very much regretted was the absence of our pastor (Rev. Father O'Hare), who was celebrating Mass in a different part of his very big parish. It would have given him very great pleasure to see that so many men responded to the call, and it would have consoled him for the many hardships he has to put up with in his large and straggling parish.

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