

the Vulgate Bible, a work greater than that carried out by the English Revisers of Scripture. That work he still carries on in Rome with Benedictine co-operation. Every manuscript of the Vulgate in the world has been photographed and collated. And in the midst of the work the great scholar became a Cardinal.

Some men are happy to achieve half their ambitions. Cardinal Gasquet has achieved

his ambitions fourfold. He desired to become a simple monk and he became a Cardinal. He desired to clear the Benedictine name and he became a world-known historian. He desired to study in the British Museum and he became Librarian of the whole Vatican Library. He desired to serve his Church and Country, and both have been honored in his achievements.

## The Church in New Zealand

MORE ABOUT SOUTH WESTLAND: RECOLLECTIONS OF THE EARLY DAYS.

### Toward Fiordland

Mr. H. J. Cuttance, of Otokia, Otago (late of Okuru) writes:—

On New Year's Night, 1875, just 50 years ago, the s.s. Waipara, in charge of Capt. Bascand, cast off from the Hokitika wharf, conveying, as passengers, the first of the pioneer community destined for the Jack-

greater number, those of the character just mentioned. While being possessed of their swags and personal outfit, prospecting dish and suchlike articles, the diggers had little money; they had plenty of pluck, however, and big hearts. The late Duncan McFarlane, was sent down as the Government representative: he acted as agent, later was

This was the first shipment of stock to the district, and was landed about March. Later, Mr. John Murdoch brought down a consignment of dairy cows, for which there was a keen demand at prices up to £20 each. Kittens were sold at £1, and a retriever pup up to £2. About June of the same year we had a visit from a priest: I don't recollect his name, as he only came once. As the s.s. Maori called once a month I think the priest came and left by her: this was his first and only visit. At that time the country was very rough and without roads or any means of communication. To reach the settlement (Arawata) a distance of three miles from Jackson's Bay, the settlers had to climb around rocks and bluffs. I have often seen the wives of the settlers with their swags of provisions tramping from the Bay to their homes on the settlement, and the journey was a hard, rough day's toil. The Waipara was finally stranded and blown up in the Okarito River.

### A Notable Jubilarian

*The Guardian* (Hokitika) for January 8, made the following editorial reference to Mother Mary Clare, whose diamond jubilee was celebrated with great enthusiasm the day before:—

"The recognition of the diamond jubilee of the Rev. Mother Clare by the Catholic community yesterday, was a fitting recognition of service faithfully performed. The Order of Mercy, to which Mother Mary Clare has been attached for so long a time, is of course notable for the calls on its votaries in the matter of service. Faithful service is the highest form of work, whatever may be the calling, and carries with it that loyalty of devotion to duty which is the crowning factor to life's work. A life can be best spent in service, and service to and for others is the noblest calling of all. It may be pursued in various callings, though in the religious it demands sacrifices and negations which in other walks of life are not so exacting. For sixty years of religious life the Rev. Mother has been devoted to her duties and her calling. As the foundress of the local convent in 1878, an institution which has been well maintained over a long period of years, and flourished greatly, the Rev. Mother has a memorial which stands for a pleasant reminder of her service well done. Yesterday's tribute was another reminder, a most pleasing one, of the appreciation of her work to the community with whom she has been so long identified. The accruing benefits from a life so well spent are not to be gauged fully just now. The young over whom the Rev. Mother must have exercised a powerful influence are still growing up and passing out into the world. The value of her service in the cause of true humanity will find its expression through many lives, and in that way there will be for long years many cherished memories of a worthy life. Regarding the service of the Rev. Mother as being of such civic community value, and appreciated by the outside public as well, we may be permitted on the notable occasion to express publicly the feelings of goodwill towards the venerable lady whose life work has been



AN OLD-TIME SURVEYORS CAMP IN SOUTH WESTLAND.

The Blue River hut in which Father Bogue was held up owing to stormy weather and floods, is situated at the back of the bush shown on the left of the illustration. The river flows between the hut and the tents shown in the foreground.

son's Bay special settlement, organised by the Provincial Council of Westland. An alluring pamphlet was issued setting forth the great undeveloped resources of South Westland—fish, limestone, timber, coal, gold, etc. At that time all the old diggings such as Blue Spur, Kanieri, Ross, Woodstock, Eight-mile, etc., were about worked out, and many of the diggers were looking for some opening such as mining or getting on the land. It may well be imagined, therefore, how the prospect of life in new country such as the far south of the province appealed to the restless spirits of the remaining old miners. Thus, on the night of January 1, 1875, the passengers who embarked on the old Waipara were, for the

appointed a Justice of the Peace, and finally Magistrate of Hokitika. A man of enterprising spirit he personally tried hard to make the settlement a success, and spent a lot of time and endured hardships in exploring the different rivers, chiefly in search for minerals—gold and silver—but met with little success. Most of the original sturdy band have passed away. The only pioneers of the settlement surviving, so far as I am aware, are Mrs. Neisson (Hokitika) and her son at Wataroa; the Nolan brothers, of Okuru; the Crons, of the Haast; and the Cuttances. The Waipara visited the south monthly, bringing provisions. The vessel also brought down a few head of cattle and sheep, shipped by Messrs. Robinson and Fell.

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