

In the words of holy Job he may now be crying to you: Have pity on me, have pity on me, at least you my friends, for the hand of the Lord has touched me. When we have committed his mortal remains to the earth this morning, then, forget him not, but intercede with the good God that He might have mercy upon the soul of His servant Francis, and that his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed may rest in peace. Amen.

The funeral cortege, which was very lengthy and widely representative, then proceeded to the Anderson's Bay Cemetery, where the interment took place; his Lordship the Bishop, with all the above-mentioned clergy in attendance, officiating at the graveside, the "Benedictus" being sung by the assembled priests. Members of St. Joseph's and St. Patrick's branches of the Hibernian Society attended in regalia, and formed a guard of honor at the Basilica and at the graveside. The New Zealand District Executive was represented by Bro. W. Simpson, St. Joseph's branch (No. 73), Dunedin; St. Mary's branch (No. 610), Mosgiel, was represented by Past-president Bro. J. P. Walls; St. Aloysius's branch (No. 399), Wellington, by Bro. W. Darroek; and St. Patrick's branch (Wellington), by Bro. F. A. Phillips.

SOLEMN REQUIEM AT AUCKLAND.

Solemn Requiem Mass for the eternal rest of Father Marlow, was celebrated on Wednesday, the 21st inst., at St. Benedict's Church, Newton, Auckland. His Lordship Dr. Liston, Coadjutor-Bishop of Auckland, (under whom the deceased priest made his studies at Holy Cross College, Mosgiel) presided and gave the Absolutions. Rev. Father Andersen was celebrant; Rev. Dr. Buxton, deacon; Rev. Father Skinner, subdeacon; and Rev. Father Colgan, master of ceremonies. Most of these priests, along with Fathers Lyons, Skinner, and Shore, who were present on the Sanctuary, were fellow-students at Holy Cross College with Father Marlow. Right Rev. Mgr. Ormond, Rev. Father Silk (a former professor at Holy Cross College), Fathers Furlong and O'Byrne, several Marist Brothers and representatives of religious communities attended the ceremonies of the Requiem, at which Holy Cross College students home on holiday assisted. The deeply impressive music was devotionally rendered by a choir of priests and students. There was a large congregation which included many friends of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Marlow.

INVERCARGILL'S TRIBUTE.

(From our own Correspondent.)

Already in the *Tablet* there has appeared an account of the sudden and tragic death of Father Francis Marlow, relieving parish priest at Waikiwi, but it is long since the Catholics of Invercargill and Waikiwi experienced a happening which came with such sudden shock to arouse the heartfelt sympathy of each one of us. As the sad news was spread that Sunday afternoon and by the newspaper the next morning a gloom of sorrow settled on us all.

The accident, and it appears that it was a pure accident, has robbed the diocese of

one of its beloved, most ardent, and popular priests. The late Father Marlow during his short day at Waikiwi, had won the greatest possible affection and respect of every parishioner. Invercargill and Waikiwi are closely associated in church matters, and towards Father Marlow their feelings were ours too. Good priests have labored at Waikiwi but Father Marlow's modest winning way, coupled with his singular success in all parochial matters, have built for him a silent memorial testifying both the affection and the sorrow of his now bereaved parishioners.

On Monday morning, at 10 o'clock, in St. Mary's Basilica, a Requiem Mass was celebrated by his brother (Rev. S. Marlow) of this parish, assisted by Very Rev. Dean Burke. The church was crowded by sorrowing friends assisting at the Holy Sacrifice and petitioning Almighty God to grant him the eternal reward which was so surely his. The funeral cortege left the church for the railway station at 1 p.m. The Very Rev. Dean Burke and Very Rev. Father Hunt conducted the obsequies, and it was indeed a sad sight to see the mortal remains of our late young priest borne down the church, passing through a large congregation that was stilled with sadness, yet stirred to a great realisation of the uncertainty of life.

The cortege at the railway station was a very large one. Even at such short notice people had come from all parts of both parishes, and their presence in such numbers must have been some consolation to the deceased priests's brothers—Rev. Father S. Marlow and Mr. Raymond Marlow. The sympathy of the whole community goes forth to Dunedin to his sorrowing parents, brothers, and sisters. To them the blow is one of life's saddest afflictions. They have been robbed of one near and dear to them, and the parishioners of Waikiwi have lost a beloved and revered priest. All of us sympathise with our own Father Marlow here in Invercargill. The two brothers worked here in their priestly offices side by side. We know how greatly attached they were to each other and we can realise Father Marlow's distracted feelings at this sad time.

It is on these occasions that we turn to our Holy Faith for our greatest consolation. We realise that Almighty God has called Father Francis Marlow nearer to His throne to receive the reward of his all too short but holy life on earth—a life that was early given to God. May he rest in peace!

CORONER'S INQUIRY.

An inquiry into the circumstances of the death of the Rev. Father Marlow, late of Dunedin, who met his death on January 18 as a result of a motor accident, was held before the district coroner, Mr. G. Cruickshank, on Saturday. The evidence showed that deceased had had trouble with his car and had apparently gone back along the road to get assistance when he was struck on the ankle by a following car and flung on to the road, sustaining a fracture of the base of the skull.

The deceased's brother said he did not attach any blame to the driver of the following car.

The coroner said that it was one of those

accidents that did happen and his verdict would be one of accidental death, no blame being attachable to the driver of the other car.

The police and the coroner also expressed their sympathy with deceased's brother and relatives in the loss they had sustained. The coroner said that a fine young colonial-born priest had been making good in the district and his death was indeed a great loss.

Diocesan News

Archdiocese of Wellington

(From our own Correspondent.)

January 23.

The Rector of St. John's College, Dr. O'Reilly, arrived by the Australian boat this week. Dr. O'Reilly is the author of a book of poems reviewed by the Editor of this journal some time ago. He is to preach Retreats in the South. It is a strong link between Australia and New Zealand, this interchange of priests at Retreat times. It makes the Tasman narrow after all.

The secular priests come out of Retreat and to-day in go the men of the city. Their Retreat is being preached by Rev. Father McGrath, S.M. Then on Monday night the Marist Fathers enter to listen to the sermons of Rev. Father Clune, C.P.

Marshall must be congratulated on gaining a University Scholarship. This brilliant boy is a pupil of St. Patrick's College.

Two of the Brothers are transferred from Tasman Street, Brothers Damian and Ermand. They will be much regretted. Thornodon, too, will be sad over the departure of Brother Fidelis, whose name and work is so well-known here.

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Feilding

(From our own Correspondent.)

January 10.

After the rough unsettled weather experienced during the latter part of the old year, 1925 dawned to the tunes of singing birds and sunshine, and to the new year everyone gave their best smile. At early Mass old St. Brigid's was much too small for the large congregation, and it was pleasing to see the number who approached the Holy Table. For 1924 the Feilding parish can show more progress than it has done for many years past. Our much longed for new church is well on the way—for which our heartiest thanks are due to the Rev. Father Cahill, who is untiring in his efforts to "keep things moving"—both as parish priest and clerk of works. He is invaluable to us. The section is at present a hive of industry, and the contractors—Messrs. Trevor Bros., of Palmerston North—expect to have the new house of worship completed in about six months' time. On March 1 the Archbishop is coming up to perform the ceremony of laying the foundation stone. Let us hope the weather treats us better than it did Palmerston North on the day of the laying of St. Patrick's foundation stone!

It is but seldom the Christmas season passes without leaving some home bereft of

R. J. Callan

GENTS' OUTFITTER



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