



BLESSING OF NEW SCHOOL AT OPUNAKE: ARCHBISHOP O'SHEA, WITH FATHERS MOORE, D OOLAGHTY, AND KENNEDY.

write more, only I do not dare to make an old man too angry. He is now in his 80th year, but is laboring for his parishioners and for the glory of God as zealously as ever. He takes his motto from Sir Walter Scott: "The workman must not leave the harvest field, till the sunset gives the signal that

the day's work is ended." May that signal be silent until the old priest of Taranaki has seen his century!

Amongst the benefactors of this parish was the late Mr. Ferris, who made over to the church and schools a fine farm of one hundred acres.

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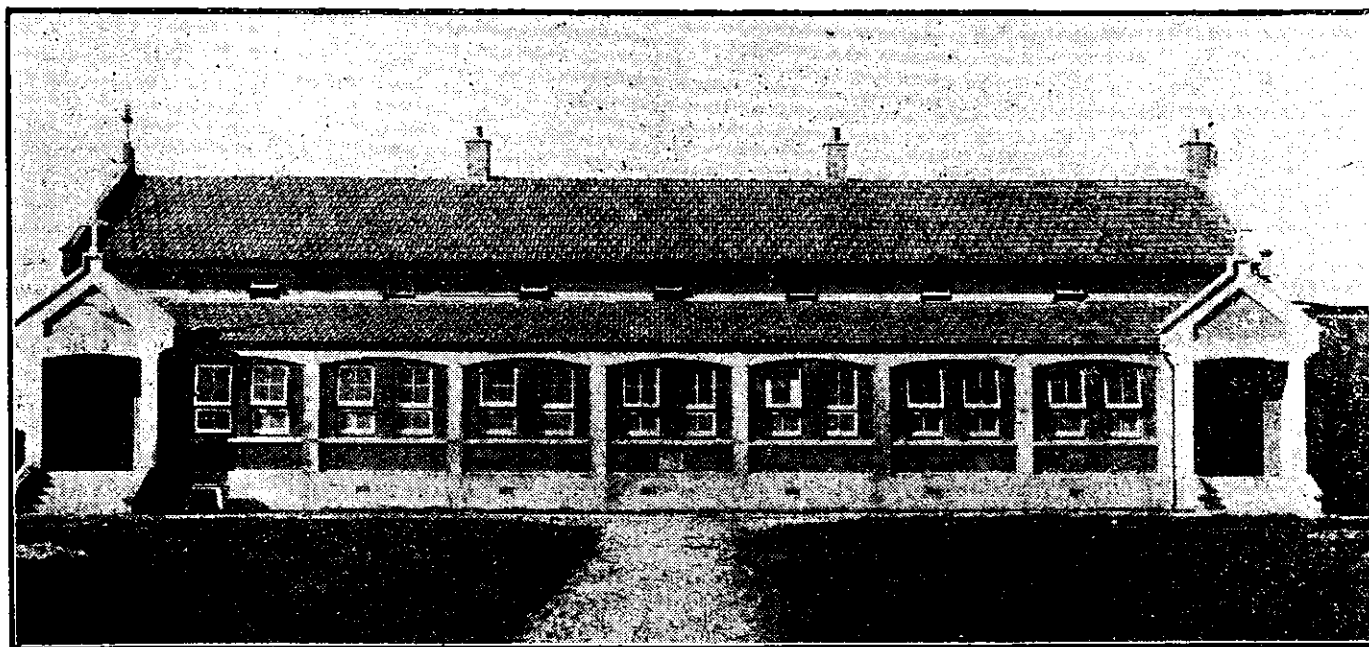
Father MacManus, who was appointed in 1909 as first pastor, was a man of large vision. It was he who built the fine presbytery, large enough to accommodate several priests. He was evidently a believer in oil, and it would now seem that his forecast will be realised in the not too distant future. His activities were many-sided, as North Taranaki well remembers; he showed himself a giant for work in town and backblocks. He is a very forceful and attractive preacher, having a style as clear and limpid as it is forceful. He is now pastor of Palmerston North and will this year open a church there that will be for many years one of the finest parish churches in the Dominion.

Father O'Beirne was pastor from February, 1913, till the end of 1915, and followed well in the course marked out by the first pastor. A great worker, a skilful catechist, an earnest preacher, he was withal, and in the best sense of the word, the most popular priest with the priests that Taranaki has seen. His rippling laughter, rivalling chromatic scales, was a charm in clerical circles. Not a good singer himself, he claims to have had a great share in developing the voice of John MacCormack, the world's greatest tenor. When boys in college together, he would often put John's head under a tap and make his screams heard along the corridors. "The screams will expand your lungs, John, and make you a good singer," would be his comment after the trial of strength.

Father Long was next pastor and remained till February, 1923. He was a good preacher whom the neighboring priests liked to invite to their pulpits.

Father Forrestal, the present pastor, though only two years in Inglewood, has already wiped out all the debt from the parish, and has something in hand, and will soon have much more, wherewith to build a large school in permanent material.

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