

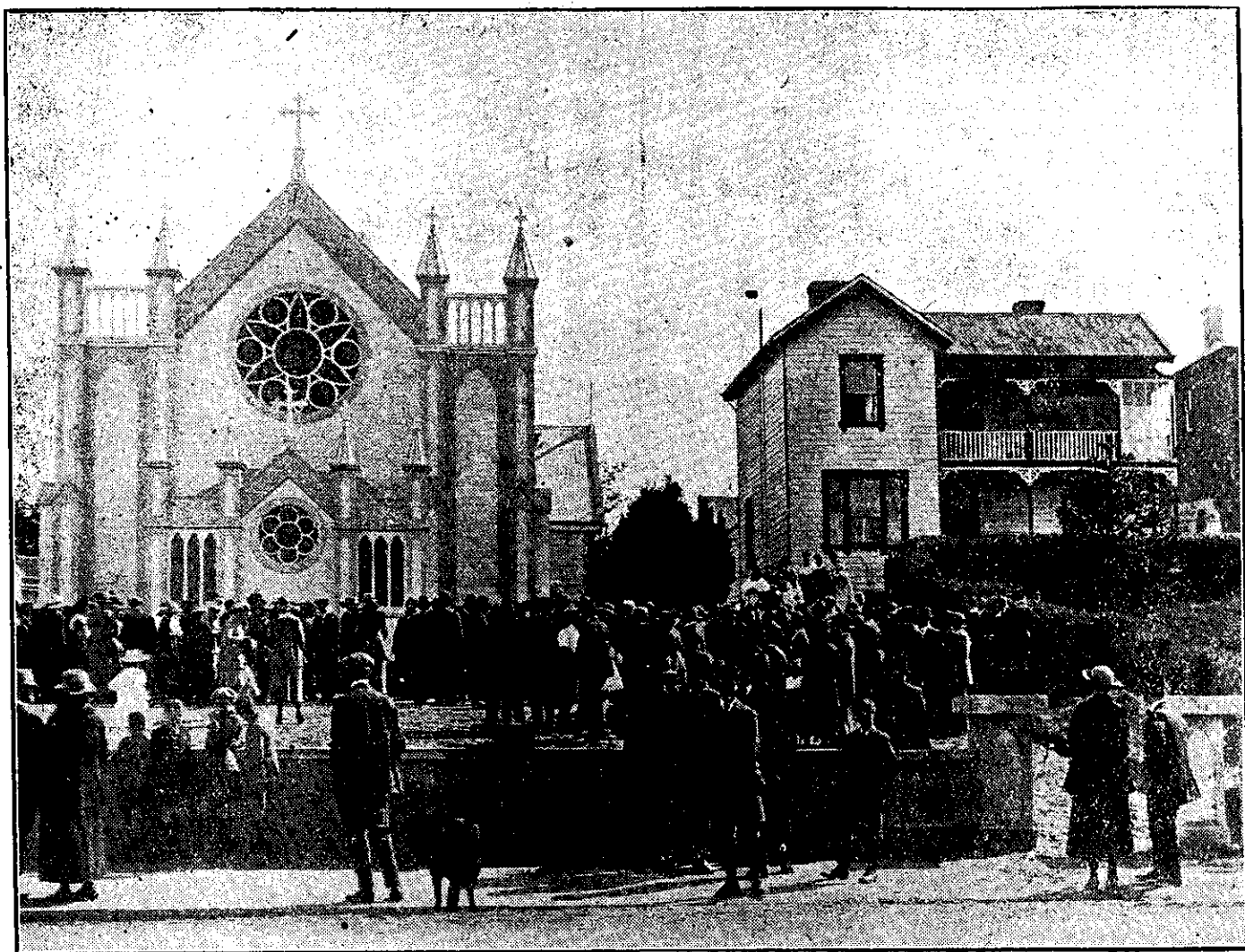
would be helping to create an atmosphere favorable to that greater thing—the ultimate reunion of Christendom.

At the conclusion of his sermon the Archbishop congratulated the parishioners on the erection of such a beautiful place of worship, and conveyed the warm thanks of the Church to all who had assisted—Catholics and non-Catholics—in providing the necessary funds and carrying the work to completion. He spoke approvingly of the work of the contractors, Coles Bros., and of the efforts of Father Minogue. He expressed the hope that the

parishioners would see to it that ere the day's ceremonies closed the church stood absolutely free of debt.

In the evening Pontifical Benediction was given by his Grace Archbishop O'Shea, assisted by the Rev. Father Schaffer, S.M., as deacon, and Rev. Dr. Casey, S.M., as sub-deacon, his Lordship Dr. Liston being present in the sanctuary.

The sermon was preached by Rev. Father Schaeffer, who traced vividly the history of the building of the Ark of the Covenant by David and the Great Temple of Jerusalem



by his son Solomon to house the Ark. He told how the most refined gold and incorruptible wood only were used in the construction of the Ark which was to contain the tables of the law, and also some of the manna which was but a symbol of the Holy Bread of the New Law. But King David because of his blood-guilt was not permitted by the Almighty to build the temple, this great task being reserved for one of his sons whose hands had taken no human blood. For this stupendous work the rich, he said, poured in their vessels of gold and silver and their richest gems for the innermost sanctuary or the Holy of Holies, and the queens and princes of the world stood in amaze and admiration before the great completed work of Solomon.

But the humblest Catholic church contained something more sacred than the temple of Jerusalem, for it was the home of Christ Himself—not only of His divine spirit, but of Christ in the flesh. Could then any home be too grand for such a Guest. In the Holy of Holies stood the figures of two great angels wrought in gold, but about the tabernacle of a Catholic church unseen angels bowed in humble adoration and attended upon the Divine Guest within. He told how the builders of the grand old cathedrals and wonderful churches spread over Europe had wrought with but one thought in mind. In those days was no great wealth in gold and silver as in these days of modern commerce, yet the rich of those times gave freely of their lands and their gold, while the poor gave of their labor, patiently seeking

to give perfection to every detail of the carved stone, even though designed for a place beyond the sight of the human worshipper who might attend there. To their simple, yet truly Christian minds, nothing was too good for God.

He congratulated the people on the church they had seen that morning blessed and opened. It was one that they might indeed be proud of. But let them remember above all Him whom it housed—let them visit Him frequently in the Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist, and their beautiful church would not have been erected in vain.

The church which has arisen from the ashes of the old edifice is one which not only the Catholics but the whole district has good reason to be proud of. It is of a pretty and striking design, built to the plan of Father Schaeffer by Messrs. Coles Bros., of Onga Onga. A porch 16ft by 8ft gives entrance from either side. The nave is 56ft by 27ft, with 14ft. studs, the sanctuary 17ft. by 14ft., and the choir 20ft. by 14ft. There are two sacristies 12ft. by 14ft. and 8ft. by 14ft. respectively. The sanctuary is beautifully finished with an oak dado and Petross panelling. The church is erected on a concrete foundation, all the exposed timber is heart, and the interior work is of the best O.B. rimu. All the windows are lead-lights of artistic design, and a beautiful rose window over the entrance porch gives an excellent finish to the whole work. The front fence has been replaced by an imposing stone wall with two entrances. The whole work has cost in the region of £4000.

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