

In the Public Eye.

THE RIGHT REV. GEORGE MICHAEL LENIHAN, D.D., Bishop of Auckland, is probably the most popular of the five Roman Catholic bishops who have wielded the Crozier in this, the pioneer diocese in New Zealand, since Dr. Pompallier was consecrated the first bishop of Auckland in June, 1836. He was born in London in 1858, but was of Irish parentage. He received his earlier education at the Benedictine College at Ramsgate, at that time in charge of Lord Abbot Alcock and Father Edmund Luck, afterwards Bishop of Auckland. He was then moved to St. Edmund's College, Oldhall Green, and afterwards spent several years in Spain, where he completed his theological studies. When Father Luck found he was to go to Auckland as its bishop in 1882 he wrote and asked his young friend and pupil, then a subdeacon, to accompany him. The offer was immediately accepted. Returning to England Father Lenihan was ordained priest, and set sail with the new bishop and a party of clergy. Arriving in Auckland in November he was appointed curate of St. Patrick's. When it became desirable to form the new parish of Ponsonby, the energetic Father Lenihan was chosen to take charge of it. The success of his ministrations in his new sphere of action induced the bishop to give him also the charge of the Star of the Sea Orphanage of St. Mary's. The flourishing state of the Orphanage at present, and the special care Father Lenihan took of the orphans both in the institution and after they went out into the world prove the wisdom of this step. In 1891 he was appointed rector of Parnell, and Bishop Luck a short time before his death selected him for the responsible position of coadjutor bishop, a distinction

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which was deservedly followed in November, 1896, by his consecration in St. Patrick's Cathedral by the Right Rev. Dr. Grimes,



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S.M., as Bishop of Auckland. Bishop Lenihan has but recently returned from a trip to England and Italy in the interests of his diocese.

TWENTY years experience as a journalist on the staff of such a paper as the *Melbourne Argus* eminently fitted Mr. Donald Macdonald for the arduous position of a war correspondent. He successfully represented that paper in the South African campaign, and has been shrewd

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