

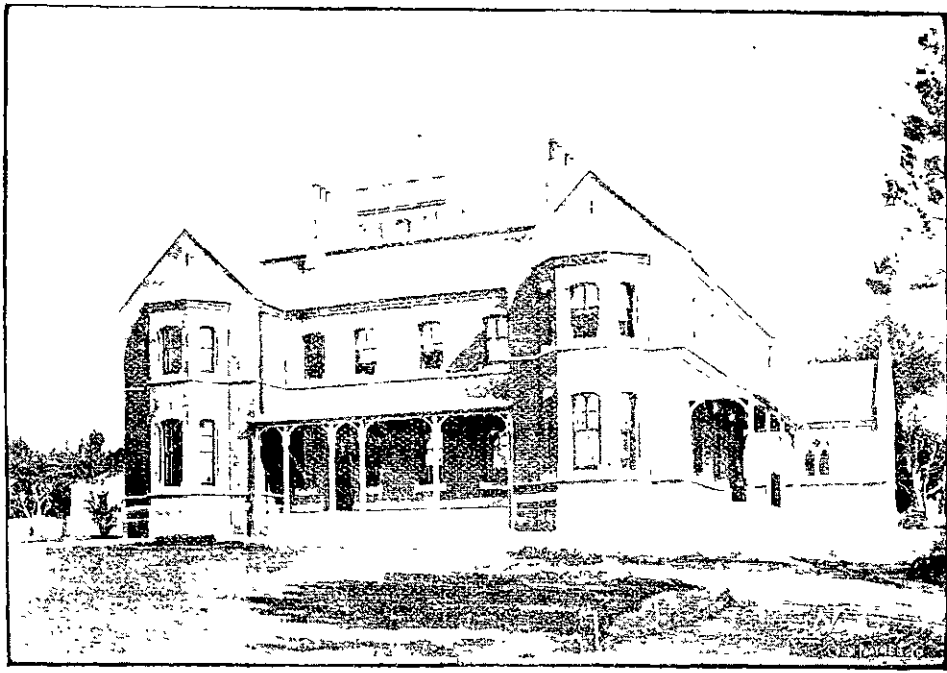
Through the principal street of the city the magnificent proportions of the procession were the theme of general comment. The streets were absolutely thronged upon each side with citizens.

Entering the suburban town of Onehunga the bell of the Anglican Church was tolled as a mark of sympathy, and evoked much favourable comment. When the hearse had reached the entrance to the Church of the Assumption the coffin was born to the front of the altar and a procession formed. Bishop Grimes, vested in black cope and white mitre, headed the procession of priests, Fathers Parton and Amandolini (of Hamilton), O. S. B., deacon and sub-deacon, attended the Bishop. The service at the grave was conducted by his Lordship Bishop Grimes, and supported by the whole body of the priests around him, their rich and musical voices blending most harmoniously. The spacious and ornamental brick church was thronged, yet so vast was the multitude that hardly one-tenth obtained admission. On the Gospel side of the Church, at the part of the mission cross, a slab was removed from the floor, where a vault was sunk, lined with brick and concrete floor, and here was laid for his long lasting rest the remains of the good, kindly, pious Right Rev Bishop Luck—a noble prelate, indeed, was he.

Dr Grimes, walking to the altar steps, then addressed a few words to the large crowd who managed to squeeze into the Church. He said that the last time he was in that Church he was accompanied by the late Bishop, who, on that occasion, spoke with pride of the beautiful Church they were assembled in, and who referred to it as a lasting monument of Monsignor Paul's zeal and devotion. He

around the vault, his Lordship, supported by the clergy, recited in Latin and English the final prayers. The Rev Father Luck here sobbed over the tomb of his illustrious brother, and he moved to tears many around. As brothers they were of each other passionately fond.

This ended the ceremonial, but—not yet—more remains to be told, and this above all things portrays the Christian faith of him for whom all now unite in praying. For his people he lived, for his people he died. On Sunday evening at St Patrick's the Rev Father Madden, by the recital of portions of the Bishop's will and testament, added additional lustre to the memory of him. Father Madden pointed out that the fruits of the Bishop's labours for the past thirteen years had been devoted entirely to the cause. The Cathedral had been freed of all debts, and the remainder of his earthly belongings has gone to benefit the diocese of Auckland. Even the Bishop's own brother received nothing but a chalice and there was not enough left to purchase a headstone to erect over the grave of the Bishop, who in his last testament had appealed to the clergy to erect a plain, simple cross over the grave to his memory. The late Bishop had carried out the assurance he had given that he would leave the cathedral free of debt. This has been done out of his own private means at a cost of £900. The cathedral was therefore practically free. The presbytery, on which there was still a debt of £1600, was not however, for Bishop Luck thought this should be the duty of the congregation. Even the late Bishop's vestments which had been presented to him by the Benedictine Order would be returned to that Order. Where is the heart that could not, on reading this dying testament, be deeply moved? Where is the community



BISHOP'S HOUSE, PONSONBY.

brought under his view the beautiful altar which he had presented to this mission, and he was glad to see it now adjoining this beautiful edifice. Bishop Grimes then went on to speak of the simple faith of the late Bishop Luck, of his earnestness in all things appertaining to God's glory, and his utter unselfishness in all of his dealings with souls. He alluded to an incident which, he said, might seem strange coming from the lips of a prelate. One day talking of the burdens of the episcopate he ventured to express an half uttered regret that he (the speaker) ever had the mitre thrust on his unworthy head. Their beloved Bishop said that he always thought that bishops would receive a greater reward in heaven from the very fact that they were invested with the episcopal character. In this he spoke as a true successor of the Apostles and he earnestly felt that he was now receiving this great reward. Their Bishop was dead and gone from them, but his spirit lived and they should follow the example set by him, if he could now speak out of his coffin he would say to them, "Do not simply stand round but pray for me, for I now appear before Him Who is my Judge. Remember my brethren to-day is for me, to-morrow for you." "Let us," added Bishop Grimes, "try to walk in his footsteps, and let our best thought be of heartfelt prayer. Let us pray that his sufferings if any, may be abridged. Bishop Grimes concluded by urging his hearers not to remain silent spectators of the impressive ceremony then being performed on that hallowed spot. He exhorted them to join in this last tribute of prayer and supplication to the throne of God on behalf of the soul of John Edmund Luck, the fourth Bishop of Auckland, and the first who was buried in the diocese which he loved so well. Assembling

which produces such examples? In honouring, as they did during the last few days, the memory of the late lamented prelate, the citizens of Auckland but honoured themselves. His name will be for ever kept prominent in this diocese. Generations to come shall speak of the many abounding traits in the life and character of the Right Rev John Edmund Luck, O.S.B., Bishop of Auckland. May God rest his soul.

WELLINGTON.

On last Saturday morning a solemn *Requiem* Mass was celebrated in St Joseph's Church, Buckle street, Wellington, by his Grace Archbishop Redwood. The assistant priest was Very Rev Father Devoy, V.G.; deacon, Rev Father Power; subdeacon, Rev Father Golden; master of ceremonies, Very Rev Father Kirk, S.M. The choir was supplied by the priests on retreat. On Sunday morning His Grace celebrated early Mass, and spoke to the priests and a large congregation in a most feeling manner of the great virtues, zeal and piety of Bishop Luck, and the loss the Church has suffered in his death.

CHRISTCHURCH.

Our Christchurch correspondent writes:—"After High Mass and Vespers at the pro-Cathedral in this city on Sunday last the "Dead March in Saul" was played on the organ out of respect for the memory of the late Bishop Luck. The Very Rev Father Cummings, in announcing the death of Bishop Luck, spoke feelingly of his many virtues and of the great loss sustained by his demise, and when Bishop Grimes returns to the city a Solemn *Requiem* Mass will be