

The Late Bishop of Ballarat

Tuesday's morning papers announced the death of the Right Rev. Dr. Moore, Bishop of Ballarat. Further reference to this noted Prelate's demise, and an appreciation of his work, appear in our editorial Notes. The deceased Bishop was a native of the County of Kerry, Ireland. His ecclesiastical studies were pursued in the great foreign missionary college at All Hallows, Dublin, and he was raised to the priesthood in 1859. Shortly after his ordination he was chosen as chaplain to accompany a selected body of Irish immigrants who proceeded to Victoria towards the close of the same year. After landing in Melbourne, the sphere selected for his administrations was Ballarat, and Ballarat continued to be the scene of his unremitting labors, as priest or as Bishop, till the close of his long life. For a short period he was assistant priest in the city. Later on he became priest in charge, and as the extension of the city and the growth of the population gave that centre a great ecclesiastical importance, he was created

Its First Dean,

and by the title 'the Dean' he became widely and favorably known throughout Victoria. 'On' Ballarat (to use the miners' phrase) he wielded a commanding influence among all classes and creeds. Ballarat was at that time a part of the Archdiocese of Melbourne. In 1874 it was created an episcopal See, and the Right Rev. Dr. O'Connor (previously parish priest of Rathfarnham, Dublin) was appointed its first Bishop. The late Dr. Moore was appointed Vicar-General by Dr. O'Connor, and (says Cardinal Moran in his monumental 'History of the Catholic Church in Australasia') 'it has been justly remarked that Dr. O'Connor was extremely fortunate in having before him in Ballarat one who had so thoroughly identified himself with the cause of religion and education, and one who understood so well the circumstances of the diocese and of the people as the Right Rev. Dr. Moore.'

Dr. O'Connor passed away on February 14, 1883. The Right Rev. Dr. Moore was appointed to succeed him, and the ceremony of

His Consecration

took place in his own cathedral on April 27, 1884. The Archbishop of Melbourne was the consecrating prelate.

When the late Bishop Moore received the pastoral charge of the See of Ballarat, there were in the diocese 27 priests and five communities of nuns. Towards the close of last year there were 62 priests (53 of the secular clergy and 9 Redemptorist Fathers), 16 religious Brothers, 257 nuns, one fine college for boys, 10 boarding schools for girls, 13 superior day schools, 56 primary schools, 2 magnificent institutes of charity, and 5600 children in attendance at Catholic schools. The fine episcopal palace, the vast pile of Nazareth House, the admirable Catholic hall, the great Abbey of Loreto, the noble monastery of the Redemptorist Fathers, and the beautiful new Cathedral presbytery represent only a portion of the

Edifices of Religion

built in Ballarat during the administration of the late Bishop Moore. After an extensive renovation St. Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat, was consecrated on November 19, 1891, prelates being gathered from all parts of Australia and from New Zealand to take part in the ceremony. Throughout the diocese equally marked progress has been made, and there are few dioceses in the Southern Hemisphere better manned and better equipped for carrying out the work of God than that over which the late Dr. Moore ruled for the past twenty years. Two or three years ago his sight began to somewhat fail. It was the first indication of what has turned out to be the approaching break-down of a robust constitution. To those in New Zealand who knew the deceased prelate, the news of his death has come, nevertheless, as a sharp surprise. May his soul rest in peace!

The usual weekly meeting of the St. Patrick's Social Club (South Dunedin) took place on Monday evening, when a musical programme was presented. The following contributed vocal items: Misses A. Heffernan, (Creagh, Mahoney, Carr, Fitzpatrick, and Messrs. Stokes, Gaffaney, O'Connor, Drumm, and Mee. The Rev. Father Coffey presided, and at the conclusion thanked the performers.

At this season everybody is liable to Coughs and Colds. Avoid all danger by taking TUSSICURA.—***

OBITUARY

MR. PATRICK KELIGHER, DUNEDIN.

On Sunday there passed away at the Crown Hotel, Dunedin, a highly esteemed citizen in the person of Mr. Patrick Keligher, in his 70th year. The deceased was of a quiet and unassuming disposition, never taking any prominent part in public affairs, nevertheless he was well known to a large circle of friends, who appreciated his sterling worth and uprightness of character. He had been for upwards of a quarter of a century proprietor of the Crown Hotel, Rattray street, which he conducted in a highly creditable manner, and never once during that long period was he known to permit the slightest breach of the licensing laws. The deceased was a native of Bawnboy, County Cavan, Ireland, where he was born in 1831. He came out to New Zealand 11 years ago, and soon after joined the police force under the late Mr. St. John Brannigan. After serving for about eight years he left the police force and took the European Hotel, which he owned for some years. Later on he became proprietor of the Crown Hotel, Rattray street, which he conducted with marked success up to the time of his death. The late Mr. Keligher was one of the principal contributors to the first Catholic church built in South Dunedin, and was also one of the promoters of the Irish Rifles in this city. He was a man of a most generous disposition. He disliked ostentation, and when he did a good deed or performed a generous action, which occurred very often, he preferred that it should be known only to himself. No person in want ever appealed to him in vain, and his purse was ever open at the call of religion or nationality. The remains were removed to St. Joseph's Cathedral on Wednesday morning, where a Solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated, Rev. P. Murphy being celebrant, Rev. J. Coffey deacon, Rev. J. O'Malley subdeacon, Rev. H. W. Cleary master of ceremonies. The interment took place in the Southern Cemetery in the afternoon, the funeral cortege being very large, and representative of all classes in the community. The deceased, in addition to two brothers in Victoria, leaves a widow and an only son to mourn their loss, and these have our sincere sympathy in their bereavement.—R.I.P.

NEW ZEALAND: GENERAL

The following are the officers of the Hokitika Catholic Literary and Debating Society for the current year: President, Mr. F. Sellers, sen., vice-president, Mr. H. Williams; secretary and treasurer, Mr. T. Green, jun.; press correspondent, Mr. F. Sellers, jun.; committee, Messrs. Doherty, Burger, Dee, Daly, and Dixon.

The social given at St. Mary's Hall, Nelson, on Tuesday night of last week was well attended. The musical programme (says the 'Colonist') was an excellent one, the spirited pianoforte duet by the Misses Fowler being a taste of the good items to follow. Songs were contributed by Misses L. Harris (encored), Scott, and C. Armstrong, Messrs. T. Connell, O'Beirne, Bunny, Jackson, and Edwards, and a glee by members of St. Mary's choir. Miss Duff accompanied the vocalists, and Miss Shone (violin) also assisted when Miss Scott sang. On the motion of the Rev. Father Clancy, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the performers and the committee.

The impressive ceremony of reception took place at St. Patrick's Church, Masterton, on Tuesday of last week, when three young ladies were received into the Order of Sisters of St. Brigid. The young ladies were Miss Shapter (in religion Sister Mary Peter), Miss L. Truman (Sister Mary Paul), Miss M. Cooke (Sister Mary Canice). There was a very large congregation present. The Very Rev. Father Lewis, V.G., performed the ceremony, and was assisted by the Ven. Archdeacon Devoy and Very Rev. Dean McKenna, and Rev. Fathers T. McKenna, Hickson, Holley, Ainsworth, O'Shea, Cahill, and Walsh were also present. The occasional sermon was preached by the Very Rev. Father Lewis, who took as his text the words: 'If thou wilt enter into life everlasting keep the Commandments.' The special choir selected from St. Brigid's pupils for the occasion (says the local 'Times') consisted of the Misses Bennington, Nestor, Jury, and Hennessy (soprano), and the Misses K. Holloway, Eileen Jago, and Nilsson (alt.), and were assisted by Miss Annie Gallagher, of Greytown (soprano), Miss Daisy Reilly, A.T.C.L., of Hawera (alto), and Mr. Dolan (basso). The training of the special choir reflected great credit on the conductress, Sister Mary Joseph. An especial word of praise is due to Miss Elsie Richards, who presided with great ability at the organ.

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