

tion of the Rev. Father Tubman to spend a social evening. Several songs were rendered, and Mr. Fitzgerald gave an interesting exhibition of Irish step dancing. Father Tubman took advantage of an interval to present the secretary of the sports, Mr. N. Mangos, with a gold sovereign case, as a memento of the success of the gathering, to which his labors largely contributed.

On Thursday morning a Solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated by the Rev. Father Tubman for the repose of the soul of his mother, who died in the Old Country a few months ago. The church was well filled, the large numbers testifying to the respect in which our parish priest is held. The Very Rev. Dean Bowers (Geraldine) was deacon, Rev. Father Reenault (Waimate) subdeacon, and Rev. Father Le Floch master of ceremonies. There were also present Rev. Fathers Creed (Ashburton), O'Connor (Waimate), Kerley and Peoples (Temuka), and the local clergy. The usual Gregorian Requiem music was sung by a strong choir led by Rev. Father Finerty. Miss McGuinness presided at the organ.

DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

(From our own correspondent.)

April 13.

Bazaars are in hand in aid of St. Benedict's and Avondale parishes, and the ladies in each of the churches are hard at work to ensure success.

Rev. Father Benedict, O.P., continues to progress slowly at the Mater Misericordiae Hospital. Last Sunday the prayers of the people were asked for his speedy recovery.

At the Church of the Assumption, Onehunga, last Sunday his Lordship the Bishop announced that he had offered charge of the parish to the Right Rev. Mgr. O'Reilly. If the widely respected Monsignor should accept the charge—and I have been informed that it is possible he may—then the people of Onehunga may be heartily congratulated.

Eight young ladies were received into the Order of the Sisters of Mercy at St. Mary's Convent, Ponsonby, on Saturday last. The Right Rev. Dr. Lenihan presided, and was assisted by the Very Rev. Dr. Egan. The Rev. Fathers Holbrook, Cahill, and Dignan were also present. The names of the ladies who received the white veil are:—Miss M. Madden (Blenheim), in religion, Sister M. Dymna; Miss M. Gullen (Stockton, N.S.W.), Sister M. Calasancius; Miss Francis McCabe (Parnell), Sister M. Josepha; Miss Nora Shine (Ipswich), Sister M. Elizabeth; Miss M. Ryan (Brisbane), Sister M. Cyril; Miss May Wilkinson (Ipswich), Sister M. Paulina; Miss G. Price (Ipswich), Sister M. Casimir; and Miss V. Mulqueeny (Coromandel), Sister M. Blanche. The Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament followed, and after the service the parents and friends of the novices-elect were entertained by the Sisters.

At the conclusion of ten o'clock Mass at the Church of the Assumption, Onehunga, last Sunday morning, the Right Rev. Bishop Lenihan addressed a crowded congregation. In the course of his remarks he said that the people of the parish had suffered a severe loss through the death of the Very Rev. Mgr. Paul. He could well imagine their thoughts, deploring the loss of a holy man who had spent 48 years in Onehunga working for his people, not only ministering to their spiritual wants, but from the early days providing them with churches, schools, and buildings which could not be surpassed in any part of New Zealand. His loss was great indeed, not only to them, but to the diocese generally. He was known and revered by all for his virtue, but it was not by public instruction. No, it was because he had lived a model life. He had by example for 48 years proved his love for the people of Onehunga, his example had been blessed, and his name should, and he hoped would, be perpetuated by the congregation practising his virtues. His Lordship concluded by announcing that, in terms of the late Monsignor Paul's will, what little he left was to be devoted to religion and education for the people of Onehunga, and he appealed to them to erect a monument or tablet to a great man's memory by subscriptions from the parishioners only. He expected to be able very shortly to announce the successor of the late Monsignor Paul, who would probably be the Right Rev. Mgr. O'Reilly, of the Thames. During the Bishop's address his hearers were visibly affected. In July next Monsignor Paul would have celebrated the 50th year of his priesthood, and a committee had been formed to make some public recognition of this event. This recognition was to take the shape of an address and a purse of sovereigns to be presented to him as a fitting memorial of his jubilee day. It was realised that as his health was so precarious he might not live to see his jubilee, but it was agreed that the collection should be continued, and in the sad event of his death occurring before July, some lasting memorial be erected to hold his name in perpetual reverence.

Graves of Irish Exiles

Scarcely a Cathedral bell is rung on the Continent of Europe (says an exchange) that does not sound above the remains of some Irish priest or Bishop. Seldom a flower fades in the cloistered cemeteries along the banks of the yellow Tiber, or the castled Rhine, that some of its leaves do not touch the lonely grave of some monk or student from the green banks of the Shannon or the Liffey.

The Names of Irish Students

are carved on the flagged floor of many an abbey chapel, and on the walls of many a famous shrine from the Tagus to the Garrone. St. Fridolen sleeps in his island city of Seckingen, in the abbey he himself founded for the Benedictines; the holy remains of St. Fiacre centuries ago were removed from the oratory of Breuil, and may now be found near the mausoleum of Bossuet, behind the high altar in the Cathedral of Meaux; the noble martyrs Kilian, Colman, and Totnan are buried in the principal church of Wurtzburg; St. Frigidian lies at rest in the church of 'The Three Holy Levites,' at Lucca, while Cataldus (Cathal) awaits the Resurrection not far from the blue waters of the fair bay of Taranto. Often the twelve knights of St. Rupert may be seen kneeling by the tomb of St. Vigilius, in Salzburg. St. Caidoc and St. Fricor are interred in the abbey of Centule, in the territory of Ponthieu, Picardy. In the collegiate church of Lens, in the diocese of Arras, the body of St. Vulganus is honored. Marianus Scotus, the chronographer, was laid to pious rest in the Church of St. Martin, beyond the walls of the city of Metz. St. Tressan calmly reposes at Avenay, in Champagne. In a church guarded by the Fort of St. Andrew, at Salins, the relics of St. Anatolius are preserved in a silver shrine. St. Maimbodus securely sleeps in the shade of the castle rock of the valiant city of Montbelliard. The magnificent Cathedral of Mechlin is the tomb and monument of St. Rumold—prince, Bishop, martyr. But to come to

A Later Period of Irish History.

How many Irish students are laid to rest forever on the hill of St. Genevieve! How many of them sleep their long sleep in the Franciscan Convents of Louvain and Salamanca, in the Dominican garden of Madrid, and in the consecrated ground belonging to the Jesuits at Lisle, Antwerp, Tournay, St. Omer, Douay, and Pont-a-Mousson. Florence Conroy sleeps near the high altar in the Franciscan Church of St. Anthony of Padua at Louvain; Thomas Stapleton's ashes are mingled with the dust of Belgium's most gifted sons in the chapel of St. Charles Borromeo; Luke Wadding has been laid near Hugh O'Neill, on St. Peter's Mount, in Rome. In the Cistercian monastery at Alcalá in Spain, William Walsh, from Waterford on the Suir, lies in peace. The grand-souled and patriotic Bishop of Ferns, Nicholas French, passed away from life's toil and troubles at Ghent, in Belgium. His venerated body was piously placed at the foot of the grand altar in the parish church of St. Nicholas in that city. A slab of purest marble, decorated with the Cardinal's hat and armorial bearings, has a beautiful and truthful inscription in honor of his memory. Ambrose Wadding, brother to the famous Luke Wadding, calmly rests at Dillingen; Bishop Edmond O'Dwyer, who governed the See of Limerick, silently lies in the subterranean chapel, dedicated to the Blessed Virgin, beneath the Church of St. James, in the city of Brussels. The pious pilgrim to Compostella will find in the world-renowned temple of St. James, Apostle of Spain,

The Holy Remains

of two Waterford Bishops—Thomas Strong, of the diocese of Ossory, and his nephew, the firm friend of Rinuccini, T. Walsh. The relics of Patrick Fleming and Matthew Hoar, martyred by the cruel followers of the Elector of Saxony, are treasured in the Franciscan convent of Wotiz, near Prague, in Bohemia.

Ward, Colgan, Lombard, MacCaughwell, Edmund O'Reilly, and the Stanihursts, men whose names will ever live among the names of Ireland's most gifted and patriotic sons, are all in far foreign graves. The winds of Ireland never chant their mournful dirge around their tombs, the maids of Erin scatter no flowers over their graves, the faithful peasants never pray above their ashes. They fell where they have bravely fought with voice and pen for the land of their love. They died far away from the isle of their birth, with the great shadow of Ireland's suffering upon their breaking hearts. They sank to rest in the calm of silent convents, and they tranquilly rest either in the dim shades of old cathedrals, or in the peaceful aisles of chapels whose silence is never broken except by the prayer of some pious monk or nun.

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