The Late Father O'Hallahan, Kumara

We take the following further particulars regarding the functal of the late Rev. Father O'Hallahan, from an obituary notice sent us by a Kumara correspond-ent. The deceased was born in Banteer, County Cork, where his aged parents still reside, and one of his brothers, Mr. D. O'Hallahan, is a resident of Ku-mara. On Friday evening the remains were removed to St. Patrick's Church. At 10 o'clock on Saturday a solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated by Rev. Father Leen, Rej. Father Creed being deacon. and Rev. Father St. Patrick's Church. At 10 o clock on Saturday a solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated by Rev. Father Leen, Rq:. Father Creed being deacon, and Rev. Father O'Connor subdeacon. The church, which was draped in black by the Sisters of Mercy, was crowded to 'the doors. The Rev. Father Leen preached an eloquent sermon appropriate to the solemn occasion. Among those present in the choir were Very Rev. Dean Carew, and Rev. Fathers Aubry and Taylor. The fun-eral was very largely attended, despite the extreme inclemency of the weather. The procession left the church at noon to proceed to the Kumara railway station, and from there the remains were taken by train to Greymouth, where a large number of mourn-ers joined in the funeral procession to the cemetery. The Very Rev. Dean Carew, assisted by Rev. Fathers Leen, Creed, Taylor, Avbry, and O'Connor, officiated at the graveside. Among a large number of messages of sympathy received by Mr. Denis O'Hallahan were telegrams from his Grace Archbishop Redwood, the Very Rev. Father Le Menant des Chesnais, V.G., Christehurch, and f om Mis. Seddon, with whom and the late Premier the deceased priest was on iutimate terms of friendship. Telegrams were also received from all the priests of Canterbury.-R.I.P.

The Royal Palaces of Spain

An English periodical, writing of the marriage of the King of Spain, says that the most stately of Queen Victoria's many new homes will be the great palace of the Escurial, which stands an enormous and stately pile, amid rather dreary surroundings at the foot of the Guadarrama Mountains, some distance from Madrid. In this valace generations of Spanish Kings and Queens have made their sumptuous home, but of late years it has fallen into disuse, and is but seldom visited by the reigning family, chiefly on account of its remoteness and isolation.

In the palace at Madrid the Queen will have one of the most magnificent Royal homes in Europe. It was built by Philip V., the first of the Bourbon Kinos of Spain, nearly two centuries ago, and was considered by Napoleon I. to be finer even than his valace at Ver-sailles. When Napoleon first visited it, he exclaimed to his host the King of Scain, as he mounted its won-derful marble staircase, 'You are more splendidly lodged than I am.' This palace is of immense size, 500ft. square, and its interior is of great splendor. The throne-room is a gorceous chamber, with its mag-nificently-painted ceiling, the exquisite mosaic of its floor, its wealth of many colored marbles, its won-derful chandeliers and mirrored walls; while the throne itself, the most splendid in Europe, is guarded by four large silver lions and fanked by two life-sized figures of Moors. At El Pardo (where the young Queen stayed pre-

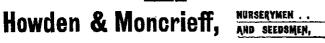
figures of Moors. At El Pardo (where the young Queen stayed pre-vious to her marriage) is another large and stately building which the King uses when shooting in the district; and among his other legal homes are the Aranjuez and Ildefonso Pa'aces; the Alcazar Palace, which, 'with its castellated walls, its rooms blazing with gold and colored porcelain, its exquisitely deli-cate arches, pillars, and cei'ings,' is one of the most beautiful sights in Europe; and the famous Alhambra, whose splendor defies all description.

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But there is little doubt that young Queen Vic-toria's favorite home in Spain will be the lovely palace of San Sebastian, a delightfdl building, which commands a magnificent view of the Bay of Biscay and the coasts of Spain and France, and which is the favorite summer residence of the King and his family. At San Sebastian their Majesties will find some es-cape from the norm and genemical of their state cape from the pomp and ceremonial of their state, and will be able to enjoy a more unconventional and life unfettered

unfettered life. Happily King Alfonso and his bride have many tastes in common. Queen Victoria is a clever ac-tress, and has a passion for things theatrical which her future husband will share. They are both lovers of horses and motoring-King Alfonso is admittedly one of the finest horsemen and motorists in Spain-and they will, no doubt, have many delightful excur-sions together; and in numerous other directions, from a love of music to a passion for swimming, their tastes happily coincide. tastes happily coincide.

The Irish Envoys and New Zealand

The Irish Envoys and New Zealand A meeting of the Sydney Executive Committee, pleases, Devlin and Dono. an, was held on July 9. This Emmence Cardinal Moran presided, and among these present was Mr. M. Kennedy of Wellington After the transact on of routine business his Emin-ence said they were president of the Irish League in wellington, who assured him (the Cardinal) that they went to New Zealand. He supposed, now that they might be able to prolong their stay here for some time, and, perhaps, Mr. Kennedy would tell the com-mingent of the president of the Irish League in wellington, who assured they would be of a successful methy of the president of the Irish League in the present was a formed by the delegates would methy of a series of meetings in New Zealand. Wellington, the supposed, now that they may be able to prolong their stay here for some time, and, perhaps, Mr. Kennedy would tell the com-methy of the president of the delegates would be goin a step series of meetings in New Zealand. While the successful in the four principal centres-Wel-fugton, Christchurch, Dunchn, and Auckland. Whether the present was a Perth at the time, but he had neeting on a series of meetings in Australia. The people would be jrdicious of devirable for them to visit the firsh Association, which was only recently formedr in Wellington, he was ask formed in Wellington in the kink the delegates were in Australia. The people would certainly feel very much hurt if Messrs. Devlin and the trish League was formed in Wellington there were also in the was released to communicate with Mr. He wish and after all. He hoped they would, it was so that they might have an opportunity of going to was fistuation for him to be present that which is they would certainly feel very much hurt if messrs into a they might have an opportunity of going to be equal to the occasion. He would try and inform in the various districts of thes State that the gives a guide to see the extensive organisation the Irish had in Australia, and he was yelf surf surfala

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