

ship good-bye, a prosperous voyage to Europe, and that he may return safe and sound again to take up his work amongst them (applause).

His Lordship the Bishop, who on rising to reply was received with long continued applause, thanked the audience for the magnificent send-off which they had tendered him that evening, and he also desired to thank Mr. Callan most cordially for the kind words which he had said. As Mr. Callan told them, he had, in the discharge of his duty to pay a visit to Rome to pay his homage to the Holy Father, and give an account of his stewardship. After his arrival in Rome and paying homage to the Holy Father, he would give a full account of the state of religion in the diocese. There was no danger that that report would be unfavorable, for the work of the diocese was so admirable that he, as superior, could not speak too highly of it. They had a noble and magnificent body of priests in the diocese, who, without exception, were all thoroughly devoted to their duty. They labored with the utmost zeal, and had endeavored to erect beautiful churches, schools, convents and presbyteries. During the past years every parish had been enriched by such works. There had been erected a number of new convents, in charge of a devoted body of nuns, who, with the priests, spread the benefit of Christian education amongst the people. The priests are responsible for the great work done, and in this they had the aid of a noble and generous people. They had a noble body of people in this diocese, who were animated by a true Catholic spirit, and since he came to the diocese he had been helped everywhere by their fervor and generosity. He would be able to report to the Holy Father that religion is progressing in the diocese, and that the priests are thoroughly devoted to their duty. While on his travels in various parts of Europe he would have the opportunity of visiting many sacred shrines, and there he would pray for the spiritual welfare of his people, that God might bless them, and make them happy on earth. He would in every way further the interests of the diocese, and he trusted that whilst he was away laboring and travelling, they would remember him in their prayers. In conclusion he again thanked them most sincerely for their magnificent reception, and trusted that in a few months they would all meet again. (Applause).

At the conclusion of his Lordship's address, light refreshments, provided by a committee of ladies, were dispensed. Before dispersing the assemblage said good-bye individually to his Lordship.

His Lordship left for Sydney via Auckland on Tuesday afternoon by the 'Victoria,' and was seen off by the visiting and local clergy and a representative gathering of the laity.

## New Books

### 'State Regulation of Labor in New Zealand.'

The scenery, natural resources, and social legislation of New Zealand have attracted much attention in other lands, and have been written about by visitors whose stay has invariably been too brief to allow them to form reliable opinions. Our labor laws have been discussed and criticised from the point of view of employer and employee, and the conclusions arrived at have generally been tinged with the political feelings of the writers. Even among the people of New Zealand there is a diversity of opinion as to the merits or demerits of the laws relating to the State regulation of the conditions of labor. In fact, many of our people do not very well understand the provisions of the very complicated labor law, known as 'The Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act,' and for this reason 'The Regulation of Labor in New Zealand,' by Mr. Henry Broadhead, and published by Messrs. Whitcombe and Tombs, Christchurch, will be a welcome addition to the literature on the subject. The author is secretary of the Canterbury Employers' Association, and had been for some years a member of the Canterbury Conciliation Board. The aim of the work is to give in the smallest compass a comprehensive and unprejudiced view of the working of compulsory arbitration in this Dominion. Judging from the author's experience he should be well equipped for the task. By way of introduction he gives a brief account of the Sweating Commission of 1890, and of the Maritime Strike of the same year. The passing of the Bill having been dealt with, the main provisions of the Act and the amending measure are summarised. Then follow chapters describing the operation of the Act and its effect upon industry and commerce. He points out several weak points in the law, and contends that the word 'dispute' has a different meaning to that which was intended by the framers of the measure. He

quotes the opinions of workers and employers as an evidence of the unsatisfactory working of the Act, but then these expressions of dissatisfaction are generally with the details of the law, rather than with its general principle, and in conclusion he expresses his want of faith in legislation bringing about peace and contentment among the workers of New Zealand. The work is well worth the perusal of all interested in the material well-being of the people of the Dominion.

## OBITUARY

### MR. C. T. BROWNE, WELLINGTON.

(From an occasional correspondent.)

By the death of Mr. C. T. Browne, which took place on February 11, the Dominion has been deprived of the services of a good and useful citizen, and the Church of one of its most energetic members. The deceased was born on April 16, 1826, at Rutland Square, Dublin, in which city his father, Mr. William Browne, was a well-known barrister. Mr. Browne had always the most pleasant recollections of Dublin, the city of his birth, having had the distinction of being acquainted with the Liberator, on whose knee he was nursed at a very early age. On his mother's death he decided to try his fortune in Australia, and came to Victoria in 1852. In that colony he had a distinguished career as a police officer. In 1866 he arrived on the West Coast, his successes in this country in the same sphere being also very marked. In 1890 he went to reside at Evan's Bay, Wellington. He was always a generous supporter of the Church, of which he was a devoted member. His health had been failing during the last few years, so that his death was not altogether unexpected. During his last illness he was attended by the Very Rev. Father O'Shea, who administered the last rites of Holy Church. In addition, he had the consolation of being attended by his relatives, all of whom were assembled at his death, which was a most edifying one. The deepest sympathy is felt for his niece, Mrs. J. A. McGrath, and family, who had helped in no small degree to brighten his declining years. A large number of old friends were present at the funeral, which took place after a Requiem Mass at St. Joseph's Church, Buckle street, which was celebrated by the Very Rev. Father O'Shea, who was assisted by the Ven. Archdeacon Devoy, Very Rev. Father Keogh, and the Rev. Father Ainsworth. At the graveside the burial service was read by Father O'Shea, assisted by Archdeacon Devoy.—R.I.P.

### MR. MAURICE P. ROCHE, BLUE SPUR.

We regret to record the death of Mr. Maurice P. Roche, third son of Mrs. J. Roche, Blue Spur, who passed away at the Tuapeka Hospital on February 9, in his twenty-fourth year. In October (says the Tuapeka Times) the deceased suffered from a severe attack of influenza, and before he had quite recovered from its effects, he was called to Gore to attend the funeral of a sister, with the result that pleurisy supervened. After leaving the Dunedin Hospital, he returned to Lawrence to recuperate, and was making so good headway that he had arranged to go to his sister's place at Island Block for a change. A week before his death meningitis developed, and he was brought to the Tuapeka Hospital, where, though everything possible was done for him, he passed away on Sunday evening, February 9. Mrs. Roche and family have the widespread sympathy of the district in their sad bereavement, the second which has occurred within a few months. The funeral, which took place on February 11, was very largely attended. The Very Rev. Mgr. O'Leary officiated at the graveside.—R.I.P.

In another column Mr. Lorraine announces that he will be at the Dresden from 10.30 till 12.30 every day from the 3rd to the 7th of March...

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