

Stratford

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Changes are still taking place, and land values do not show any signs of lowering.

It is with very great regret that I have to record the death of Mrs. Julia Uhlenberg, wife of Mr. Frank Uhlenberg, of Midhurst. The deceased was a native of Prussia, and came to this country with her parents in 1876, and has resided here ever since. She leaves behind her to mourn their loss a husband and nine children, two brothers (Messrs. Jacob and Joseph Mischewski), and one sister (Mrs. Todd). Always a good practical Catholic, she freely gave her assistance to any movement for the advancement of the Church. The Rev. Father Treacy attended her in her last moments, and she died fortified by the rites of Holy Mother Church.—R.I.P.

Kaikoura

(From an Occasional Correspondent.)

On Sunday, July 19, the Very Rev. Father Clune, C.S.S.R., completed a week's mission at Kaikoura. From every point of view the mission was eminently successful. The preaching was worthy of the highest praise. The missionary's voice is rich, melodious, and audible even in whispers. His delivery is excellent. The matter of his discourses, whether doctrinal or moral, is always admirable, and the beautiful anecdotes introduced at intervals added much to the force of argument and gave practical illustration of the views set forth. The gifted preacher never failed to hold his audience spellbound from beginning to close of his instructions at Mass and his sermons at the evening services. The first discourse at 10 o'clock Mass on Sunday, 12th, was a masterpiece and a guarantee of success. The preacher took as his text 'The Master calleth for thee,' and his words so impressed the congregation that they went away full of joy and praise, determined also to attend throughout the mission. The treatment of 'Faith' to an overflowing congregation on Sunday evening was admirable, and many non-Catholics were scattered through the church. 'Mortal Sin' was dealt with on Monday evening, and 'Confession' on Tuesday. 'The Eternal Truths'—Death, Judgment, Hell, and Heaven—formed the subject of the preacher's able discourse on Wednesday. The doctrine of the 'Blessed Sacrament' was very clearly and convincingly built up from the sixth chapter of St. John, the words of institution at the Last Supper, and the well-known teaching of St. Paul in his First Epistle to the Corinthians. 'The Sacred Heart' was the topic on Friday. Saturday evening's sermon was devoted to 'Our Lady, the Mother of God.' On Sunday the appropriate sermon for the conclusion was on 'Perseverance.' The church was literally packed from the altar rails to the door.

At the close of an elegant and touching discourse, the Very Rev. Preacher paid an eloquent tribute to the faithful for their admirable attendance even under very trying circumstances. The weather was far from favorable, sometimes very wet and chilling. In spite of all, there were splendid congregations. He also in very graceful terms thanked the Sisters of the Mission for their care of the altar, the decorations whereof being beyond all praise and different each evening. The choir also, for its excellent and unflinching services, came in for well-merited praise. Nor were the altar-boys forgotten. His references to the local pastor were of too complimentary a kind to bring forward here. Father Golden told the congregation he was full of gratitude to God, who had sent so zealous a missionary to Kaikoura.

Father Clune left by Tuesday's coach for Blenheim, en route for Wellington, carrying with him the blessings of a grateful people for his magnificent services to them. Even non-Catholics thanked him publicly.

Palmerston North

July 26.

A social gathering promoted by the Children of Mary in aid of the parish debt was held in the Zealandia Hall on Wednesday last, and was a great success. The early part of the evening was devoted to a short concert programme, which was entrusted to Mr. W. T. Ward, conductor of St. Patrick's choir, and great praise is due to that gentleman for the musical treat he placed before his audience at such a short notice. Every item was well received, and encores were the order of the evening. The following contributed to the concert programme:—Misses Ward (2), Clifford, Griggs, and Mrs. Adams (Dannevirke), Messrs. W. T. Ward, Hanley, Tabor, and Hanlon, and little Miss Louie Wood. The refreshments, which were supplied by the ladies of the parish, were dispensed by the Children of Mary.

WEDDING BELLS

HOGAN—MOYNIHAN.

The Church of the Sacred Heart, Allanton, was the scene of a very interesting wedding on June 2, the contracting parties being Miss Mary Moynihan, eldest daughter of Mr. Alexander Moynihan, Momona, and Mr. Garrett Hogan, second son of the late Mr. James Hogan, Denah, Killarney, County Kerry. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father Ryan. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a costume of white embroidered muslin with the usual veil and wreath of orange blossoms. She was attended by her sisters (Misses B. and M. Moynihan) and Misses Kitty Moynihan and Nellie Columb. The bridegroom was attended by Mr. John McLean, of Dunedin, as best man. After the ceremony the guests, to the number of eighty, drove to the residence of the bride's parents, where the breakfast was laid. The health of the happy couple was proposed by the Rev. Father Ryan. The presents were numerous and costly. In the afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Hogan left for their future home in Dunedin, accompanied by many proofs of goodwill from the assembled guests.

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