

Seven Lamps come before the mind. 'Therefore,' says he, 'when we build, let us think that we build forever. Let it not be for present delight, nor for present use alone, let it be such work as our descendants will thank us for, and let us think, as we lay stone on stone, that a time is to come when those stones will be held sacred because our hands have touched them, and that men will say as they look upon the labor and wrought substance of them: "See! this our fathers did for us."' That time has now come; and every pillar and column of this noble edifice will be sacred to the memory of Bishop Grimes.

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Of the personality of the beloved Bishop, of his hold on the hearts of his people, of his place in popular esteem and in the public life of the community, and of the tremendous work which he accomplished for God and the Church during his arduous episcopate, it is not necessary for us to speak. Few men of his province—and certainly no other ecclesiastic of any religious denomination have such an honored record of public and civic activity. To this the daily papers of his city—papers which hold a place in the forefront of New Zealand journalism—bear cheerful witness. 'Of singularly amiable disposition,' wrote the *Lyttelton Times* on the occasion of his episcopal jubilee, 'and possessed of an unaffected manner in which kindness and courtliness are admirably blended, Bishop Grimes has won the whole-hearted love of his own people and the sincere respect of those outside his pastorate. . . . While he has proved himself a good Churchman, a capable administrator, and a worthy exponent of the Christian virtues, Bishop Grimes has not neglected the duties of citizenship. His erudition and his experience in affairs, as well as his kindly heart and generous hand, have made him a valuable member of the community, and he has not allowed denominational barriers to hamper his activities in co-operative service. The people of this city and province, no matter what their creed, will join with us in offering hearty congratulations to his Lordship upon the completion of a quarter of a century of faithful service on behalf of his Church and his adopted country.' And the *Christchurch Press*, commenting on the public meeting held in his honor on the same occasion, remarked: 'He has, indeed, during his twenty-five years' occupancy of the episcopate, rendered magnificent service to his Church. His zeal and energy in promoting its welfare and its usefulness have triumphed over all obstacles, and Mount Magdala, Nazareth House, and the great Cathedral, which must be for ever associated with his name, to say nothing of numbers of churches and schools, stand to-day as monuments to his untiring devotion to good works. But Bishop Grimes has been more than the head of the Catholic Church here: he has proved himself a good citizen, ever ready to lend his eloquence and his wise counsel to humanitarian movements, and concerning himself with the work of higher education, while on numerous occasions he has shown himself possessed of a spirit of patriotism of a high and noble standard. He can hardly have needed the assurance afforded by the representative character of last night's gathering that he holds a high place in the esteem of the community, but it is gratifying that an opportunity was given to the citizens of demonstrating their personal regard for him. *Ad multos felicissimosque annos* may he live for many and most happy years— is a wish in which all who know his Lordship, and the still larger number who know of his work, will heartily join with the members of his Church.'

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It has been said, and truly said, that the magnificent Cathedral, the finest of its kind in these southern lands, will stand as a monument and memorial of the late Bishop. But beautiful and worthy though that memorial is, it is in the hearts of his devoted people that Bishop Grimes has won for himself an even greater memorial. The bond between Bishop and people was very real, and the affection between them increased with the increasing years. Though the end, latterly, had not been unexpected, the irreparable loss will be none the less keenly felt; and profound sympathy will be ex-

tended to the people of Christchurch in the heavy blow which has fallen upon the diocese. Gifts of head and heart, grace of speech, an attractive and lovable personality, a burning zeal for the glory of God and the salvation of souls, a profound humility, a fatherly affection for his priests, a great-hearted love for all his people, unfailing kindness and charity for those who are not of the household of the faith, public-spiritedness and statesmanlike breadth of view in civic affairs—these are some of the qualities which made Bishop Grimes revered and beloved of his people, and admired and esteemed by all who knew him. '*Ecce sacerdos magnus.*' Behold a great priest, who has added lustre to the Church in the Dominion and made the Catholic name respected wherever his influence has been felt. And now the laborer's task is o'er, and the battle-day is past.

'Life's race well run,
Life's work well done,
Life's victory won;
Now comes rest'—

and, let us pray, rest eternal!

Notes

Held Over

Owing to extreme pressure on our space, a quantity of late correspondence is unavoidably held over.

The Late Bishop Grimes

On the occasion of his episcopal jubilee, less than three years ago, Bishop Grimes was the recipient of many notable tokens of personal affection and esteem from the visible Head of the Church, the Holy Father himself. In addition to a cordial cable message granting his special Apostolic Blessing, his Holiness Pius X. was pleased to appoint Bishop Grimes a Bishop Assistant at the Pontifical Throne, to make him a Domestic Prelate, and to proclaim him noble in the form entitling him to rank with those nobles who are born of parents, both of whom are of the order of Count. The appointment as Domestic Prelate made his Lordship a member of the Holy Father's household; and the honor of Bishop Assistant at the Pontifical Throne was at that time enjoyed by only 11 other Bishops in the English-speaking world. The Holy Father conferred, also, on his Lordship, through the Patriarch of Jerusalem, the further distinction of Knight Commander of the Order of the Holy Sepulchre; and the star and insignia of the Order were worn by his Lordship on this occasion, for the first, and, as he prophetically remarked, 'probably for the last time.'

A Deserving Charity

Charity, like mercy, is twice blessed, blessing him that gives not less than him that takes. For months past the people of New Zealand have been contributing freely to a perfect multitude of calls, yet nobody seems a bit the poorer, and there is always a little left for a really deserving cause. Some time ago we published an article which gave a hint that the great work carried on by Father Baus at the Crusade of Rescue, London, was seriously imperilled owing to the financial stringency caused by the war. The response on the part of our readers was quite surprising—cheques both numerous and substantial coming freely to hand. The following note of acknowledgment, which we have received from Father Baus, speaks for itself:—'Thank you very much indeed for the amount you have sent me, collected by your valuable paper. I am indeed grateful to you for your great kindness in calling attention to our great need. I have received several other donations from your readers. God bless you, and all who have helped in any way. I am sending you a receipt for the full amount, and have sent acknowledgments to Mr. Fitzgerald and Mr. Collins. Wishing you and your paper much success.—I am, yours sincerely,

'E. BANS.'