

Bishop of Beauvais. Just as the English regretted the foul act, so did the priests of to-day that a bishop, the Maid's own countryman, should have been connected with it. He did not seek to hide the fact that Jean of Arc's death was due to the ecclesiastical party; at the same time he emphasised the fact that the Church never condemned, but merely some ecclesiastics, who arrogated a power they did not possess, and when the Maid appealed to be sent to Rome these men refused her just right. Dean Hackett quoted from Andrew Lang's fine work on Joan of Arc, also from the records of her trial. He also read some of the epithets applied to her by Shakespeare, and in compensation, quoted the fine language which England's Cardinal puts into the Maid's mouth when appealing to the Duke of Burgundy to let France have peace. The lecture was illustrated by numerous views, some of them being photographs from old tapestry, and others beautiful pictures of statues to the Maid of Orleans. Having traced her life and death graphically, the Dean gave a fitting culmination by showing pictures of the beatification ceremony performed in Rome by the present Pope in the presence of 45,000 pilgrims. On the motion of Mr. T. U. Wells a hearty vote of thanks was accorded Dean Hackett, and Mr. Leys announced that the lecture would be repeated in another hall for the benefit of the funds of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

The members of the Marist Brothers' Old Boys' Club assembled in large numbers yesterday morning at the Sacred Heart Church, Ponsonby, for their quarterly Communion. After Mass breakfast was partaken of in the parish school. Rev. Fathers Edge, Holbrook, and Doyle were present, and expressed their great pleasure at witnessing so many young men in a body approaching the Holy Table, thus manifesting publicly their love of their holy Faith.

OBITUARY

REV. FATHER O'MEARA, FEILDING.

It was with feelings of extreme sorrow (writes an occasional correspondent) that the Catholics of Feilding received the sad intelligence of the death of the Rev. Father O'Meara, which occurred at the Mater Misericordiae Hospital, Auckland, on Sunday night, August 21. The late Father O'Meara, by his exceeding kindness of heart and constant solicitude for the welfare of his people, endeared himself to everyone who had the privilege of being under his ministrations, and he has also left many sorrowing friends among the non-Catholics of the community. Father O'Meara was the first and only parish priest of Feilding, having been appointed to the pastorate about twelve years ago, when it was formed into a separate parochial district, having previously been served from Palmerston North. At his advent the only building possessed by the congregation was a small church, and as an example of his zeal and energy, coupled with the co-operation of the Catholic residents, the Church property now consists of a fine presbytery, a beautiful convent, and a school building that is equalled by few in the archdiocese. The fact of his introducing the good Sisters of St. Joseph and placing the children under their devoted care is in itself sufficient for the people to revere his memory. The late Father O'Meara always manifested a very great interest in Catholic education, and had the welfare of the children and schools deeply at heart. Although in delicate health for a long time he never spared himself in the interests of his flock but labored on for the salvation of souls, and it was only acting on the imperative orders of his medical adviser that he ceased from active duty. He has now gone to receive the reward of his labors, and although his kindly presence will be missed from the sanctuary and homes of the people, he has left an imperishable impression on the hearts of all, and many a heartfelt prayer will be offered for the eternal repose of his soul.

The late Father O'Meara made his ecclesiastical studies at Ennis and Carlow Colleges, and arrived in New Zealand twenty-two years ago. He was for a time attached to the Thorndon parish in Wellington, and subsequently did duty at Haveria and Masterton. He was about fifty years of age at the time of his death. By his death not only the people generally but also the Sisters and children will mourn the loss of a kind Father and wise counsellor; one who was always anxious and willing, day and night, to attend to their spiritual needs.

The remains on arriving at Feilding from Auckland were conveyed to St. Bridget's Church. A large number of the clergy were present, representing every portion of the archdiocese. The funeral, which took place on Thursday morning, was probably the largest ever seen in the district, the cortege extending from Feilding quite a mile in length along the Makino road towards the cemetery. As evidencing the great respect and esteem in which the late Father O'Meara was held by the people of the district, representatives of all denominations were present. Prior to the funeral leaving the church there was Solemn Requiem Mass. The Very Rev. Dean Regnault, S.M. (Provincial), was celebrant, the Very Rev. Dean McKenna deacon, Rev. Father Cahill subdeacon, and Rev. Father Connolly master of ceremonies. The Very Rev. Father O'Shea, S.M., V.G., representing his Grace the Archbishop, was also present in the sanctuary. The ceremony was most impressive. At the conclusion of Mass the Very

Rev. Father O'Shea, S.M., V.G., in the course of an eloquent panegyric, spoke most feelingly of the life and labors of the departed priest, reviving in his hearers a knowledge of the good and noble qualities of their late devoted pastor, his many laborious years of conscientious hard work and exacting duties, carried on under great difficulties through continued illness, borne with a cheerfulness and Christian resignation that proved him a true servant of God. The noble work he had left behind him would remain as enduring monuments to keep his name green in the hearts of his sorrowing people. The touching words of the Very Rev. Vicar-General struck a responsive chord in the feelings of those assembled to pay a last tribute of respect to an ideal pastor, exemplary priest, and a good man. Among others of the clergy present were the Ven. Archdeacon Devoy, S.M., Very Rev. Dean Smyth, S.M., Very Rev. Father Murray, C.S.S.R. (Superior), Very Rev. Fathers Power, Keogh, S.M., and Lane, Rev. Fathers Bowden, S.M., T. McKenna, Bowe, Costello, Haire, Kelly, Sanderson, Goggan, S.M., Melu, S.M., O'Dwyer, S.M., Moloney, S.M., Maillard, S.M., Lacroix, S.M., Quealy, Peoples, S.M.—R.I.P.

MR DANIEL BLACK, WAIPAHI.

The late Mr. Daniel Black, whose death took place at his residence, Sunnyside Farm, Waipahi, on August 9, was a native of Armoey, County Antrim, Ireland. He came to New Zealand when twenty years of age, and worked first at farming with his brother (the late Mr. James Black) in the Taieri. Some time later he took up waggoning to the Dunstan. About this time Mr. McIlroy, brother-in-law of deceased, who held the Gridiron Hotel, Dunedin, died, and Mr. Black gave up the waggoning to assist his sister in the hotel. When his sister remarried he took over the hotel and conducted it for a little time, but gave up his lease in 1876 to pursue farming at Waipahi. During his illness he was attended by the Rev. Father O'Donnell, and died fortified by all the rites of the Church. The interment took place at Waipahi on August 11, and was largely attended. The Very Rev. Father O'Donnell and Rev. Father Keenan officiated at the graveside. The deceased leaves a widow and grown-up family of three sons and one daughter to mourn their loss.—R.I.P.

MRS. BROSNAHAN, TEMUKA.

The many friends of Mrs. Brosnahan will hear with regret of her death, which took place at Temuka on Monday, August 22, after about two months' illness (writes our Timaru correspondent). The deceased lady was the wife of Mr. Thomas Brosnahan, of the Temuka road, and was widely known and respected throughout the district. She died fortified by all the rites of Holy Church, the Rev. Father Fay being unremitting in his attendance. The funeral took place on Thursday at the Temuka Cemetery. A Solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated at 9 o'clock in St. Joseph's Church, when a large congregation was present. At 2 o'clock the cortege left the church, the Dead March in 'Saul' being played as the remains were carried from the sacred building. The attendance was one of the largest seen in the district. The Rev. Father Fay officiated at the graveside.—R.I.P.

WEDDING BELLS

(From an occasional correspondent.)

BROSNAHAN—O'BRIEN.

A wedding of more than ordinary interest was celebrated at St. Joseph's Church, Temuka, on August 23, when Mr. Hugh Brosnahan, eldest son of Mr. T. H. Brosnahan, was united in the bonds of wedlock to Miss Christina O'Brien, only daughter of Mrs. Mary O'Brien, of Arowhenua. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father Fay, who also celebrated the Nuptial Mass. Later on some eighty to hundred guests were entertained at the residence of the bride's mother, where the wedding breakfast had been most tastefully arranged. Rev. Father Fay presided, and proposed the toast of the bride and bridegroom, making very complimentary reference to the union. Other toasts followed, and that of the 'Old identities,' a number of whom were present, was suitably acknowledged by Mr. J. Fitzgerald and Mr. S. Cain. The bride was attired in cream chiffon taffeta, and wore the usual veil and wreath of orange blossoms. The bridesmaids were Miss Lizzie Brosnahan (sister of the bridegroom) and Miss Lucy Gosling. The bride was given away by her eldest brother, Mr. Martin O'Brien, Mr. J. O'Connell attending on the bridegroom as best man, and Mr. R. O'Brien as groomsmen, while Miss Essie Spring officiated at the organ. The newly married couple left for Hanmer Springs by the first express, and were accorded a most enthusiastic send-off. In the evening a large number of guests were entertained at the Volunteer Hall, Temuka.

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