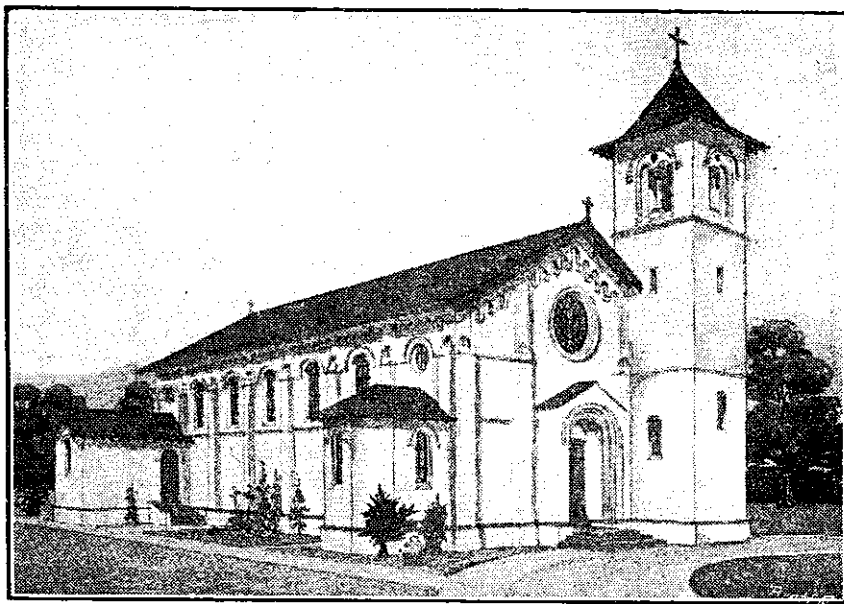


NGARUAWAHIA

LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONE OF A
NEW CHURCH

There took place in Ngaruawahia on Sunday, November 16 (says the local *Advocate*), one of the most interesting and important ceremonies in connection with a church, that has ever been held in Ngaruawahia. The occasion was the laying of the foundation stone of the new Catholic Church. The ceremony was performed by his Lordship Bishop Cleary, assisted by the Rev. Father Cahill (Rector). There were also present on the dais Very Rev. Dean Darby (Hamilton), Rev. Father Edge (Ponsonby), and Mr. H. Marsland, chairman of the Ngaruawahia Town Board.

on behalf of the residents of the town, and stated that his Lordship represented an important section of the community, of which, although the speaker was not a member, he very much admired. The Catholic Church had taken a very important part in the civilisation of the world, and at the present time, in addition to its ordinary teaching in its schools and churches, it was carrying out an excellent work in the cities of Australia through the education given in its convents. While in Australia the speaker had met men of all denominations whose daughters attended the Catholic convents, and all of these gentlemen had spoken in the highest terms of the excellence of the education given there. The church of which the foundation stone was being laid that day would, when completed, be a credit to the Catholic community of Ngaruawahia, and an important acquisition to the town. He considered that every



THE NEW CHURCH OF ST. PAUL AS IT WILL APPEAR
WHEN COMPLETED.

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Introducing Bishop Cleary, Father Cahill spoke of the reverence and respect in which his Lordship was held not only in the province of Auckland, but throughout the whole of New Zealand by persons of all shades of thought. Touching on the financial position of the parish, Father Cahill said that the contract price of the new church was £1899, towards which sum they had in hand about £1000, while a bazaar was being organised which was expected to bring in a further £200 or £300. The property on which they stood was a monument to the wisdom and foresight of the Catholics of Ngaruawahia, and was at present bringing in an income of £50 a year. They had other valuable properties in the town, and he had no doubt the parish would be able to meet its liabilities.

Mr. H. Marsland (chairman of the Ngaruawahia Town Board), extended a hearty welcome to the Bishop

section of the community should assist towards the cost of that church, for during the time the speaker had been in Ngaruawahia he knew of no matter nor object for the general good of the community or of individuals, towards which Father Cahill had not always given his willing assistance.

The Bishop's Address.

His Lordship Bishop Cleary expressed the great pleasure it gave him to be present to assist in one of the most striking manifestations of the advance of Catholicity in the district, and joined in the hope that it would not be long before they would see that beautiful building completed on the extended scheme. He further joined in the hope that before long Ngaruawahia would have a resident priest, and perhaps that priest might be Father Cahill. Three years ago it became his duty to tour Southern and Central America

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