when, in 1904, the Cathedral was consecrated by Cardinal Vannutelli, the Papal Legate. Will Armagh in happier days become once again a university for Western Europe?

Ancient Glories.

"So great," says Archbishop Healy, "was the number of students flocking to Armagh in the sixth and seventh centuries that the city came to be divided, for peace' sake, we presume, into three wards or thirds, named respectively the Trian Mir, the Trian Massin, and the Trian Saxon, the last taking its name from the crowd of students from Saxonland who took up their abode therein, where, according to the testimony of the Venerable Bede, they were all supplied gratuitously with books, education, and sustenance." To Cardinal Logue these traditions were an inspiration during his long career. Born but 39 years after the passing of the Act of Union, he lived to see it abrogated. peasant boy from Donegal became a Prince of the Church. At his death he was the doyen of the Cardinal Priests. He attended three Conclaves. He was a notable figure at the Eucharistic Congresses in London and Montreal, and in 1908 was received with extraordinary honor in New York, when he attended the centenary celebration of the New York diocese. Throughout his many years he preserved his early love for the open life of the country, and an astonishing vigor of body. The story is that up to the last he enjoyed his morning plunge in Carlingford Lough, on the shores of which he had a summer residence. He was an expert yachtsman too.

Of the People and For the People.

He found his people. To them he preached charity, and practised it. He inculcated temperance and encouraged education, knowing that they would prove a two-edged sword in Irish hands to cut a way through the difficulties which beset his native land. Secret societies he abominated, knowing what a curse they are and always have been, politics he never interfered save when some moral question or vital national cause was at stake, and then he spoke out with a clearness and downrightness that showed his strength of character. Some time must elapse before we shall be able to estimate justly the whole of the part he played in Ireland's national life. When it is known it will be found that Cardinal Logue was an even greater Churchman than the world thought him to be. His death on the 17th of November, 1924, is mourned as a great national loss. A great Churchman, a great Irishman has passed to his reward.-R.J.P.

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### **OBITUARY**

MRS. MARY McLAUGHLIN, ELTHAM.

By the death on the 12th inst. at Rawhitiroa, of Mrs. Mary McLaughlin, Eltham lost one of its oldest and most respected parishjoners. The late Mrs. McLaughlin was a native of Ballycastle, Co. Antrim, Ireland. With her husband she came to New Zealand in the 'seventies, and resided for many years at Patea; afterwards removing to Eltham 25 years ago. She endured a long illness with fortitude, patience, and resignation, and died most peacefully fortified by all the rites of Holy Church. She is survived by her husband, Mr. Hugh McLaughlin, and a large grown-up family. On Wednesday, the 14th inst., a Solema Requiem Mass was sung at St. Joseph's Church, Eltham, by the Rev. Father Butler (New Plymouth); Rev. Father McLaughlin (Holy Cross College, Mosgiel) being deacon; Rev. Father McManus (Palmerston North) subdeacon; and Rev. Father Lynch (New Plymouth) master of ceremonies. The music of the Mass was sung by a choir of clergy under the leadership of Rev. Father Kimbell, S.M. The Right Rev. Mgr. Power, P.P. (Hawera) officiated at the graveside. Other members of the clergy who assisted were Rev. Fathers Maples (Stratford), O'Dwyer (Manaia), Forrestal (Inglewood), Phelan (Patea), Kennedy (Opunake), Nicholas and James Moore (Eltham), Masterson (Patea), Hilly (Stratford), and Rev. Dr. O'Neill (Holy Cross College, Mosgiel) .-R.I.P.

#### MR. BENJAMIN SEAVER, HAWERA.

With deep regret the death is recorded of Mr. Benjamin Seaver, of Hawera, which occurred at Waipukurau, on the 11th inst., at the early age of 37 years. He had been in failing health for some time, and went to Waipukurau in an effort to recuperate. He was in Hawera for a number of years in the business of gunsmith and cycle expert. He was keenly interested in sport, and was very popular. He leaves a widow and five children to mourn their loss. Previous to coming to Hawera the late Mr. Seaver spent a few years at Devonport, Auckland, and did quite a lot of good work for the Church in that parish.—R.I.P.

## HIBERNIAN SOCIETY

ST. MARY'S BRANCH, TIMARU.

At the half-yearly meeting of the St. Mary's branch of the H.A.C.B.S., Bro. D. Pearce (president) presided over a large attendance. Sick allowance to the value of £4 was passed for payment. Correspondence was received from the S.C. branch of the British Medical Association re the formation of a female branch; also from the district secretary, who forwarded a copy of minutes of the district half-yearly meeting held in Auckland. One candidate presented a certificate for admission to the branch, and was duly elected; whilst two candidates were nominated as full benefit members. The election of office-bearers resulted as follows: President, Bro. D. Pearse (re-elected); vicepresident, Bro. J. P. Leigh; secretary, Bro. P. B. Hogan; treasurer, Bro. C. Sullivan;

warden, Bro. J. Collins; guardian, Bro. A. Hall; sick visiting officers, Bros. J. Laplanche, J. Laws; canopy bearers, Bros. D. Casey, J. G. Venning, F. O'Connell, and W. Stirling; auditors, Bros. B. Conlon and J. G. Venning; delegates to the U.F.S. Council, Bros. Travis, Venning, and Collins; delegates to U.F.S. Dispensary Board, Bros. Travis and Venning. The president proposed a vote of thanks to the outgoing officers for their useful term of office. Several other matters of importance were discussed, and a pleasant meeting terminated with the usual formalities.

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