

had resigned a chairmanship of the Company owing to his first proposal being vetoed. He referred the proposal to make Canterbury a Catholic settlement to the Catholic Primate of Ireland, but he could not see his way to fall in with the idea, and ultimately J. R. Godley took the matter up, and the Anglican settlement of Canterbury was established.

**Wanganui River Place-Names**

Writing of the Wanganui River and of the native settlements along its course, Irvine and Alpers, the authors of *The Progress of New Zealand in the Century*, says: "Here and there a forest clearing, Atene, Coriti, Ranaua—Athens, Corinth, London, the Jesuit Missionaries with sly humor named them." Where the learned authors discovered the "humor" (especially sly humor) in this nomenclature is certainly difficult to understand. "Jesuit Missionaries" to the biased cannot be otherwise than sly, but the humor in the present instance is on the part of the writers, who, in their innocence, attribute the Catholic Missionary endeavors among the Maoris to that great Order instead of to the equally great Order of Marist Missionaries. Apart probably from an occasional Jesuit Father travelling as a tourist along the Wanganui River, the places named have never been graced by their presence. The writers of the work quoted are on safer ground when they say:—"The Catholic Colonists do not as a rule send their children to the State Schools, but to those of their own: thus paying the proportion of taxes for the education of Protestant children in addition to the burden of paying fees for the education of their own. The hardship of these is frankly recognised; but all proposals to remedy it by State grants to Catholic Schools are defeated as the thin end of the wedge of denominationalism."

**Pioneer Missionary to the Manawatu**

The Feilding correspondent of the *Wanganui Herald*, wrote as follows in October, 1875:—

"The Rev. D. Moreau, Catholic priest, paid Feilding a visit on Thursday last, and remained until this morning, when he left for his fixed home at Otaki. His well-known energy in the cause of truth has made him appreciated by all who have had the pleasure of his acquaintance, and although now in his sixty-third year, he is stopped neither by flood nor storm when on his mission of love, and for the past thirty-three years he has unremittingly, I am told, travelled over the length and breadth of New Zealand, to preach, and to teach peace and good-will towards men, not only to the white man, but amongst the savage tribes of natives who in days past, infested the land.

"This is a man whose life has indeed been devoted to the service of the Most High, and although I differ with him indeed on religious views, I always feel delighted in his visits.

"To sit by a good log fire of a cold night, and enjoy the treat the priest is sure to give in repeating the various scenes he has been witness of; his struggles to reach the

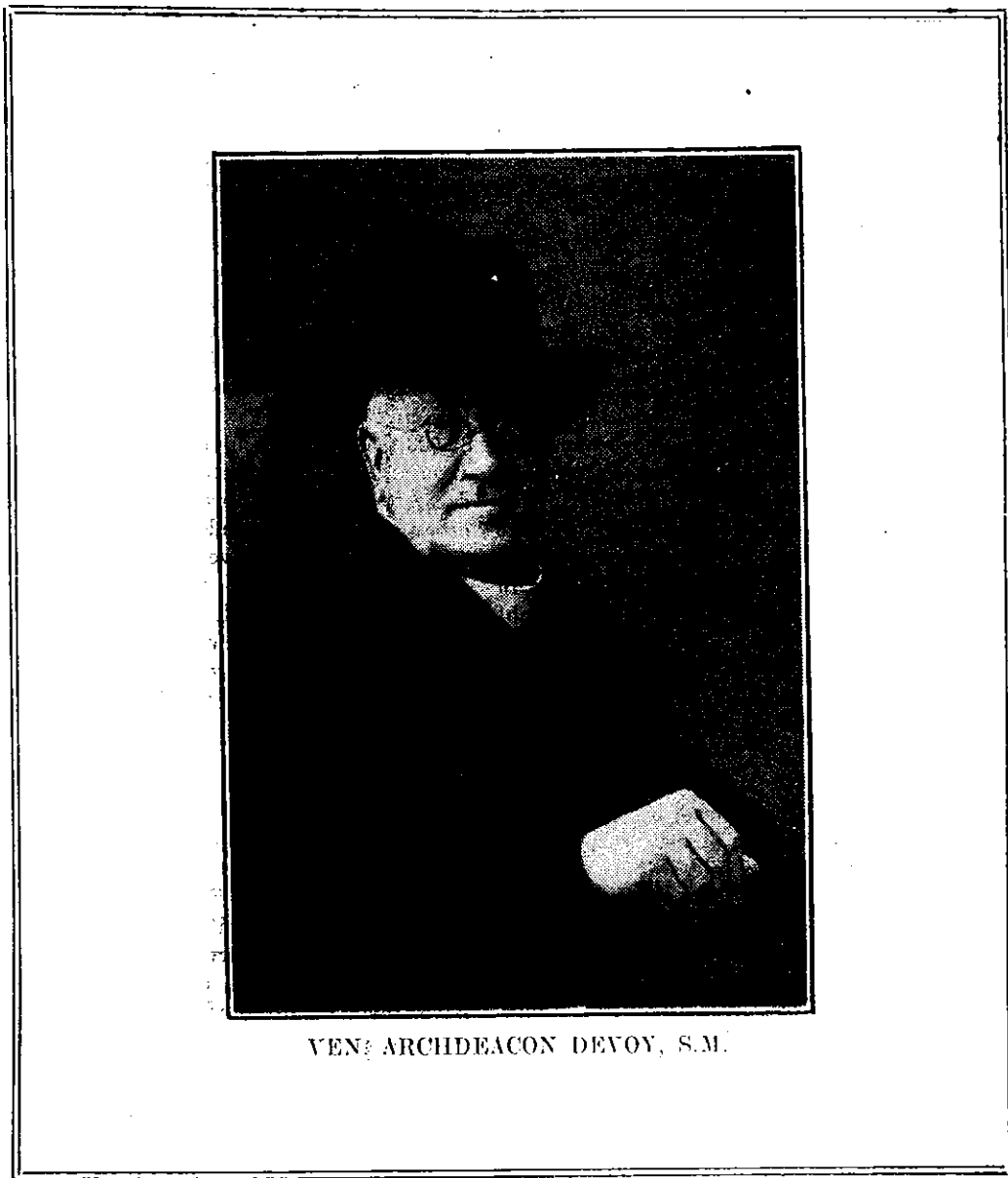
habitations of man, after days in the bush, almost starving, and finest of all, to hear him tell how delighted certain Maoris became when he (the priest) had followed the example of St. Patrick, and by the illustration of the leaves of the trefoil, showed the poor heathen the symbol of the Holy Trinity.

"Father Moreau officiated at Mass and Sunday school yesterday in the dining-room of Plummer's accommodation house, and as he has got a gift of a section from the Corporation, you may depend he will not be long without a Church."

**A Veteran Marist Pastor**

One of the best loved and best known priests of the Dominion is the Venerable Archdeacon Devoy, S.M., now pastor of

and has been strenuously carrying out, with conspicuous success, his priestly office ever since, striving to promote the kingdom of God in this remote part of His vineyard. Although Christchurch, Timaru, and Kumara could lay claim to his early priestly labors, Wellington could claim the longest and best part of his service—38 years. Many of them present that evening could trace back to the 'eighties when the Archdeacon, with three other Marist Fathers, opened and conducted St. Patrick's College, which had proved such a fruitful nursery for vocations to the priesthood, and which had also proved a great boon to the Catholic youth in fitting them for the various walks of life. After six years engaged in the secondary education of Catholic youth the Archdeacon was ap-



VEN. ARCHDEACON DEVOY, S.M.

Island Bay parish, Wellington. On the celebration of his eightieth birthday (April 16, 1923) the venerable pastor received many congratulatory messages from all over the Dominion, and was also the recipient of a number of presentations. At a large gathering of the parishioners of Island Bay, one of the principal speakers referred in eloquent terms to the Archdeacon's residence of 44 years in Wellington.

The Archdeacon (he said) arrived by the good ship Duke of Athol in the year 1879,

pointed to St. Mary of the Angels', Boulcott Street, which then embraced what now constitutes five parishes. Here, over a period of 17 years, he proved himself a capable and far-seeing administrator in acquiring land for additional churches and schools and enlarging old St. Mary's.

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Accustom yourself, never to tell a deliberate lie either by way of excuse or otherwise, remembering always that God is the God of Truth.—St. Francis of Sales.

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