



THE LATE MGR. MAHONEY.

Dr. Ilsley, the present Bishop of Birmingham. After touring through Europe in company with his elder brother, Mr. Thomas Mahoney, he returned to New Zealand in October, 1884, and was sent by Bishop Luck as assistant for a short time to Monsignor Paul at Onehunga. In June, 1885, he was appointed to the charge of the district embracing the whole of the north of Auckland from the North Shore to the North Cape, with the exception of the Kaipara, Wairoa, and Hokianga, and having his headquarters at the German settlement of Puhoi. Here Father Mahoney remained for nearly fifteen years, with the exception of about ten months in 1891, when he accompanied Bishop Luck to Europe, and, together with his younger brother, Mr. Robert Mahoney, he made a tour of the East, staying for a short time in Egypt, the Holy Land, Greece, Turkey, and Asia Minor. In 1896 he made another visit to Europe with his sister, visiting South America *en route*, and also South Africa on his return. In 1899 Father Mahoney went to the Thames for two years, taking the place of Monsignor O'Reilly, who had been appointed by Bishop Lenihan to St. Patrick's, Auckland, during the absence of the latter from the diocese. It was upon his departure from the Thames that Father Mahoney's health broke down, and, his medical adviser recommending a change and rest, he proceeded to Europe again in 1901, living for the ensuing three and a half years in Italy, France, and Germany, and after a short

course of travel in Canada and the United States he returned to his old mission at Puhoi. Upon the death of Monsignor Paul in March, 1905, he was appointed by Bishop Lenihan as irremovable rector of Onehunga. In 1915 he was created Domestic Prelate by the Pope, and held the office of Vicar-General of the diocese of Auckland until failing health compelled his retirement.

Pontifical Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of the late Monsignor was celebrated by his Lordship the Right Rev. Dr. Cleary, at the Church of the Assumption, Onehunga, on Wednesday, the 10th inst. Mgr. Cahill, V.G., was assistant priest; Very Rev. Dean Van Dijk, deacon; Rev. Father Hunt, sub-deacon; and Very Rev. Archdeacon Holbrook, master of ceremonies. His Lordship Dr. Liston and a large number of priests from all over the diocese were present. A choir of the clergy rendered the solemn music of the Requiem most impressively. Amongst those present in addition to the relatives of the deceased, were the Mayor of Onehunga (Mr. J. E. Cowell), Town Clerk (Mr. H. A. Yockney), and members of the Borough Council, Mr. W. J. Jordan, M.P. for Māungakī, Dr. W. G. Scott and Canon Haselden, late Vicar of St. Peter's Anglican Church at Onehunga, the Rev. D. D. Scott (Presbyterian), and the Rev. D. J. Cook (Methodist) ministers. The absolutions at the catafalque upon which rested the deceased's chalice and biretta were given by Dr. Liston. The coffin was borne to the grave by repre-

sentatives of the Onehunga and Puhoi parishes, amongst whom the Monsignor's life was spent; a guard of honor lined the path to the grave. The Hibernian Society and Children of Mary took part. The church was thronged with an overflowing congregation, amongst whom were representatives of the various Orders of nuns, the Provincial of the Marist Brothers (Brother Denis), the Director of the Sacred Heart College (Brother Borgia, B.A.) and representative Catholics from the city and suburbs. Dr. Liston officiated at the graveside.—R.I.P.

Diocesan News

Archdiocese of Wellington

(From our own Correspondent.)

June 12.

A pretty wedding recently was that of Mr. Perfect to Miss Hills. The ceremony took place at St. Joseph's, Buckle Street.

Wellington residents will regret to hear of the death of Miss Katherine Hughes, who stirred many audiences here a few years ago by her vivid, ardent lectures on modern Ireland. All who met her will remember her. Her frail body was born out. It did not rust out. And though she was longer in dying than those who lie under the quicklime, none the less she gave her life for Ireland. She was a Canadian, a brilliant journalist and archivist. If one were asked her chief characteristic one would say fearlessness. She was intrepid to a degree, yet her intrepidity never became boldness. She was a firm believer that the dead are about us. Once when in doubt she thought "If my mother were here to guide me!" and lo! in a dream her mother came and gave her what proved to be the right counsel. She had charm, extraordinary charm, when she chose to exert it. Many will remember her as she stood that night in the Town Hall here warning the world that Canadians had died for the freedom of small nations, and if that freedom were not given them, though dead, could know no rest. She gave the beautiful Canadian line, "We will not sleep though poppies blow in Flanders field." May her own sleep be sweet, and may perpetual light shine on her!

His Grace Archbishop O'Shea addressed recently the men's Sacred Heart Society on the social conditions of the day. The lecture was listened to with the keenest interest.

Mr. and Mrs. Crow (*née Mahony*) and child arrived from China recently for a holiday in New Zealand.

The tickets for the Lewisham art union are selling well. Mr. Hoskins and his equally energetic helpers anticipate a good result. It is a notable art union. The prizes are of a value of £2000, the first prize equalling a thousand, the second five hundred, and so on. Worth entering for surely even from selfish motives, and a great many people will think so.

Monsignor Power is coming all the way from Hawera, at the invitation of the president of the Students' Guild, to lecture to it on Sunday. The guild appreciates the honor deeply.

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