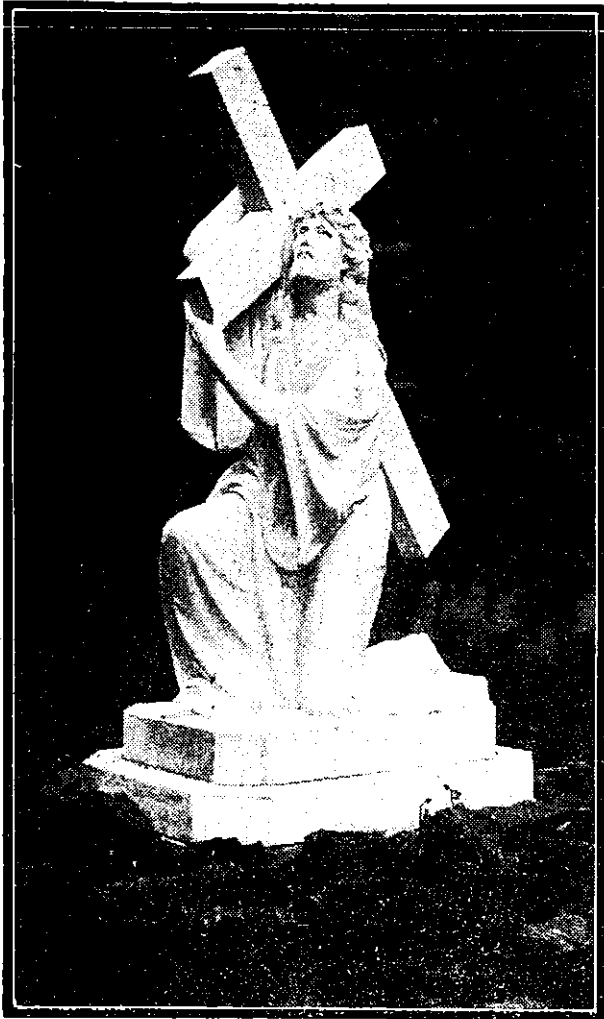


Holy Cross College, Mosgiel
BEAUTIFUL MEMORIAL STATUE.



The above is a photo engraving of a beautiful statue (life-size) in Carrara marble erected in the grounds of Holy Cross College, Mosgiel, as a memorial to the late revered Father of the College and Bishop of Dunedin, the Right Rev. Michael Verdon, D.D.

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WANGANUI NOTES

(From our own correspondent.)

December 13.

Congratulations to our parish priest, Rev. Father George Mahony, who celebrated his silver jubilee one day last week. We wish him all the old-fashioned good wishes and blessings, and any up-to-date ones Heaven may have in store, to meet the exigencies of modern worries. Father Mahony was entertained by the children of the various Catholic schools, receiving a chalice at one school, a stole at another and so on. The parochial function takes place next week.

The school year is finished and all the bustle of finishing-up time is over. The Sacred Heart Convent annual entertainment was specially good this year, at least everyone seemed to enjoy it specially, and the year's record for scholastic work is well up to expectations. St. Mary's, Castlecliff and Aramoho have all had their little say, and the Brothers' boys had a very fine concert. We are practically on to Christmas, and preparations seem brisker this year than they have been lately. Rumor has it that the good wool sales are responsible for much of the stir, and there seems promise of good business in a few days. We are to have Midnight Mass again, that is if we can get together a strong enough choir to sing the Mass, and with a view to getting the desired effect, I believe some of the veterans have come out of retirement and are busy practicing scales and other vocal gymnastics. We don't want to our Midnight Mass which was only restored to us last year.

Our sympathy is extended to Mr. J. Crowley and family

on the death of Mrs. Crowley, which occurred a week or two ago. Mrs. Crowley had been ill for some time, and although hopes were entertained that she might recover, the trouble became acute and she died in Belverdale Hospital. The family is well-known here, they having lived here for a great many years, and this is the first sad break.—R.I.P.

Also the death of Mary Barry, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Barry, came as a shock. A fine girl of about fifteen years, she was very bright and full of promise and was attending the Sacred Heart Convent when she was suddenly overtaken with meningitis. There was no hope from the first, at least little ordinary hope, and God called His child to Himself after only a few days of suffering. Her funeral was a specially impressive one, consisting as it did of all her school companions and the Children of Mary. The body was brought to the church the evening before the burial and was received at the door by Father Mahony, and the Children of Mary in regalia were lined up on each side of the pathway. Quite a number of people remained to say the rosary and prayers for the dead, and the burial took place after Requiem Mass next morning. The music was sung by the children's choir, assisted by many of the senior girls from the Hill Convent, and it was very beautiful. Our sincere sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Barry, whose sorrow, although great, is tempered with resignation to the Will of God Who knows best.—R.I.P.

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THAMES NOTES

(From our own correspondent.)

December 10.

His Lordship Dr. Liston arrived in Thames on Friday to be present at the funeral of the late Mrs. Kate Twohill, on Saturday; to open the new convent school on Sunday afternoon, and administer the Sacrament of Confirmation in the evening. He left again for Auckland on Monday morning.

Rev. Father Dunphy, of Paeroa, visited Thames on Sunday to assist at Confirmation in the evening.

On Sunday evening his Lordship Dr. Liston administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to about 40 children. He was assisted by Rev. Fathers Dignan, P.P., and Dunphy, of Paeroa.

The nett receipts of the bazaar in aid of the new school amount to £1176 8s 0d. This is a record, and the committee and willing helpers are to be congratulated on such a splendid result.

The death of Mrs. Kate Twohill, on December 6, cast a gloom over the parish where she was held in such respect. By her demise the Church has lost one of its most generous supporters. The sympathy of the whole parish is extended to the deceased lady's family.

The examinations for the 6th Standard Proficiency Certificate took place last week, and the Sisters of St. Joseph are to be congratulated on the splendid results from the convent school. All the candidates secured proficiency certificates.

The opening of St. Francis's Tennis Club for the season 1923-24 took place last Saturday. There was a good crowd of visitors present to witness Rev. Father Dignan open the court. During the afternoon tea was served on the lawn in the shade of the beautiful willow trees. Many interesting and exciting games were witnessed during the afternoon.

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