

O B I T U A R Y.

MR. M'TIGUE, MILTON.

It is with sincere regret that we (*Bruce Herald*) record the death of Mr Michael M'Tigue,—son of Mr. P. M'Tigue, of Milton,—an employee on the staff of this paper, which occurred on Friday, October 5. Deceased was only 18 years of age, and, although he had been ailing for some time, he did not take to his bed until a fortnight prior to his death. A complication of complaints then developed, which proved fatal; and sincere sympathy is tendered to the family in their sad bereavement. The funeral took place on Sunday, and was one of the largest that has been seen in the district for some time.—*R.I.P.*

MR. JOHN P. CRAWFORD, DUNEDIN.

Mr. P. Crawford, Hyde street, Dunedin, has received the sad news of the death of his son, Mr. John P. Crawford, who was accidentally drowned while on a voyage from Sydney to the Gulf of Carpentaria. It seems that during the voyage made at the end of September the weather was both hot and stormy, and Mr. Crawford, unable to bear the heat below, ran up for a breath of fresh air. As he reached the bulwarks the ship gave a lurch, precipitating him overboard, and he was seen no more. A boat was lowered and three lifebelts thrown over; but, though the steamer was stopped for an hour, the search was fruitless. The deceased was a favorite with all with whom he was brought in contact, and was well known in Dunedin, having been in the employment of the Union Steam Ship Company for a considerable time. Mr. Crawford and family have the sincerest sympathy of a large number of friends in their bereavement.—*R.I.P.*

MRS. E. O'MALLEY, GERALDINE.

Much sympathy was felt in Geraldine for Mr. E. O'Malley on the death of his wife at the early age of 21 years. Mr. O'Malley had been married only a few months. The funeral took place on last Sunday week, and was very largely attended, many of those present having come long distances. The remains were taken to the Catholic Church, where the Rev. Father Bowers conducted the burial service. The interment took place in the public cemetery, where the Rev. Father Bowers again officiated. Representatives of various public bodies were present at the funeral, and wreaths were sent by the Rugby Union, the Geraldine Racing Club, and the Fire Brigade, besides a number of floral tributes from numerous friends.—*R.I.P.*

MR. PATRICK KEOGH, KAIKORAI.

A practical Catholic, in the person of Mr. Patrick Keogh, passed away after an illness of some months' duration at his residence, Kaikorai, Dunedin, on Friday last, at the age of 72 years. Mr. Keogh was a native of Carlow, Ireland, but at an early age went to live at Birmingham. From there he proceeded to the United States, where he stayed for some years, eventually returning to Birmingham. About 26 years ago he came to New Zealand, settling down in Dunedin, where he had resided ever since. The deceased died fortified by the rites of the Church. The funeral took place on Sunday, when the remains were taken to St. Joseph's Cathedral, where the first portion of the burial service was conducted by the Rev. Father Murphy, who also officiated at the graveside. The large funeral cortege which followed the remains to the cemetery testified to the respect in which the deceased was held. A widow and seven children are left to mourn their loss.—*R.I.P.*

SISTER MARY ST. CYPRIAN, NAPIER.

On last Saturday morning, the 6th inst., in the Convent of Our Lady of the Missions (writes our Napier correspondent), Sister Mary St. Cyprian (*née* Catherine Kinney), at the early age of 24 years, passed away. For nearly two years the young Sister had been suffering from that fell disease consumption. The deceased Sister, though well aware of the nature of her illness, manifested wonderful courage in following the religious exercises of the community, even to assisting at Mass every morning until about a fortnight ago, when she was obliged to keep to her bed. On Saturday morning the deceased, feeling the end not far distant, bade the Sisters farewell, and mentioned the prayers she would like them to recite for her when in her last agony. Feeling a little better, though the attacks were frequent, she requested the Sisters to go to Mass. The improvement, however, was but momentary, as the Mass was not quite half through when the good Sister breathed her last. The body was laid out during Sunday in the nuns' chapel, where many of the ladies of the parish visited it during the day. On Monday morning the remains were brought to St. Mary's, when Masses were said for the repose of her soul, and in the afternoon the funeral service commenced in the presence of a crowded congregation, many priests from the surrounding districts being present. After the absolution the Very Rev. Dean Grogan delivered a short paenegyric on the deceased Sister, taking for his text the words of St. Paul to Timothy: 'I have fought the good fight; I have finished my course.' The preacher gave a clear and eloquent epitome of the life of the deceased from the time she entered the convent, being then but 16 years of age, dwelling on her brilliant talents, her self sacrifice and love of obedience, and her entire resignation to the will of God in her illness. She might, said the preacher, have remained in the world; probably this would have been more in accord with the wishes of her relations, but no, the divine call and the grace of her holy vocation made her despise the world with all its attractions, and chose her Divine Master for her model and her spouse so that the day she bound herself to Him for life, by her three vows, at the early age of 21 years, was the happiest of her life. This beautiful spirit of the true religious, an example for those she left behind her, was her consolation and support in her long sickness which she bore with such courage and resignation. Well may we apply to her, continued the preacher, the words of St. Paul, 'I

suffer but am not confounded, because I know whom I have believed and am certain that He is able to keep that which I have deposited with Him unto that day.' 'The sufferings of this life are not to be compared with the glory to come which shall be revealed in us.' This is what we may call 'fighting the good fight' and now her 'works follow her.' These noble works are the measure of her merits to-day and her merits are the measure of her glory. She, who at first sight, would seem a serious loss to the community she loved so much, will, we believe, by her intercession prove one of its great benefactors. The body was buried in the nuns' private cemetery in the convent grounds, the Very Rev. Dean Grogan officiating at the grave, the Right Rev. Mgr. O'Reilly, Very Rev. Dean Binfield, Very Rev. Father Goutenoire and Very Rev. Father Smyth being also present.—*R.I.P.*

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL'S ORPHANAGE.

A few weeks ago we mentioned that the Rev. Father Coffey had, at the request of his Lordship Bishop Verdon, gone on a collecting tour through the diocese of Dunedin on behalf of St. Vincent de Paul's Orphanage, South Dunedin. We are pleased to hear that Father Coffey has made a most successful beginning in the Tuapeka district, where, after a three weeks' canvass, he received about £200. The result so far is highly creditable to the zeal of the rev. collector, and especially to the generosity of the people of the district, among the contributors being many non-Catholics, who took the opportunity of showing in a practical manner their appreciation of the work done at the orphanage, and their disapproval of the action of certain parliamentary representatives who desire to cut off all Government aid to such deserving institutions. It is now a little over two years since the orphanage at South Dunedin was opened, and during that time 65 children have been received there. It is needless for us to tell our readers that these children have been sent there so that they might be saved from the contamination of their surroundings. These are clothed, educated, and trained in domestic duties, and when of a suitable age are sent out into the world often better equipped for the battle of life than many children brought up in their parents' homes. Speaking in the Legislative Council the other day the Hon. Dr. Grace told his brother legislators what was being done for the children at St. Joseph's Orphanage, Wellington, an institution conducted on somewhat similar lines to that at South Dunedin, and that when the girls who had been out at domestic service were waiting for a situation they made the orphanage their home. That 65 children have found a home in St. Vincent de Paul's Orphanage in the short space of two years shows that the necessity of such an institution existed. The good Sisters are doing a noble work, and it is for the Catholics of the diocese to show their appreciation. As we have said, the people of Lawrence and district have responded to the appeal of the Rev. Father Coffey in a most generous manner, and set a good example to those of other places. We understand that Father Coffey will take the Cromwell district next and will collect during the coming week in Alexandra and Clyde.

THE CANTERBURY JUBILEE CARNIVAL.

The Catholics of Christchurch are putting forth their best efforts to make the forthcoming Canterbury Jubilee Imperial Carnival the most successful of its kind ever held in the Colony. Our Christchurch correspondent writes as follows:—

The 'Jubilee Pavilion,' in Gloucester street, is, with the exception of the internal fittings, almost ready for occupation, and will prove exceptionally well adapted for the purposes of its erection, viz., the holding of the Imperial Carnival, and the great spectacular display by Signor Borzoni of 'England's Call to her Empire.' The general committee and various sub-committees are holding frequent meetings, whilst the lady stall-holders, and their army of assistants, are actively preparing for the event. There is every indication that all will be in readiness for the opening night, on Friday, November 2nd. His Lordship the Bishop is most anxious that all friends having books of art union tickets will make every effort to dispose of them as speedily as possible, and forward blocks and remittances in time. This is all the more necessary since the prizes are exceptionally valuable, and were procured at a considerable outlay. The Catholics of Christchurch, and indeed of the whole diocese (as the building of the Cathedral is of necessity a diocesan undertaking), are in great hopes of making the carnival and art union a phenomenal success, and if hard work and constant application go for anything they well deserve to succeed.

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Visitors to Christchurch during the forthcoming carnival season will find excellent accommodation at the Queen's Hotel, corner of Cashel and Manchester streets. The Queen's is situated in the most central part of the city, being only a few minutes' walk from the railway station and Post Office. Mr Bryan Flynn, the proprietor, will leave nothing undone to secure the comfort of patrons.—* *

Our readers in Wellington and district who are about to furnish should pay a visit to Mr. Fielder's warehouse, Manners street, where they will be able to inspect a stock, complete in every detail, and which cannot be equalled in the Empire City. Mr. Fielder claims to have the largest stock of high-class furniture in New Zealand, and those who have patronised the establishment speak very highly of the goods.—* *