OBITUARY

MR. JOHN HEALY, TUA MARINA.

A settler of that sturdy type that is so much admired by the present generation passed away on January 14 in the person of Mr. John Healy (says the Marlborough Express). He died at his residence, Tua Marina, at the ripe old age of 83 years. Born at Tralee, County Kerry, Mr. Healy came to New Zealand in 1855, journeying in the ship Sir Allan McNab, and landed at Nelson. He immediately engaged with the late Mr. Henry Redwood in farming pursuits in the Waimea and afterwards in the Tua Marina district, where he remained to the time of his death. The deceased had the distinction of being in charge of the first steam threshing plant south of the line, the machine

having been manufactured in England, and conveyed to the colony under order of Mr. Redwood in the ship in which Mr. Healy travelled. He also worked with varying success on the Collingwood goldfields. The deceased was married at Nelson in the year 1860 to Miss Balck, of Hope, who survives him. His children are Mr. Charles Healy, North Island; Mr. John Healy, of Marlborough; Mr. Edward Healy, Pelorus; Mr. W. Healy, New Plymouth; Mr. M. Healy, Marlborough; Mr. Arthur Healy, Palmerston North; and Mrs. Griffiths, Manawatu. One of the reminiscences of the late Mr. Healy, who retained his clearness of memory to the last, was the frequent sight of Earl Kitchener's father, near whose property his boylood home was situated.—R.I.P.

MR. JOHN CROWE, SOUTH HILLEND.

With the death of Mr. John Crowe, of South Hillend, on December 9, an old pioneer of 52 years' standing passed away at the advanced age of 80 years. Mr. Crowe was born in Ballindooly, near the city of Galway, on September 8, 1834. He came out in the Storm Cloud, and landed at the Bluff on December 8, 1862. For some time he worked in the construction of the main road from Invercargill to Winton, shortly after the Lake diggings started. He then got a team of horses and began carting goods from Invercargill to the Lakes, the cost of cartage being at that time £100 per Shortly after that he travelled to Christchurch, whence he went in charge of a gang of men making the road through from Christchurch to the West Coast. After spending two years there he took a farm in Temuka, where he resided for 14 years. About that time the Government was opening up large blocks of land in Southland and Mr. Crowe took up property in the South Hillend district, where he resided A very large number of until his death. people attended the funeral, and Rev. Father O'Connell, of Winton, officiated at the graveside. The late Mr. Crowe had always been an enthusiastic supporter of the N.Z. Tablet, and was one of its original He is survived by his widow, shareholders. one daughter (Mrs. Gonley, of Otautau), and six sons (Messra. Patrick, Michael, Martin, William, and Joseph Crowe, all of the district, and Mr. John Crowe, of Auckland).—R.I.P.



