

OBITUARY

MR. JOHN MCQUILKIN, ASHBURTON.

There passed away at Eiffelton, on October 3, Mr. John McQuilkin, one of the oldest and best-known residents of the Ashburton County. Deceased, who was 95 years of age, was born at Tor Head, Ballycastle, Co. Antrim, Ireland, and while still in his teens set sail for America, where he was engaged in the oyster-fishing industry. Returning to Ireland, he later went to Australia, where he was engaged in the gold-digging industry principally at Bendigo and Ballarat. In the early sixties he came to New Zealand, and was among the pioneers at Gabriel's Gully. He then prospected along the bed of the Molyneux, and when the river rose, went further afield, and, together with his world-wide mate, Skipper Duncan, discovered the rich and famous Skipper's Gully. He next settled in Hokitika, where he kept a store, and later an hotel. Arriving at Lyttelton, he continued in the hotel business for many years, only relinquishing it to take up the farm at Eiffelton, where he lived for 40 years. Mr. McQuilkin was a devout Catholic, and was constantly attended during his illness by the Very Rev. Dean O'Donnell. He leaves a grown-up family of four, and many grandchildren.—R.I.P.

MR. DENIS MANNIX, DUNEDIN.

There passed away on October 8, Mr. Denis Mannix, a very old and much-respected resident of Dunedin. The deceased was born near Miltown, Co. Kerry, Ireland, about 80 years ago. He first landed in Victoria, but when the gold rush broke out in New Zealand he came over, and made his way to the Dunstan, as it was then called. After spending a time there and at Arrowtown (then Foxes), he passed on to Hamiltons, where he was a shareholder in one of the principal claims. He subsequently sold his interest in the mine, and worked for wages. Coming to Dunedin, he obtained work on the Port line, then in course of construction. He also worked for the Dunedin Harbor Board. The late Mr. Mannix was always ready to subscribe, to the best of his ability, to any charitable cause. He was a staunch Catholic, and a regular attendant at the early Mass at St. Joseph's Cathedral up to within three years ago, when owing to failing health, the "hill climb" proved too much for him. His brother, James, a popular and much-respected resident of St. Bathans, predeceased him about 16 years ago. The remains of the late Mr. Mannix were interred in the Southern Cemetery on Thursday, October 9, the Very Rev. Father Coffey officiating at the graveside.—R.I.P.

MR. JOHN SHANAHAN, PAHIATUA.

There passed away recently at his residence, Tiraumea Road, Pahiatua, a highly-respected and well-known settler in the person of Mr. John Shanahan, at the advanced age of 75 years. The deceased was born near Castleisland, Co. Kerry, Ireland, and arrived in New Zealand in 1865. He was engaged in business in Wellington till 1891, when he took up land in the Pahiatua district, where he had resided ever since. The deceased, who had been in indifferent health for some years, was one of the early pioneers, and prior to his retirement some time ago was en-

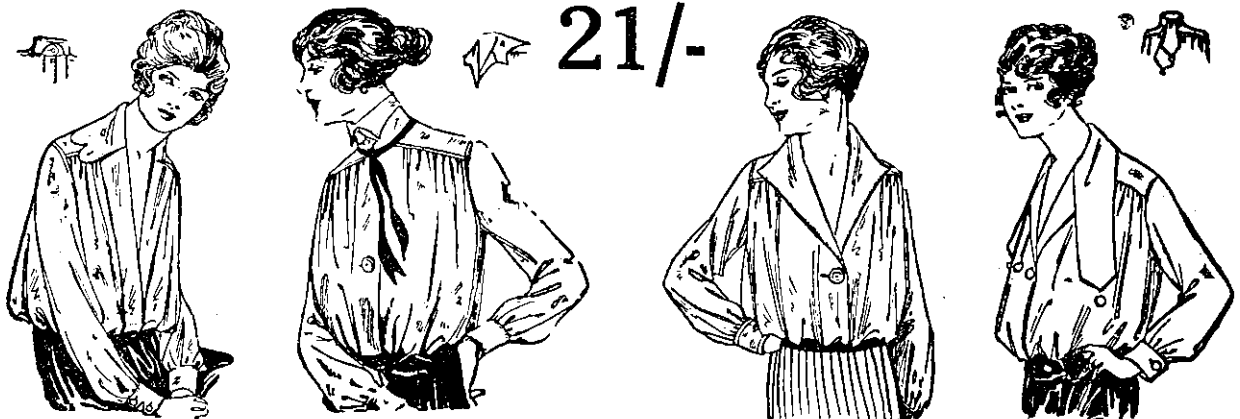
gaged in farming. He was well known for his kindly disposition. He died fortified by the rites of Holy Church, being attended in his last illness by the Very Rev. Dean McKenna, who also officiated at the graveside. Deceased leaves a widow and a grown-up family of two sons (Mr. J. R. Shanahan, of Ruawhata, and Mr. O. J. Shanahan, of Hawora), and two daughters Mrs. M. Murphy, of Hakawai, and Miss Shanahan, of Pahiatua, for whom much sympathy is felt. The funeral was attended by a large number of old friends, many of whom came from a considerable distance.—R.I.P.

MRS. CATHERINE HARTNELL, HORORATA.

The death occurred recently at Hororata, Canterbury, of Mrs. Catherine Hartnell, relict of John Hartnell. Deceased, who was 77 years of age, was born at Tipperary, Ireland. By her demise the Church at Coalgate has lost one of the most esteemed members of the congregation, the deceased lady being ever ready to help in any good work connected therewith; the altar being her gift, together with other generous contributions. The church at Darfield also, which is in need of improvements, was not forgotten by her, she having left a handsome donation towards this object. Her husband died a few years ago, and she is survived by a family of three sons (Mr. J. Hartnell, Halswell, and Messrs. W. and T. Hartnell, of Hororata), and five daughters (Mrs. L. Derrett, Hororata, Mrs. Kennedy, Waimate, Mrs. A. Duncan, Springfield, Mrs. J. Duncan, Hawkins, and Miss M. Hartnell, Hororata), towards whom their many friends extend sympathy in the loss of a good and devoted mother. Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of deceased was celebrated at the Coalgate church by Rev. J. Hanrahan, who also officiated at the graveside.—R.I.P.

MRS. J. HALPIN, TOTARA FLAT.

Mrs. J. Halpin, wife of Mr. John Halpin, a well-known Totara Flat settler, passed peacefully away at her residence on October 5, fortified by the last rites of Holy Church. The deceased, who was widely known as a devout Catholic, was born at Adare, Co. Limerick, Ireland, 59 years ago. After living for a few years at Rangiora, Canterbury, she returned once again to Westland, where she remained until the time of her demise. The late Mrs. Halpin took a great interest in Church and Irish matters; no one ever sought assistance from her in vain, and she gave most of her earthly goods to the Church and to charity. The unflinching friend of the priest, a warm welcome always awaited him at her home. Her remains were brought by train to St. Patrick's Church, Greymouth, where Solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated for the repose of her soul. Rev. Father Hanrahan (Ahaura) was celebrant, Rev. Father O'Hare (Kumara) deacon, Rev. Father Eccleton, S.M. (Recfton) subdeacon, and Rev. Father Campbell, S.M., master of ceremonies. Very Rev. Father Aubry, Father La Croix, and Mr. J. McSherry were among those assisting in the choir. The funeral, which was a very large and representative one, took place the same afternoon. Father Hanrahan, who attended the deceased in her last moments, officiated at the graveside, assisted by Fathers Aubry, O'Hare, and Eccleton. Her husband, a daughter (Miss Margaret Halpin), and a niece (Mrs. H. Scanlon, Wellington) are left to mourn their loss.—R.I.P.



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