

OBITUARY

MR. PATRICK O'REILLY, STRATFORD.

A large circle of friends, and particularly older residents of this district, will learn with deep regret that Mr. Patrick O'Reilly, a highly respected settler of Skinner Road, passed peacefully away on August 19 (says the *Stratford Post*). The late Mr O'Reilly, who was in his 67th year, came to New Zealand from Ireland some forty years ago, having been born in County Cork, and attracted to this country by the news of the West Coast goldfields. Landing eventually at Hokitika, Mr. O'Reilly saw some strenuous times. After varying fortune he came to the North Island, and saw the railway put through from Hawera to New Plymouth. In June, 1879, a sturdy single young man, Mr. O'Reilly took up land on the Skinner Road, and from the wilderness carved out his home. He saw many rough times, and underwent the hardships incidental to all pioneering, but never lost heart, and won much respect and esteem amongst his fellow-settlers. He married Miss Mary O'Callaghan, by whom he is survived. One son only is left, Mr. Leo Patrick O'Reilly, and for the bereaved wife and son much sympathy is felt. The late Mr. O'Reilly, who was a strong supporter of the *Tablet*, and a subscriber for many years, was a faithful and practical Catholic, and he passed away fortified by all the rites of the Church. The funeral took place on August 22, and was the largest seen in the district for many years. Very Rev. Dean McKenna, assisted by Rev. Father Treacy, officiated both at the church and at the graveside.—R.I.P.

MR. JOHN CHANEL COOPER, ASHBURTON.

(From our Ashburton correspondent).

It is with sincere regret I have to report the death, at the residence of his parents, on September 17, of Mr. John Chanel Cooper, eldest son of Mr. F. K. Cooper. The deceased was confined to his bed for some few weeks, but the nature of the complaint gave no cause for alarm, and his complete restoration to health was confidently expected by those in touch with him. Unfortunately such was not to be, as on the Tuesday morning a decided change was noticed, and by noon this most promising young man had breathed his last. The late Mr. Cooper was in his 19th year, and to his credit be it said (although having left school some years) he still continued up to the time of his recent illness to serve Mass. He was a prominent member of the Young Men's Catholic Club, St. Mary's Tennis Club, and the local choir. He was also a member of the local Municipal Brass Band. The funeral took place on Thursday, September 19, and was largely attended. Members of the Catholic Young Men's Club acted as pallbearers, while representatives of the other Catholic societies followed the cortege. Very Rev. Dean O'Donnell officiated at the graveside. All the clubs of which the deceased was a member, also his late employers (the Farmers' Co-operative Association) sent wreaths. The parents were the recipients of many messages of sympathy in their great loss.—R.I.P.

MR. DANIEL HAMILL, AUCKLAND.

(From an occasional correspondent.)

Mr. Daniel Hamill, an old and much respected colonist, departed this life at his residence, Collingwood street, Ponsonby, on Thursday, September 12, at the age of 77 years. The deceased, who was an ardent advocate of Home Rule, was a native of Randalstown, Co. Antrim. In his early years he followed the profession of architect, and was associated with the building of some of the principal churches in the North of Ireland, amongst them being the beautiful Cathedral of St. Patrick in Armagh. In later years he was engaged in the flour-milling trade, and was well known as the owner of large flour mills in Co. Armagh. Although for the last eighteen months he was deprived of sight, the result of an accident which occurred a few years ago, he was always most patient and cheerful, and he retained his full mental faculties to the end. He passed peacefully away, fortified by all the rites of the Church,

which were administered by the Rev. Father Edge, who was untiring in his attention to deceased in his last illness, and who celebrated the Requiem Mass and officiated at the graveside. Deceased is survived by five daughters, one of whom is Mrs Henry Mackle, of Hinds, Canterbury, and was predeceased by his wife and six children.—R.I.P.

Gisborne

(From our own correspondent.)

September 15.

The convent schools were inspected a few days ago by the Hawke's Bay Education Board inspector.

A mission commenced in St. Mary's Church after the 10 o'clock Mass this morning, and will continue for two weeks. The mission is being conducted by the Rev. Fathers McDermott and Creagh, C.S.S.R.

The decision of the *Tablet* management to reduce the price of their admirable paper to half the usual subscription has been received with much satisfaction in Gisborne, and every Catholic family in the Bay should at once become subscribers.

All the candidates sent up by St. Dominic's Convent for the June examination of Trinity College, London, were successful. The following is the list:—

Advanced junior division—Mary McLaughlin, 64; Lillis Fanning, 75. Junior division (honors)—Mary Dunlop, 83; Constance Dunlop, 90. Preparatory division—Honors: Lily White 98, Zoe Sheridan 97, Eva Barry 95, Marcia Saunders 89, Naomi White 86, Nellie Brosnahan 81; pass—Madeleine Hedley 77, Phyllis Imago 74, Muriel Morrison 74.

The practical examination for the Trinity College pianoforte test was conducted by Mr. Schilsky on September 14. The results are:—Associate—Mary Rose Coyne. Intermediate division—Winifred Kay, 75; Mary McLaughlin, 64. Junior division—Pop Martin, 74; Dorothy Martin, 73; Emily Maddock, 66; Dorothy Edwards, 66. Preparatory division—Constance Dunlop, 74; Marcia Saunders, 74; Mary Dunlop, 72; Nellie Brosnahan, 66; Eva Barry, 63. Elementary division—Lily White, 78; Nora Neenan, 73.

Waipawa

(From our own correspondent.)

Very creditable results were achieved by the pupils of the local convent (Sisters of St. Joseph) at the recent Trinity College musical examinations. The four pupils presented passed, and one of them gained honors. Senior—Margaret Shanly, 80 (honors). Intermediate—Eileen Whittington, 70. Junior—Dulcie Williams, 74. Preparatory—Dorothy Sebley, 70.

Oamaru

(From an occasional correspondent.)

All the pupils presented for the theory examinations in connection with Trinity College, London, by St. Mary's Dominican College, Oamaru, secured honors. The following is the list:—

Senior Division.—Rita Falconer, 89 (honors); Eily Kelly, 84 (honors).

Intermediate Division.—Vera McGrath, 91 (honors); Dolly Kelly, 89 (honors); Gretta Cooney, 88 (honors); Eileen Hill, 88 (honors); Rita O'Donnell, 84 (honors).

Junior Division.—Ruth Mountfort, 99 (honors); Maggie Martin, 98 (honors); May Cooney, 91 (honors).

Preparatory Division.—Fay McKennon, 100 (maximum).

King Haakon has conferred the Cross of Grand Commander of the Order of St. Olaf on Bishop Fallise, Vicar-Apostolic of Norway, who lately celebrated his silver jubilee.

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