

OBITUARY

MR. FRANCIS H. DOWLING, SEAWARD DOWNS.

We regret to report the death of Mr. Francis Henry Dowling, who passed away suddenly at his residence, Seaward Downs, on April 20. The deceased had been in poor health for some months, following an attack of influenza. He was in his twenty-ninth year, and had been at one time a pupil of the convent school, Milton, where he was deservedly popular and was universally liked by the Dominican Nuns. He was a zealous Catholic, and a general favorite with all who knew him, as was evidenced by the many telegrams and letters of sympathy received by his people. The deceased was the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Dowling, Seaward Downs, and the deepest sympathy is felt for his widow and four little children in their sad and sudden trial. The interment took place at the Wyndham Cemetery, where the Very Rev. Father O'Donnell (Gore) officiated.—R.I.P.

MRS. J. W. CARD, FEATHERSTON.

It is with sincere regret we have to record the rather sudden death, on Saturday, May 10, of Mrs. Florence Sophia Card, wife of Mr. J. W. Card, a prominent and esteemed resident of Featherston. The deceased lady had not enjoyed the best of health for several years past, but it was not anticipated that her illness was of a very serious character, and her passing away at the comparatively early age of 41 years will be keenly felt by her relations and many friends, both in Featherston and other parts of New Zealand. The final illness was of very short duration, the deceased being as well as usual until Saturday afternoon, May 10, death supervening at a late hour the same evening. The late Mrs. Card was a native of Greymouth, and was a daughter of the late Mr. Edward Ashton, of that city. A residence of about 14 years here had brought her into contact with all sections of the community, and by her bright and kindly demeanour the late Mrs. Card had earned the respect and regard of all who knew her. Gifted with musical abilities of a high order, the deceased was always ready, until failing health prevented her, to assist in musical and other entertainments for which her services were in great demand. A family of four children, three girls and one boy, whose ages range from 5 to 13 years, survive

her, and the members of the deceased's family will receive the genuine sympathy of all residents here.

The funeral took place on Tuesday, May 13, the remains being interred in Featherston cemetery. The funeral cortege was a very long one, and included representatives of public and other institutions with which Mr. Card is connected. There were very many beautiful wreaths sent as tributes to the memory of the deceased lady, whose death is genuinely mourned by the residents of this town. The service was read by the Rev. Fathers Bowe (Carterton) and Harnett (Master-ton).—R.I.P.

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(From our own correspondent.)

The week's mission, conducted by the Rev. Father Creagh, C.S.S.R., at St. Joseph's Church, Paeroa, was brought to a close on Sunday evening. Notwithstanding the bitterly cold weather which prevailed during the mission, the attendance at the early Masses surpassed all expectations, and at the evening devotions the seating accommodation was taxed to its utmost capacity. At the half-past eight o'clock Mass on the day of the closing of the mission over 200 persons, which is practically the whole of the Catholic population of Paeroa of an age to receive Holy Communion, approached the Holy Table. After Mass Father Creagh, accompanied by the Ven. Archdeacon Hackett, left for Karangahake, where he opened a week's mission. Father Creagh returned to Paeroa at 3 o'clock, where Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament was given and a mission sermon preached to a crowded congregation. After the devotions a meeting was held in the school for the purpose of further augmenting the already large number of members of the newly formed Catholic Federation in this district. Father Creagh's eloquent appeal resulted in the enrolment of over 100 additional members.

The week's mission at Karangahake, which was brought to a close on Sunday evening May 11th, was very successful. At the early Masses during the week a great number of people received Holy Communion, and at the closing of the mission on Sunday morning upwards of 200 persons approached the Holy Table. At the evening devotions throughout the week the accommodation of the church was taxed to its utmost. At the close of the mission over 80 additional members joined the Catholic Federation. Father Creagh left for Te Aroha on Monday, where he is to open a week's mission.

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