

shortly afterwards. After a short term in the army, during which time he took part in the fighting, he returned to Ireland. In 1862 he left for Australia, and took up land in the Manning River district, which he farmed successfully for eleven years, when he returned to Ireland with the intention of settling down there, but as land could not be got in Ireland at that time, he left for New Zealand, arriving at Port Chalmers in 1874. He settled down near Riverton, where he remained till about three years ago, when he sold out his farm, and retired to Dunedin, where he passed peacefully away, fortified by all the rites of the Church.—R.I.P.

MRS. KEOGH, HASTINGS.

(From our own correspondent.)

Mrs. Anna Maria Keogh, widow of the late Matthias Keogh, Dublin, and mother of the Very Rev. Father Keogh, S.M., died at the Catholic presbytery, Hastings, on Friday afternoon, October 3. She was born in Dublin on April 19, 1829, and was therefore in her eighty-fifth year; her husband predeceased her by thirty-six years. She came to New Zealand eleven years ago, and for the past four years lived with her son, Very Rev. Father Keogh, S.M., Rector of Hastings, Hawke's Bay. She edified all she came in contact with by her earnest, living faith, her unmistakable piety, her whole-souled devotion to the service of God and Holy Church. She was a model Catholic mother. A splendid type of the Celtic character, she was imbued with a passionate love for the Old Land. Though she lived to such a great age, her faculties were unimpaired, and it was only three weeks ago that she gave any manifest signs of her approaching end. She retained consciousness to the last and died a most edifying death, fortified with all the rites of holy Church, in the presence of her two sons—Very Rev. Father Keogh, S.M., and Mr. Michael Keogh, Lower Hutt—a death any mother might envy. The funeral obsequies took place in the parish church, Hastings, on Wednesday, October 8, in the presence of an overflowing congregation. A Solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated at 10 o'clock, the Very Rev. Dean Regnault, S.M. (Provincial) being celebrant, Very Rev. Dean Power (Hawera) deacon, Rev. Father Gondringer, S.M. (Wellington) subdeacon, Rev. Father G. Mahoney, S.M. (Hastings) master of ceremonies. The solemn music of the Mass was rendered in a most devotional and masterly manner by the students of St. Mary's Seminary, Greenmeadows—all former pupils of Very Rev. Father Keogh, S.M., when Rector of St. Patrick's College. In addition the following clergy were present: Ven. Archdeacon Devoy (Wellington South), Very Rev. Dean Smyth (Meance), Rev. Drs. Martin and Geaney (Meance), Rev. Fathers Moloney (Wanganui), J. Goggan (Meance), O'Sullivan (Napier), Bergin (Waipawa), Saunderson (Manaia), McDonnell (Meance), De Lach (O'aki), O'Connor (Napier), Smyth (Timaru), Kerley (Temuka), and Bowe (Dannevirke).

His Grace Archbishop Redwood, S.M., who regretted his inability to be present, and his Lordship Bishop Cleary, sent messages of condolence.

At 3 p.m. the church was again crowded. The Very Rev. Dean Regnault, S.M., presided at the last rites. The seminary students provided the incidental music, and Mr. Percy Tombs presided at the organ. The funeral cortege, fully a mile in length, was one of the largest ever seen in Hastings. The Hibernian Society (six members of same acting as pall-bearers), the Children of Mary, the children of the Catholic schools, the laity, representative of all creeds, took part in the procession. The service at the graveside was most impressive, the seminary students rendering the solemn chant of the 'Miserere' and 'Benedictus.' Prior to the recitation of the last prayers, the Rev. G. Mahoney, S.M., delivered a short funeral discourse. On behalf of the bereaved ones he tendered his most grateful thanks, for the many messages of sympathy received from all parts of the Dominion; to the clergy, many of whom had come long distances and, at no little inconvenience; to the seminary students, who had ren-

dered, both at Mass and the funeral, the solemn music so devotionally; to the laity who had attended in such numbers, both morning and afternoon. He briefly reviewed the truly Christian life of the deceased, urged all present to take a practical lesson therefrom, and in their Christian charity to remember the dear departed in their prayers. 'Eternal rest grant to her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.'

REV. BROTHER T. R. HUGHES, MELBOURNE.

The many friends of the Rev. Brother Thomas Regis Hughes will regret to hear of his death, which took place in Melbourne on Tuesday, the 14th inst. The late Brother Hughes was well known in Dunedin, where his labors in the cause of Catholic education some twenty years ago have often been the theme of grateful appreciation by priests and people. Brother Hughes was born in Newry, Ireland, about the year 1835, and entered the Novitiate of the Christian Brothers at an early age. After teaching successfully in various places in his native country, he volunteered in 1870 for the Australian mission. As the three Brothers who had founded that mission two years previously were badly in need of assistance, his offer was accepted by his Superiors, and thus began for the zealous Brother that long eventful life of unselfish labor which helped in no small degree to spread the blessings of Christian education in Australasia during the past forty years. Brother Hughes bravely shouldered his share of the heavy burden which such a foundation always entails. In a short sketch like this, no idea can be given of his arduous labors in helping to lay the foundation of the great educational system of the Christian Brothers which has brought such untold blessings to the land of his adoption. The Dunedin schools were opened in 1876 by Brother Bodkin, who was succeeded by Brother Hughes, concerning whose work in this city no comment is necessary. Some years later he was delegated to represent the Australasian Province at a Chapter of the Order, held in Dublin in 1890. At its conclusion he returned to Australia, and after filling various important positions for a number of years, he was deputed to collect in Australia and America in order to provide funds for the great Training College which the Brothers had built in Dublin in 1903. His mission was eminently successful. During the past few years he was entrusted with a similar duty on behalf of the Brothers' Australian Training College in Sydney, and was engaged in this work up to the time of his rather unexpected death. Brother Hughes was noted for his genuine piety and great devotion to duty. His attachment to his Order and to its special work shone out conspicuously during his long life, which was fittingly crowned a few days ago by a most happy death.—R.I.P.

Lawrence

(From our own correspondent.)

On Tuesday evening the Rev. Father Tuohy, C.S.S.R., commenced a five days' retreat for the Children of Mary. The weather, with the exception of one day, was beautifully fine. The members of the sodality took full advantage of the weather conditions, and attended excellently. An impressive ceremony was witnessed on Sunday night, when Right Rev. Mgr. O'Leary received several new members into the confraternity. The sodality thus augmented is one of the strongest of the country parishes of the diocese. After the reception an appropriate exhortation was addressed to the members by Monsignor O'Leary. An eminently successful retreat was brought to a close by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

THE DISTRESS IN DUBLIN

St. Patrick's branch of the H.A.C.B. Society, Christchurch, has opened a fund for the relief of the distress in Dublin, and collecting lists for the purpose have been issued to prominent members.