

## OBITUARY

## MR. DANIEL MCKENZIE, GLENORCHY.

One of the oldest residents of the Wakatipu district in the person of Mr. Daniel McKenzie, Glenorchy, passed away at the Lake County Hospital on Saturday, February 28 (says the *Wakatipu Mail*). Deceased, who was 83 years of age, had enjoyed perfect health practically all his life until about five months ago, when he was attacked by an illness to which he speedily succumbed. The late Mr. McKenzie was a native of Creif, Perthshire, Scotland. When he reached manhood he decided to embark for the colonies, and, taking passage in the barque Geelong, he arrived in New Zealand about the year 1861 or 1862. He first turned his attention to farming in Dunedin, but after a few years he went over to Hokitika and joined the staff of the *Hokitika Times* newspaper, he having served his apprenticeship in a printing and stationery business in Scotland. In 1868 Mr. McKenzie married Miss Margaret McKenna at Hokitika. After a time the young couple went to Jacksons Bay, where Mr. McKenzie undertook school teaching for two years. At this time certain interest was centred in Martins Bay, so deceased decided to go there and take up land with the object of cattle-raising. As showing that there was a fair amount of settlement at the Coast in those days, there was a monthly steamer to Martins Bay and also an overland mail to and from Queenstown via the Greenstone, which gave the residents a fortnightly service. The latter had of course to be "swagged," as there was no track then. Mr. McKenzie used to make periodical visits to the Head of Lake Wakatipu in connection with his trading, and his long residence of 27 years at the Bay made him very familiar with that big tract of country which lies between Wakatipu and the West Coast. About 17 years ago Mr. McKenzie and his wife took up their residence at Glenorchy, where they had lived in retirement ever since. Two years ago the old couple celebrated their golden wedding, both being then hale and hearty. The late Mr. McKenzie was a sterling pioneer settler. In his day he experienced many of the vicissitudes of life in the stirring times of the early colonisation of New Zealand, but, as with so many of his fellow-pioneers, these hardships but served to develop his grit and strengthen his character. He was possessed of a gentle, placid disposition and kindly nature, was hospitable and open-handed, and at all times proved himself a faithful friend. Deceased is survived by his wife and a family of five—three sons, Messrs. D. J. McKenzie (Glenorchy), Malcolm and Hugh McKenzie (Martins Bay), and two daughters, Mrs. Joseph Cuitance (Okura, South Westland) and Mrs. Peter Mackenzie (Queenstown). There are also 12 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. The widow and family have the sympathy of the people of Wakatipu in their bereavement. The funeral took place from St. Joseph's Church to the Queenstown Cemetery. The Rev. Father Woods was the officiating priest at the interment.—R.I.P.

There is a trite saying that much of the language used is for the concealment of thought. Rather let us believe that in much of the language we hear there is not even the comforting suspicion that there may be a thought in hiding.

At this critical time devotion to Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament will fill the void created in the hearts of men by war and suffering. It will interpret the true principles of life, and detach men's souls from the things of earth and centre them on their one true home which is in Heaven.

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## PEOPLE WE HEAR ABOUT

Robert E. Ford, 54 years old, the eldest son of the late Patrick Ford, the founder of the *Irish World*, died December 31 of apoplexy. He was a member of the executive board of the Friends of Irish Freedom.

The death of Cardinal Cos y Macho, Archbishop of Valladolid, is announced in a telegram from Madrid. He was born at Teran, diocese of Santander, in 1838, and studied at Salamanca. He was appointed, in 1886, Bishop of Mandoffido, and in 1889 was nominated to an Episcopal See in Cuba. This he left in 1892 to succeed Cardinal Sancha y Herras in the See of Madrid. In 1902 he was appointed to Valladolid. He was created a Cardinal in 1911.

Mr. Clement Shorter, editor of the *London Sphere*, writing to the *London Times*, states:—"I have always maintained—and I write with some personal knowledge—that Mr. de Valera and Mr. Arthur Griffith have the most constructive brains and the clearest gifts of statesmanship of any of the politicians who have intervened on behalf of Ireland for a century. Neither believes in force as a remedy. It is time that Sinn Fein as a bogey was abandoned by our newspapers, and Sinn Fein as an accepted political creed was acknowledged."

Just over seven years ago Bishop Shiel was consecrated in St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, by the Most Rev. Dr. Mannix, as Bishop of Rockhampton. When the vacancy occurred in the Rockhampton episcopate, all eyes turned to Dr. Shiel, who was at the other end of the world, down in a Dublin hospital with typhoid. His appointment sent a happy thrill through every Catholic heart in every parish in the extensive diocese of Rockhampton; his arrival was hailed with great delight, and his enthronement at St. Joseph's Cathedral was a most auspicious occasion. Now, after a very fruitful episcopate, Bishop Shiel leaves on his first visit to Rome as Bishop. It is, of course, his Lordship's intention to also visit Ireland, the land of his birth, and, particularly, to meet his dear old mother, who is naturally and very deservedly so overwhelmingly proud of her noble son.

Official announcement has just been received of the appointment of the Rev. Father Alban Goodier, S.J., to the See of Bombay, in succession to the late Archbishop Jurgens, who died in September, 1916. Born in 1869, the new prelate was educated at Stonyhurst College. He entered the Society of Jesus, and after passing through the usual course of studies he was ordained in September, 1903. For some years he was engaged as professor at Mauresa House, Rockhampton, during which period he became well known to the general public as writer, preacher and director of souls. On the outbreak of war in 1914, Father Goodier was sent, at only a few days' notice, to take charge of St. Xavier's College, Bombay, which for many years had been conducted by Jesuits of the German Province. Owing to the impending repatriation of these Fathers, Father Goodier found himself with a sadly depleted staff. But in spite of this, and in spite of the difficulties arising from war conditions and from his want of experience of the country, he succeeded not only in keeping up the high reputation of the college, but also to raising it to a level of efficiency never before reached in its history. The University of Bombay was not slow in recognising the outstanding merits of the new Principal, both as lecturer and organiser. He was made successively a Fellow, a member of the Syndicate, an M.A. Examiner in English, and sole director of the Examination of the Joint Board. He was chosen by the then Governor, Lord Willingdon, as one of the three representatives of Government on this Joint Board, which virtually controls the High School education of the Presidency. Later he was appointed a Justice of the Peace of Bombay, being the first Catholic priest to hold this position. During his tenure of office as Principal, Father Goodier threw himself with characteristic energy and public spirit into various movements towards intellectual and social progress, such as the Higher Education of Women, the Indian Catholic Medical Mission, the Spread of Catholic Literature, etc. As a speaker and as a writer he possesses a remarkable power of clear and fluent exposition which greatly enhances his intellectual gifts and scholarly attainments. He founded "The Catholic Library," about 1913; for some time past he has been editor of the *Bombay Messenger of the Sacred Heart*; he is a frequent contributor to Catholic magazines and reviews, and his devotional books—*The Meaning of Life*, *The Price of Peace*, *A Crown of Sorrows*, *The School of Love*, and others—have obtained a deservedly wide popularity.