

OBITUARY

MR. JAMES HOLLAND, SEN., GORE.

Mr. James Holland, sen., for many years a prominent figure in the Gore district, died rather unexpectedly on Wednesday, March 10. The late Mr. Holland was born at Askeaton, Co. Limerick, Ireland, 61 years ago, and arrived in New Zealand when quite a young man. He was a man of boundless energy, and he had not been very long in Gore until he became one of its most successful citizens. He first engaged in contract work, then in hotel-keeping, farming, brickmaking, quarry work, dredging, etc. He built the traffic bridge over the Mataura River in 1895, then erected a large number of prominent build-



ings in the town, of which he was the owner at the time of his decease. Mr. Holland was a loyal member and staunch supporter of every undertaking in connection with the Catholic Church. He was specially helpful in the building of the new Church of the Blessed Sacrament in the town of Gore. He had been in the early days a member of the H.A.C.B. Society, and was to the end a whole-hearted supporter of that society. The late Mr. Holland followed with special interest the political movements in his native country, and finally was in full accord with the policy of Sinn Fein. Deceased was married in 1884, and is survived by his widow and a family of four sons and three daughters—Messrs. Thos. J. (Christchurch), James T., Patrick, and John (Gore). Mrs. H. Windle, Misses Mary and Eileen Holland (Gore). The interment took place on March 12, in the Gore Cemetery, members of the H.A.C.B. Society being the pall-bearers. Very Rev. P. O'Donnell, assisted by Rev. Father Farthing, officiated at the graveside.—R.I.P.

MRS. MARY BARDEN, TIRAU.

On February 28, at her residence, Breezemount, Tirau, Mrs. Mary Barden, wife of Andrew Barden, died after a lingering illness, at the age of 70. Deceased, who was a member of an old Co. Wexford family, was born at The Maudlins, near New Ross. At an early age she was married to Mr. Andrew Barden, Corse, Fethard, Co. Wexford. Both Mr. and Mrs. Barden were well known and widely respected in the south-east of Ireland, and since coming to New Zealand they made many friends. During her last illness, Mrs. Barden was attended by Very Rev. Dean Lightheart. Father O'Callaghan, assisted by Father Taylor, Mata Mata, officiated at the burial in Putaruru. Mrs. Barden leaves her husband and eight children to mourn the loss of a good wife and mother. Her long and saintly life will be to them a comforting memory and an assurance of her eternal happiness.—R.I.P.

MR. JOSEPH G. CUTTANCE, URURUA.

With very deep regret the death is recorded of Mr. Joseph George Cuttance, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Cuttance, of Ururua, near Balclutha, Otago, who passed away suddenly from heart failure following on the effects of influenza, in the 22nd year of his age. The late Mr. Cuttance was born at Okura, Westland, and, as an evidence of his grit, he, at the age of only eight years helped, on horseback, to drive a mob of cattle and horses from Westland, through the Haast Pass, and en route across a number of rivers, when the family migrated to the Blackburn Settlement. During the absence of his two elder brothers on active service he managed the farm most successfully. Of an upright, truthful, and generous character, the deceased was much respected by all who knew him, and by the members of his family was naturally regarded with the deepest affection. His sudden passing away came as a severe shock and widespread sympathy is felt for the bereaved family in their sad loss. R.I.P.

MR. DENIS BROSNAHAN, KONINI.

With regret the death is recorded of Mr. Denis Brosnahan, of Konini, in the Pahiataua district. Deceased came out from Ireland to New Zealand when quite a lad, after spending about five years in America. For many years he was a member of the Mounted Police Force stationed in the Hawke's Bay district in the early days, where he was noted for his tact and popularity. He was also clerk of the court at Woodville, and on severing his connection with the Justice Department was made the recipient of a writing desk from the court and an illuminated address from the people as a token of the high esteem in which he was held. For the past 12 years he had devoted himself to farming in the Konini district, where he made a name for himself as a successful and popular farmer. He was also one of the oldest members of the local Hibernian Society, and a very well-known and highly-respected resident. The funeral cortege which followed the remains from St. Brigid's Church to the Pahiataua Cemetery was one of the largest and most representative of Pahiataua and surrounding districts yet witnessed. The members of the Hibernian Society, wearing full regalia, followed next to the hearse. Rev. Father Sanderson officiated at the interment. A widow and two daughters (Kate and Laura) and four grown-up sons (John, Michael, Denis, and Vincent) are left to mourn their loss.—R.I.P.

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