

OBITUARY

BROTHER MALACHY (KEENAN), GREENMEADOWS.

The Marist Fathers in New Zealand have sustained a loss in the death of one of their little band of devoted lay-brothers. Patrick Keenan, in religion Brother Malachy, was born in the diocese of Armagh on June 15, 1856. He followed the trade of carpenter and joiner at Home for many years, emigrating in 1889 to Australia, where he worked for some time on St. Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne. In 1893 he came to New Zealand, and after having worked in Wellington and Christchurch, he joined the Society of Mary as a lay-brother in 1895. After his novitiate he was stationed in Otaki for some two years, and subsequently in Wellington. He returned to Meeanee in 1905 and spent the remainder of his life of prayer and work there and in Greenmeadows. He had been suffering from an incurable malady for the past three or four years, but worked on up to within a fortnight of his death. On Sunday evening, August 29, he took to his bed for the first time in 25 years, and after ten days' suffering most patiently borne, strengthened and consoled by all the helps provided by Holy Mother Church for her dying children, he quietly and peacefully breathed his last on the evening of September 7, the eve of his Heavenly Mother's birthday. The Solemn Requiem and funeral Office were sung by the students of the seminary, and Brother Malachy was laid to rest in the burial plot of the Marist Fathers in Puketapu Cemetery, where lie Fathers Regnier and Seon, Brothers Basil and Cyprian, and so many others of the grand old pioneer Marist Missionaries of Hawke's Bay. *Sit illi terra levis.*

MR. JAMES EDWARD FAHEY, TUAPEKA WEST.

After a long and painful illness, borne with Christian fortitude, there passed away on September 1, at his residence, Tuapeka West, Otago, a very respected and popular resident in the person of Mr. J. E. Fahey. Deceased, who was 29 years of age, was a son of the late James and Mary Fahey, of Tuapeka West. He was attended during his last illness by Rev. Father John Lynch, and died fortified by all the rites of Holy Church. The funeral was a very large and representative one, and the interment took place in the Lawrence Cemetery. Three brothers and a sister are left to mourn their loss, and to whom much sympathy is extended.—R.I.P.

MR. THOMAS FALCONER, OAMARU.

With very sincere regret the death is recorded, at the age of 72 years, of Mr. Thomas Falconer, an old and much-respected resident of Oamaru. The late Mr. Falconer was born in Dundee, Scotland, but was brought up and educated at Edinburgh, where his parents went to reside. He came to New Zealand 58 years ago on the advice of his uncle, who was then living in Dunedin, and had resided in Oamaru ever since, where, from the early days he carried on a successful business as cabinet-maker. Deceased was of a retiring disposition, and never took any active part in public matters. The late Mr. Falconer, who had the consolation of being received into the Catholic Church just prior to his death, leaves a widow, five daughters—Mrs. J. Ryall (Lincoln), Sister M. Ligouri, O.S.D. (Invercargill), and Misses Nellie, Teresa, and Priscilla Falconer (Oamaru), and one son (Rev. Father J. Falconer, of Mitchell, Queensland), to mourn their loss. Another son, Ambrose, was killed during the landing at Gallipoli in the late war.—R.I.P.

MR. DENIS SHEA, TIMARU.

An old and respected resident of Timaru, in the person of Mr. Denis Shea, passed away at his residence,

York Street, Timaru, on August 29, fortified by all the last sacred rites of Holy Church. The late Mr. Shea was born in Tralee, Co. Kerry, Ireland, and arrived in Timaru some 50 years ago, and engaged in the boot trade, having at one time the leading boot establishment in Timaru, the firm being known as Wade and Shea. Later Mr. Shea started on his own account, and continued in business until about four years ago, when he retired. A very busy and energetic man, successful in business, a practical and devout Catholic, and a patriotic Irishman, he was always looked upon as a straightforward, honest citizen whose word was his bond. Requiem Mass was celebrated on the morning of the funeral. He leaves three sons—Mr. D. Shea (Christchurch), Rev. Brother Benignus (Sacred Heart College, Auckland), and Mr. J. Shea (Timaru), four daughters, and his widow to mourn their loss.—R.I.P.

THE LATE MR. HUGH VERDON, J.P.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Hugh Verdon, J.P., of Llanerchydol Hall, Welshpool, Montgomeryshire, on the 13th inst., very suddenly, aged 84 (says the London *Tablet* of July 24). Mr. Verdon was a son of Mr. Peter Verdon, J.P., of Nobber, Co. Louth, Ireland, a family which, owing to its strong adhesion to the faith in the penal days, lost by confiscation their estates of Clonmore. Mr. Verdon upheld the family traditions, and was a most zealous Catholic, much respected and esteemed by all who knew him. He was a nephew of Cardinal Cullen, first cousin of Cardinal Moran, and brother of Dr. Michael Verdon, late Bishop of Dunedin, N.Z. Mr. Verdon married a daughter of the late Mr. Francis Reynolds, of Hill Side, Woolton, Lancashire, and leaves one son, Captain Verdon, Chevalier of the Legion d'Honneur, and five daughters. The funeral took place on the 16th inst., at Pantasaph Monastery, near Holywell. Dr. Mostyn, Bishop of Menevia, performed the last rites, assisted by Father Eadsforth, of St. Winefrid's, Welshpool.—R.I.P.

THE LATE CARDINAL AMETTE.

A cable message dated August 29, announces the sudden death of Cardinal Amette, Archbishop of Paris. The distinguished prelate was 70 years of age. Leo Adolphus Amette was born at Domville, on September 6, 1850, and studied at the Petit Seminaire at Evreux, and at the Grand Seminaire of St. Sulpice. After his ordination, on December 20, 1873, he filled the post of secretary to the Bishop of Evreux. He was later stationed as Canon, and then became Vicar-General of Evreux. On November 28, 1898, he became Bishop of Bayeux, and on February 21, 1906, was made Archbishop of Sidon, and Coadjutor of Cardinal Richard, Archbishop of Paris. His succession to the Parisian See took place on January 28, 1908. The deceased prelate's career passed through some eventful periods of French history. In the first place, his early theological studies were interrupted by the war of 1870, and then by the insurrection of the Paris Commune. The Cardinal played an important part in healing the spiritual wounds of his native country stricken by atheism and anticlericalism, and was a strenuous worker for the re-establishment of the Church in France. During the late war, too, his patriotism and religious zeal were great sources of inspiration and consolation to the Catholics of France.

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