

Obituary

MR. PATRICK McDONOUGH, CHRISTCHURCH.

An old and much respected resident of the Dominion, in the person of Mr. Patrick McDonough, passed away at Christchurch on Monday, the 15th ult. The late Mr. McDonough was born at Balreny (near Slane), Co. Meath, Ireland, in the year 1838, and paid three visits to the United States and Canada before coming out to Australia in the 'seventies. Within a year of landing in Australia he came to New Zealand, and finally took up land in the Okaiawa district. In 1905 he revisited Ireland; and at all times took a very keen interest in happenings at Home. He leaves a widow and one son to mourn their loss. Requiem Mass for the repose of his soul was celebrated at the Cathedral, Barbadoes Street, by Rev. Father T. Hanrahan, Adm., who also officiated at the interment.—R.I.P.

MR. GEORGE A. HARLON, HASTINGS.

The death occurred on the 10th inst., at Hastings, Hawke's Bay, of Mr. George Andrew Harlon, fortified by the last rites of Holy Church (writes a correspondent). Born at Mullingar, Co. Westmeath, Ireland, in 1867, he received his education from the Jesuit Fathers, Blackrock, Dublin. He graduated in London for the veterinary profession, being a member of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons. The late Mr. Harlon was a staunch Irishman of sterling, upright character, who gained the esteem and respect of all with whom he came in contact. Requiem Mass for the repose of his soul was celebrated at the Church of the Sacred Heart, after which the interment took place in the Hastings Cemetery. The sympathy of the community goes out to his bereaved widow in her sad loss.—R.I.P.

MR. EDMUND BURKE, SEN., ORARI.

A very old and highly esteemed resident of Orari, in the person of Mr. Edmund Burke, passed peacefully away at his residence, "Oakleigh," on the 5th ult., at the advanced age of 83 years, after a short illness following a severe heart attack. The late Mr. Burke was born in Tralee, Co. Kerry, Ireland, and came out to New Zealand over 53 years ago in the sailing vessel Glenmark. Soon after his arrival he married Miss Bridget Corkery, and they took a farm three miles out of Geraldine, and made their home there, bringing up a family of eight daughters and three sons, of whom four daughters and two sons pre-deceased him. About 12 years ago he sold his farm and came to Orari, where he since lived retired. During his illness he was constantly attended by Rev. Father O'Connor, who administered the last rites of Holy Church. The funeral, which was a very large and representative one, testifying to the esteem in which deceased was held, left his home on Sunday afternoon, the 7th ult., for the Catholic church, thence to the Geraldine Cemetery, where Father O'Connor officiated at the graveside, assisted by Rev. Father Price (Methven). Deceased is survived by a widow, four daughters—Mrs. Gardner (Hastings), Mrs. Rigby (Dunedin), and Misses H. and L. Burke (Orari),—and one son—Mr. P. Burke (Taihape)—also a number of grandchildren; and one brother—Mr. P. Burke (Geraldine)—and one sister—Mrs. Reidy (Ireland)—to whom heartfelt sympathy is extended in their bereavement.—R.I.P.

St. Francis De Sales Church Island Bay: Solemnly Blessed and Re-opened

In 1906, when Rev. Father Ainsworth, S.M., was parish priest of Wellington South, he catered for the Catholic population of Island Bay by erecting a substantial wooden church, which was solemnly blessed and opened by his Grace Archbishop Redwood. The congregation of the seaside suburb has so rapidly grown that in 1920 it was made a separate parish under the pastorship of the Ven. Archdeacon Devoy, S.M., who is assisted by his nephew, Rev. Father Mark Devoy, S.M. Last year the church proved inadequate to accommodate the steadily-growing congregation, and it was decided to enlarge it, and this work has just been completed by Mr. John O'Donnell (as contractor), and Mr. T. J. McCosker (as architect). An additional 25ft has been added to the church, the sanctuary has been enlarged and beautified, and a baptistry, confessional, and porch added to the building. On Sunday week last his Grace Archbishop Redwood solemnly blessed and reopened the

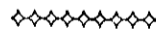
church at 10 o'clock, and also preached, taking for his text, "And the word was made flesh, and dwelt amongst us." In an eloquent sermon, his Grace traced the foundation of the Church and the reason why Catholics made sacrifices to erect buildings worthy of their Divine Founder, who came on earth to teach the truth and who left the seven great sacraments as channels of grace to keep them good and virtuous in this short life, and assure for them in the next the joys of eternal bliss. The Archbishop said that it was a great pleasure for him to be present and to congratulate the Venerable Archdeacon and the congregation on the splendid improvements effected. He also congratulated the architect, contractor, and all who carried out the work, which reflected the greatest credit on all concerned.

The Ven. Archdeacon Devoy gave an interesting account of the growth of the parish and the cost of the additions, which totalled £800. Nearly half of this sum was raised by a sale of work and various functions, and there now remained a debt of a little over £400. A collection was then taken up and realised £100.

Solemn High Mass was celebrated by Very Rev. Dean Tubman, S.M., assisted by Rev. Father Kinghan, S.M., as deacon, and Rev. Father Mark Devoy, S.M., as subdeacon, the Ven. Archdeacon Devoy being master of ceremonies. There were also present in the sanctuary, besides the Archbishop, the Very Rev. Dean McKenna, and Rev. Father Hickson, S.M. The music of the Mass was provided by the choir, under Mr. F. Green (as conductor), and Miss Mary Redican (as organist). The church was again thronged in the evening, when Very Rev. Father T. McCarthy (Superior of the Marist Missionary Fathers) preached a powerful and instructive sermon. Benediction was given by Rev. Father Mahony, S.M., assisted by Dean Tubman and Father Mark Devoy.

Milton

The congregation of St. Mary's Church, Milton (writes a correspondent), held a social last Friday evening week, to do honor to one of their number (Mr. Wm. Kirby), who, for a period of 30 years, had rendered yeoman voluntary service to the Church in various ways, principally the active part taken in bazaars, concerts, etc., and in the choir. Mr. P. Curran voiced the feelings of the congregation in returning thanks to Mr. Kirby, and presented him with a handsome divan chair, bearing the inscription "Presented to Wm. Kirby, by the congregation of St. Mary's Church, Milton, May, 1922." Rev. Father Howard referred to the large share of Church work carried out by Mr. Kirby, and said that he had contributed greatly towards making his (the speaker's) life pleasant in Milton during his 13 years' pastorate. Mr. Kirby had inspired the young people with high ideals of honor and self-respect. He expressed best wishes for their guest's welfare. Mr. Kirby, in the course of his reply, sincerely thanked the congregation for their handsome gift and kindly feelings which prompted same. The choir and friends supplied a short musical programme.



Greymouth

(From our own correspondent.)

Two sums of £1000 have been offered to Rev. Father Long, Adm., for a new altar for St. Patrick's Church. In the will of the late Mr. Felix Campbell, £1000 was set aside for this purpose, but, as an esteemed Greymouth lady had already promised £1000, Mr. Campbell's handsome gift will probably be diverted into another channel. Mr. Campbell also made provision in his will for supplying the bricks for the new Marist Brothers' School.

Rev. Father Fogarty, who has had trouble with his eye-sight is improved.

The May devotions are being well attended. Every evening there is spiritual reading, and the children (conducted by Rev. Brother Hendrick) sing a Marian hymn.

Members of the St. Columba Club have formed a Glee Club, and on Tuesday entertained friends at a social evening. For the convenience of the "duds" and for the fun of the thing, the Glee Club have made provision for community singing.

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