

Obituary

MRS. MATILDA GREENE, ONEHUNGA.

One of the oldest and most esteemed residents of Onehunga, Mrs. Matilda Greene, relict of the late Sergeant Bernard Greene, passed away at her residence, Victoria Street, on Saturday, August 18 (writes a correspondent). The deceased lady, who was in her 83rd year, was born at Sperrin, Co. Tyrone, Ireland, in 1840, where her father, Mr. James Carleton, was engaged in the wine and spirit trade. At the age of nineteen she married Sergeant Bernard Greene, of the Royal Irish Constabulary, and shortly afterward left for New Zealand by the ship Tornado, arriving at Auckland in 1859. For a time the young couple followed farming pursuits at Waiuku, and then Mr. Greene joined the N.Z. Police Force, eventually taking charge of the Onehunga station, of which he was in control until he retired on superannuation. For many years Mrs. Green was a prominent parishioner of the Church of the Assumption, Onehunga, and was also noted for her kindly and unostentatious deeds of charity. She is survived by two of her four sons, six of her daughters, and a number of grand and great-grandchildren. The funeral, which took place on the Monday after Requiem Mass, was conducted at Waikaraka cemetery by the Right Rev. Mgr. Mahoney and Rev. Father O'Byrne, the deceased being laid to rest alongside her husband, who had predeceased her some fourteen years.—R.I.P.

MRS. CATHERINE GUTHRIE, MANGAPAPA.

The announcement of the death of Mrs. Catherine Guthrie, wife of Mr. John Guthrie, at her residence, Mangapapa, on Friday, August 10, was received throughout the parish of Gisborne with the deepest regret. The deceased was born at Ennis, Co. Clare, Ireland, in 1843, and arrived in New Zealand in the early sixties, taking up her residence at Hokitika. In 1875 she married Mr. John Guthrie at Charleston. For 15 years she lived on the West Coast, where her family of one daughter and four sons were born; afterwards in Collingwood, Nelson, and Wellington, coming to Gisborne in 1910, where she resided until her death. She was a splendid type of the grand old Irish Catholic, was most fervent in the practice of her religion, and had a most passionate love for her native land. Rev. Father Lane, who attended her in her last illness, made eulogistic references in the church to her practical faith, unblemished character, and unbounded generosity in the cause of religion and charity. The funeral, which left St. Mary's Church on Sunday afternoon, the 12th ult., for Taraheru cemetery, was large and representative, and amply testified to the respect and esteem in which the deceased was held. She is survived by her husband and five children—Sister Mary Claver (Picton), Patrick (Hamilton), John and Michael (Tolago Bay), and Andrew (Gisborne).—R.I.P.

MARGARET FRANCES HINDS, RAKAIA.

On August 1, a gloom was cast over the Rakaia district (writes a correspondent) when the news of the death of Margaret Frances (Peggy) Hinds reached us from Ashburton Hospital, where she passed peacefully away after a short but severe illness. She was attended by Very Rev. Dean O'Donnell, who administered the last rites of Holy Church. Though only eight years of age, she realised with joy that soon she would be with God, for almost her last words were "I love Our Lord, but I love Our Lady, too." When the prayers and aspirations for the dying ceased even for a moment, she begged those around her to pray on. The remains of the saintly child were conveyed on August 3 to her parish church, where Requiem Mass was celebrated by Rev. Father Halvey, who also officiated at the graveside. Her school companions assisted at Holy Mass, and followed the remains to their last resting place. Four senior girls, bearing white streamers over the small oaken coffin, formed a guard for their loved little companion. Widespread sympathy is extended to the sorrowing mother and only brother, Tom, who, not more than six years ago, lost a dearly-loved husband and father.—R.I.P.

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A Poor African Mission

Franciscan Convent, Nsambya Mission,
Kampala P.O., Uganda, B.E.A.,

June 14, 1923.

Dear Sir,—You will I trust pardon my addressing a letter to you from the wilds of Central Africa. I am sure you have many appeals to your charity, but I take my chance with the rest, and it may be the Good God will inspire you to help us in our extreme need. Our mission has been through an exceptionally hard year, owing to having to build a new hospital and other necessary buildings, and we are now hampered with a debt of £700. We depend almost entirely on what we beg for the support of our three missions, as we get very little regular help. Our Holy Faith is making such progress here among these poor simple Baganda that our expenses are increasing in every way, and they themselves are still unable to help us financially. We have just started a little native community, as Our Lord was evidently calling them to serve Him, so we shall have to build a house for them. We cannot put them off any longer. Please God they will be a great help to us in our arduous work. They have already relieved us of the Host-making for the Vicariate, which is a great help, as we are so short of Sisters.

During last year over 10,000 immortal souls entered the true fold by Holy Baptism in this Vicariate alone, and the number of those preparing is 53,451. Our Catholics, in number 50,868, have received Our Blessed Lord in Holy Communion over 500,000 times, and our catechists, numbering 1334, are daily working with zeal and energy to bring their heathen brethren into the true fold. Truly a wonderful harvest of fruitful work, for which we cannot be sufficiently thankful to God. We had a record Easter. Our large church was packed with 2500, and even then 2000 had to remain outside. After the High Mass we had 1600 Holy Communions, and during Holy Week we had 4000. Wasn't that lovely? The Baganda make such splendid Catholics and are so grateful for what we are able to do for them through the generosity of the Catholics at home.

On Sunday we made the annual pilgrimage in honor of our beatified Baganda martyrs. It is about 10 miles from here. There is only a mud hut, where the people congregate on Sundays and recite the Mass prayers and a catechist gives them an instruction. The strong ones come here to Mass, but of course it is a long way, as they come fasting to Holy Communion and then go those 10 miles back, still without breaking their fast. We erected an altar in the chapel, and three Masses were said. We also erected one outside, where Solemn High Mass was celebrated, as there were thousands of pilgrims. It was lovely to see these simple natives kneeling about here and there making their confessions in full view of the general public. They are very proud of their martyrs.

With best wishes from the Nsambya Missionaries.

For M. M. Kevin, O.S.F., M.B.E.,

Sr. M. SOLANA LECKY.

Council of Men and Women

IMPORTANT ORGANISATION LAUNCHED IN UNITED STATES.

The National Council of Catholic Men and the National Council of Catholic Women were organised in the diocese of Cleveland, U.S.A., recently.

Bishop Schrembs, of Cleveland, presided, and explained the meaning of the organisation of the Men's and Women's councils which form the department of lay organisations of the National Catholic Welfare Council.

Make Faith Their Guide.

Father J. J. Burke, C.S.B., General Secretary of the National Catholic Welfare Council, exhorted the men and women to make their religion a part of their daily lives and to demonstrate the spirit of Christianity from every standpoint. He spoke of the enthusiastic work Bishop Schrembs had done in promoting both the Men's and Women's Councils, and expressed the hope that these organisations in the Cleveland diocese would develop in a manner worthy of their leader. The law of Christianity was a law of sacrifice, of love, and of individual consecration. He urged the men and women to make their Catholic Faith their guide in the selection of their amusements, their social relations, and in their civic duties.

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