

OBITUARY

MRS. LENTHALL, ARROWTOWN.

We ('Lake Wakatipu Mail') have to record the death, on Sunday, January 26, at her home, Arrowtown, of Mrs. Lenthall, a very old and highly esteemed resident of the Wakatipu district. Deceased lady had been suffering for some years past from paralysis, and it was this complaint that brought her end. Deceased had reached a fair age and arrived in the district in the sixties, having come from Ballarat, Victoria. It is said, by those who are in a position to know, that Mrs. Lenthall was the first woman who had the courage to come to the goldfields. Deceased was of a very kindly disposition, and was much respected by a large circle of friends. She was the mother of a large family, four of whom are alive and all grown up. Mrs. McCarthy, wife of our respected townsman, is one of the daughters, whilst Mrs. Rooney is the other. There are three sons who, with the daughters, are all by the first marriage. Of late years deceased divided her time between Queenstown and Arrow. The funeral took place at Arrowtown.—R.I.P.

MR. WILLIAM HOLLEY, LEESTON. (From our Christchurch correspondent.)

There passed away on Monday morning, January 28, at Leeston in the person of Mr. William Holley, a very old resident of Canterbury, and one honored, respected, and esteemed far beyond the confines of the Eshmere district. As an exemplary Catholic he had, during a long and arduous life, devoted his best energies to the well-being and advancement of the Church he loved so well. Mr. Holley was born in Herefordshire in 1827, and in 1852 came out to Melbourne. He followed various gold-diggings for some time, and subsequently turned his attention to road-carrying and trading in horses, and was amongst the earliest shippers of horses from Melbourne to New Zealand. In 1868 he came to New Zealand, and lived at Invercargill for about twelve months. He then came overland to Christchurch with a mob of horses, and had lived in the North Canterbury district ever since. He carried on an extensive trade in draught horses, and was noted as a successful breeder, importer, and exhibitor of those animals at our Agricultural Shows. Mr. Holley was recognised as a competent judge of draught horses, and was a well-known figure on the principal show grounds in that capacity. He acted as Judge at the first Agricultural Show held at Rangiora, and filled a similar position at the first Agricultural Show at Christchurch. In 1882 Mr. Holley took up land in the Leeston district, and carried on mixed farming on a large scale, until he retired about ten years ago. The deceased leaves a grown-up family of five sons and two daughters. The funeral obsequies of the late Mr. Holley took place on the following Thursday. Requiem Mass was celebrated in the Church of St. John the Evangelist by the Rev. Father Holley, S.M. (son of the deceased), the Rev. Father Mahony, pastor, of the district, assisting. The following clergy were also present:—The Very Rev. Dean Regnault (Waimate), Rev. Fathers Kerley (Temuka), Ahern (Dunfield), Richards (Lincoln), Goggan (Temuka), Walsh (Lower Hutt), Hickson (St. Mary's, Manchester street), Bowden (Timaru), and O'Connell (Christchurch). The funeral cortege was over a mile long. The four sons of the deceased were pall-bearers.—R.I.P.

MR. JOHN DONOVAN, KAKARAMEA.

The 'Patea County Press' records with regret the death of Mr. John Donovan, who passed away at Kakaramea, on January 28. The deceased was born in County Limerick in 1840, and when a young man joined the Royal Irish Constabulary, and after a few years in that force resigned, and came out to New Zealand in the middle of the sixties. After spending some time on the West Coast goldfields he joined the Armed Constabulary, and subsequently became a member of the Forest Rangers, and with that corps participated in the chase of Te Kooti. At the conclusion of the Maori troubles he joined the police force under Commissioner Brannigan, and after a short service in Auckland was promoted to the rank of sergeant. Later on he was stationed at the Bay of Islands and Patea, returning to Auckland in 1899. He resigned from the police force in 1892. When leaving Patea, after eleven years' service, at a largely attended public meeting, he was presented by the citizens with a valuable gold watch and chain, and address. Some years ago he went to live on his farm at Kakaramea, where he had resided until his death. The deceased was highly respected wherever he was stationed, and gained the esteem of all classes for the impartial manner in which he discharged his duties. The late Mr. Donovan leaves a widow, a daughter, and son to mourn their loss.—R.I.P.

PALMERSTON NORTH

(From our own correspondent.)

February 3.

The mission, begun by the Passionist Fathers in St. Patrick's Church last Sunday, is indeed proving a great success. From the first the church was totally inadequate to accommodate the large congregations, and it was found necessary to fit up the adjoining Zealandia Hall as a temporary church. The large building has been crowded by an immense congregation every evening, the church only being used for the three Masses each morning, which were almost equally as well attended. Owing to the illness of Father Leonard, Father Francis has had to take the whole of the responsibility of the missionary labors on himself. It has been most gratifying to the missionaries and our own priests to see the large numbers who approach the Holy Table each day. To those who had the privilege of being present and assisting at the eight o'clock Mass this morning it was a most edifying sight to see nearly the whole congregation receive Holy Communion. As there are still a few who could not be reached in a large parish like this in one week, it has been deemed advisable to continue the mission during the coming week, closing on Sunday, 10th inst., when it is expected his Grace Archbishop Redwood will be present.

A two days' mission will be begun in St. Columba's Church, Ashurst, on the 11th inst.

The St. Patrick's Day Picnic and Sports Association are making great progress under the chairmanship of Mr. Fake. A lengthy list of events is advertised in all the local papers. A sum of £80 is to be given in prizes.

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