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OBITUARY

Mr. Thomas Cooney, Shand's Track.

Mr. Thomas Cooney, an old and much esteemed resident of the Shand's Track parish (writes an occasional correspondent), met his death in a sudden and tragge manner on the night of Tuesday. May 12. The deceased was returning by the express from a visit to his sons in South Canterbury, and intended getting off at Rolleston, where the train stops only for a few minutes at the request of passengers wishing to alight. Unhappily, in his anxiety not to be carried on, he attempted to get off while the train was in motion, missed his footing, and, clinging to the guard rail, was diagged between the platform and the train. He sustained injuries to the head which caused instantaneous death. He was an old colonist, having arrived in Canterbury nearly forty years ago. A large number of his friends testified their respect for his memory and their sympathy for his widow by their attendance at the Requiem Mass and funeral.—R.I.P.

Mrs. Nolan, Christchurch.

There passed away recently (writes our Christchurch correspondent) at her residence. Spreydon, at an advanced age and after a long illness, Mrs. Catherine Nolan, wife of Mr. M. Nolan, one of the pioneer Catholics of Christchurch. Until recent years the deceased ladv. together with her husband, led an active life. With advancing age they went to reside first at Governor's Bay and latterly at Spreydon. A Requiem Mass was celebrated in the Pro-Cathodral for the repose of the soul of deceased by the Rev. Father O'Connell, who afterwards officiated at the interment in the Linwood Cemetery.—R.I.P.

The World's Warships

A German naval annual gives details and plans of all the world's warships, with a large amount of information about the organisation of the German navy, tables of the personnel of the various Powers, details of the various naval budgets, stations of the various fleets in commission, and so forth The following agree its figures for the battle-fleets of the great Powers in 1907, as they will stand when all ships now building are completed, though it is to be noted that no allowance is made for the new Russian programme of six battle-ships:—

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