

The following paragraph from the 'Midland Tribune,' Birr, King's County, record the death of Mr. Patrick Flannery, youngest brother of Mrs. Joseph Goulding, of Timaru:—Amidst manifestations of grief the funeral of Mr. Patrick Flannery took place from his residence, Derrycallaghan, on Thursday, April 9th, to the family burial ground at Annameadle. The late Mr. Flannery was a member of one of the oldest families in the King's County, and had only attained his 26th year. His demise was deeply regretted not alone by his devoted sister and brother, but also by his many friends, with whom he was most popular. Deceased died fortified by all the rites of the Church, of which he was a devoted member.—R.I.P.

WEDDING BELLS

MURPHY—O'KEEFE.

At St. Joseph's Cathedral, Dunedin, on Thursday, June 25, Miss Margaret O'Keefe, of South Dunedin, was married to Mr. James Murphy, a well-known and highly-respected citizen of this city. The ceremony, which was witnessed by a few intimate friends of the bride and bridegroom, was performed by the Rev. Father Murphy. Miss Annie Power was bridesmaid, and Mr. Frank Toomey was best man. Mr. Joseph Toomey gave the bride away. The bride was attired in a very handsome fawn tailor-made costume with picture hat, and the bridesmaid in a grey costume with silk vest and Nellie Stewart hat. Both wore handsome gold brooches, the gift of the bridegroom. The happy couple left in the afternoon for Oamaru on their honeymoon trip, taking with them the best wishes of a large circle of friends. Mr. Murphy was the recipient of a massive gold Albert and locket, suitably inscribed, from a few of his Dunedin friends, while Messrs. J. Toomey and Coughlan Bros., of the New Shamrock Hotel, presented him respectively with a handsome dressing case and a massive silver tea and coffee service. The bride was also the recipient of very many costly and useful presents.

OBITUARY

MRS. QUIN, ELTHAM.

The death of Mrs. Quin, Eltham, relict of the late Mr. C. Quin, on the 13th inst. (writes a correspondent), did not come as a surprise to her acquaintances. For some time deceased had been suffering from a heart affection, and was 65 years of age. In her youth she left her native place, Dungannon, Ireland, and lived for a while at Newcastle-on-Tyne, where she was married. Subsequently she and her husband went to Victoria and thence came to New Zealand, arriving here about 40 years ago. It is said that the first brick house built in Invercargill was for the late Mr. Quin. About 25 years ago Mr. and Mrs. Quin made Taranaki their home. The surviving sons and daughter are Messrs. J. T. Quin (Eltham), W. A. and J. Quin (Hawera), and H. M., Frank, Alfred, and Fred Quin, and Mrs. J. A. McKenna, of Patea. The interment took place on Sunday, the 14th inst., at the Hawera Cemetery, a large number of persons being present. The Rev. Father Treacy officiated at the grave.—R.I.P.

MR. T. HALPIN, LOVELLS FLAT.

Great regret was expressed in the Tokomairiro district when it was learned that Mr. Thomas Halpin had passed away on Friday last at his home in Lovells Flat. Deceased had been ailing for some time. A large congregation assembled in the Catholic Church, Milton, at the solemn Requiem Mass and Office which were celebrated for the repose of his soul. The celebrant was the Very Rev. Father O'Neill, Rev. P. O'Donnell (Gore) deacon, Rev. M. Howard (Dunedin) sub-deacon, and Rev. H. W. Cleary (Dunedin) master of ceremonies. There were also present the Very Rev. Monsignor O'Leary (Lawrence) and Rev. J. Coffey (South Dunedin). At the close of the solemn services the Dead March in Saul was played upon the organ by Miss Scanlan. All creeds and classes were represented at the funeral, which was very numerously attended. The last services at the graveside were conducted by Monsignor O'Leary, assisted by the other clergy whose names are given above.

The late Mr. Thomas Halpin was born in the historic Glen of Aherlow 68 years ago. He settled on one of the finest and best situated farms in Lovells Flat some 36 years since, having been previously engaged in farming on the Taieri Plain for a few years. A model of industry, unrighteousness, manly independence, and unwavering devotion to his country and creed, he won the respect of all in a district in which he was the only Catholic landowner. Being blessed with a devoted and exemplary wife, his affairs prospered, and no man better realised the necessity of returning to God a proportionate share of his bounty. He was one of the foremost with material help in every undertaking for the promotion of religion in the parish. Living at a distance of eight miles from his parish church, he was, nevertheless, one of the most regular in attendance at Sunday Mass and monthly Communion, thus giving an example which could not fail to have its effect on the rising generation. He left no issue his surviving blood relations being two married sisters, to whom, and to his sorrowing wife, deep sympathy is extended.—R.I.P.

NEW ZEALAND: GENERAL

The first session of the fifteenth Parliament was formally opened on Monday afternoon, when Mr. A. R. Guinness was elected Speaker. The ceremonial opening took place on Tuesday afternoon, when his Excellency the Governor delivered the customary speech.

Miss Ettie Maginnity, of Wellington (writes a London correspondent), arrived in London recently, and commenced her studies at the Royal Academy of Music, it being, I understand, her ambition to become a leading light among the contraltos of the concert platform.

The Reefton Literary, Debating, and Athletic Club has had several very successful meetings this session, the programmes for the past couple of months being interesting and diversified. At a recent meeting Mr. C. Whelan delivered a most instructive address on 'The origin and history of electricity,' and on July 4 it was intended to give a musical and dramatic entertainment in the Theatre Royal in aid of the funds of the Club. It is expected that before the conclusion of the season the Club will be in possession of an up-to-date gymnasium.

The Catholic social held last night in the Theatre Royal (says the 'Inangahua Times,' June 25) passed off most successfully, and was apparently enjoyed to the utmost by the large gathering assembled. Refreshments were dispensed, and the committee vied with one another in promoting the comfort of those present. Excellent music was supplied by Miss E. McGillicuddy. Before the company dispersed Rev. Father Hickson returned thanks in his usually felicitous style to all who had kindly assisted in the arrangements, making particular mention of the members of the ladies committee.

The 'Inangahua Times' hears with regret that the Very Rev. Dean Rolland's condition is not improving as quickly as could be desired. He is still extremely weak, and suffers intense pain at intervals. Anxious inquiries are constantly being made, however, and earnest prayers are being offered up for his speedy recovery. Needless to say, Dean Rolland is receiving the most assiduous attention, both from the doctor and Father Hickson, and everything that can alleviate his suffering is being done. A special nursing Sister has been procured from Wellington, and it is sincerely hoped that with such unremitting care he will soon experience relief and gradually regain strength.

About 150 persons were present at the Ashburton Catholic Literary Society's 'At Home' held in the boys' schoolroom on Thursday of last week. The hall was tastefully decorated with flags, Chinese lanterns, etc., and the new stage which has recently been added to the room, gave it a cosy appearance. A programme of vocal items was rendered by Mesdames Wilson and Scrint, and Messrs. Healy (2), and the president, Mr. F. K. Cooper, gave one of his inimitable recitations and a violin solo 'Hear me, Norma,' by Mr. Dunne, a visitor to Ashburton, was much appreciated. Mr. Phil Wilson danced an Irish jig in costume. Miss Bournique acted as accompanist. After an interval for supper, which was provided and dispensed by a committee of ladies, Mr. D. Crowe's phonograph rendered a number of items, which were much appreciated. At the conclusion of the programme, the president thanked the ladies and the performers who had worked so energetically to make the 'At Home' the success it was. The programme ended with the singing of 'God save the King.'

Big Landlords of Ireland.

To judge from the prominence given to Lord Barrymore and to Colonel Sanderson in the question of the landlord-tenant conference (says the London 'Daily Chronicle'), it might be imagined that they were almost the largest landowners in Ireland, whereas neither the one nor the other would in point of acreage come among the first 300 of the 4000 owners of over 500 acres who have just been polled. Lord Barrymore owns 21,000 acres and Colonel Sanderson 12,362. There are 22 Irish landlords owning more than 50,000 acres, two of them—the Duke of Devonshire and the Marquis of Lansdowne—being members of the present Ministry, and the Marquis, with his 121,349 acres, would seem to be in point of acreage possessed the largest Irish landlord. The other Cabinet Minister whom most of us take to be the typical Irish landlord—the Marquis of Londonderry—shows quite small by the side of his brother Marquis, for he owns 27,416 acres only, but, as they are in Ulster—or, rather, in East Ulster—they produce over £30,000 a year.

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