

was a very old member, headed the funeral cortege. The remains were conveyed to St. Patrick's Cathedral, Rev. Fathers Patterson, Adm., Brodie, Buckley, and Holbrook being present. The Dead March from 'Saul' was played by Mr. H. Hiscocks on the organ as the remains were taken from the church. The interment took place at Onehunga, where the service at the grave was read by Rev. Father Brodie, Waihi, assisted by Rev. Father McGuinness. Amongst those present were Sir Maurice O'Rorke, Hon. J. A. Tole, the district officers and officers and members of the Auckland branch of the H.A.C.B. Society, and a large number of citizens. Over 100 messages of condolence were sent to Mrs. Mahoney from all parts of the Colony.—R.I.P.

MRS. C. McMAHON, AUCKLAND.

Mrs. Catherine McMahon, a well known and highly respected parishioner of St. Patrick's (writes our Auckland correspondent) has passed away. The deceased lady was born at Three Mile House, County Monaghan, Ireland. Her father, the late Mr. Cormick McEntee, was a prominent figure in local government, serving as Poor Law Guardian and a member of the Hospital Board for 30 years. The deceased was educated at the convent school at Armagh. After her marriage with Mr. John McMahon she came to this Colony, living for many years on the West Coast, where she took an active part in Church affairs. Her illness was of short duration, and her end was happy and peaceful, receiving the last rites of the Church, the priests and Sisters of Mercy constantly visiting her. She was buried at Onehunga in the presence of her sorrowing husband and numerous friends.—R.I.P.

MR. FRANCOIS LELIEVRE, AKAROA.

On July 12 Mr. Francois Lelievre, the oldest French settler in Bank's Peninsula, died in his 94th year at his residence, Akaroa. In spite of his great age Mr. Lelievre enjoyed excellent health until within a few days of his death. The deceased was a native of Normandy, and after an adventurous career went to sea on board a whaler and arrived in Akaroa in 1837. After a short stay he returned to France and came out again in 1840 in the 'Comte de Paris,' which brought 82 French pioneers to found a settlement on the peninsula. They were granted five-acre sections each by the British Government, and it was in the house built on the section allotted to Mr. Lelievre in 1840 that he passed away, he being the last of those to whom the grant was made. Four sons and three daughters survive him, Mr. Lelievre leaving 105 descendants in all, including many great-grandchildren. The late Mr. Lelievre was a good settler, an excellent neighbor, and highly respected by all who had the privilege of knowing him.—R.I.P.

MRS. RODRIGUES, AKAROA.

An old identity of Akaroa, in the person of Mrs. Rodrigues, wife of Mrs. Antonio Rodrigues, passed away on July 2, at the age of 73 years. The deceased, who was a native of Madeira, arrived in the Colony in 1858, and resided in Akaroa ever since. A husband, one son, and four daughters are left to mourn the loss of a devoted wife and mother. The funeral took place on Sunday afternoon, July 5, the remains being taken to the Catholic Church, where the Rev. Dr. Kennedy read the burial service, and also officiated at the cemetery. The funeral was the largest seen in the district for a considerable time.—R.I.P.

SERIOUS ILLNESS OF THE HOLY FATHER

The following is a summary of the principal cable messages received regarding the condition of his Holiness the Pope since our last issue:—

On Wednesday of last week Dr. Mazzone, after applying cocaine, punctured the thorax and extracted 800 grammes of sanguineous fluid from the pleura, which afforded the Pope much relief. It was then considered that his Holiness might possibly live for three days.

The Kaiser, on Sunday when praying aboard his yacht, concluded with the words: 'The world needs great and good men. May the Almighty grant the Pope many more years of life.'

On Thursday the news was more reassuring, as we were informed that his Holiness had a fairly quiet night, his pulse being frequent but regular. The evening bulletins, issued on July 10, stated that the Pope's condition was grave, the depression had increased, and the pleuratic liquid was accumulating rapidly. On the same date his Holiness had a long conference with Cardinal Rampolla, and was remarkably lucid. On leaving the Vatican Dr. Mazzone intimated that the Pope was no worse.

Towards morning the Pope experienced great difficulty in breathing, and the discomfort increased the oppression, and the pulse became weak. An operation was performed by the medical men, who extracted 2lb of serohermatic fluid.

According to a message dated Rome, July 11, the Pope was so active that he disregarded the injunction to remain in bed, and often walked without assistance to his armchair, where the doctors generally found him, and ordered him to return to bed. Replying to their

remonstrances, he said that he wished to die standing.

A bulletin issued on Sunday evening stated that his Holiness spent a fairly quiet day in bed. His Holiness is reported to have remarked to a Cardinal: 'I have been in great danger, but I feel that it has disappeared.'

On Monday his pulse was stronger. He spent a cheerful evening, and the improvement was maintained.

A cable message received on Tuesday night stated that his Holiness is becoming weaker and breathing more difficult. He conversed with the Cardinals during the evening with great difficulty, articulating monosyllables, and his memory was less clear. The Pope made a slight rally late in the evening, and conversed with Cardinal Satolli lucidly regarding the Biblical Committee. The Pope had a further relapse at midnight.

His Eminence Cardinal Gibbons, Archbishop of Baltimore, has left for Rome.

From a cable message received by us on Tuesday we learn that his Eminence Cardinal Moran left for the Eternal City on Monday.

The following letter from the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon was read in the Sacred Heart Basilica, Wellington, on Sunday morning:—'Premier's Office, Wellington, July 12, 1903. Dear Archbishop Redwood,—At this time not only yourself and priests, but the laity of your Church, will be greatly exercised, and your heartfelt sympathy and fervent prayers will be unceasingly offered to the Almighty on behalf of his Holiness, the head of your Church. I had the great honor and pleasure of an audience with him, and in his time of affliction my fervent hope and earnest prayer is that God may give him strength and comfort him in his hour of trial. It may be some solace to you to know that through his Excellency the Governor and Secretary of State our sympathy has been officially extended. It is almost hoping against hope to anticipate recovery, but as a good and faithful servant an everlasting reward will assuredly follow, and his good works will live after him and humanity benefit thereby.—Believe me, dear Archbishop, yours very sincerely, R. J. Seddon.'

King Edward's autograph letter delighted the Pope, also Mr. Seddon's telegram. The Vatican sends to the British Ambassador daily messages for transmission to King Edward.

A message received on Wednesday morning reported that the Pope was wasting rapidly, his eyes only showing signs of life. Reuter stated that his Holiness was sinking rapidly.

Mr. John Hanley, of Waihao, South Canterbury, has presented to the local Catholic church a section of two acres of land to be used as a cemetery for the sole use of the Catholics of the district. All legal conditions in connection with Mr. Hanley's generous gift have been completed, and the following board of management has been gazetted: Messrs. Michael Corrigan (chairman), Donald Kennedy (secretary), John Hanley, John Morris, and Maurice Leonard, jun. The board has already held a couple of meetings, at which it was decided to enclose and improve the grounds. His Lordship Bishop Grimes will consecrate the cemetery in a short time. One interment has already taken place in the new cemetery, the remains of the late Miss Margaret Hanley, daughter of Mr. Patrick Hanley, being buried there.

Our readers in the Taranaki district are invited to study the advertisement of Messrs. Russell and Son, monumental masons, builders and contractors, New Plymouth, which appears in this issue. This firm has in stock and to arrive, choice and artistic designs in marble and granite monuments, headstones, crosses, etc., for which they charge the lowest price consistent with good workmanship. Messrs. Russell and Son will be pleased to send an illustrated price list on application....

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