

OBITUARY

MR. PATRICK CORCORAN, OAMARU.

(From our own correspondent.)

The death of Mr. Patrick Corcoran, of the Junction Hotel, removes from life's scene another of the earlier settlers in North Otago. The deceased, who had attained the ripe age of 72 years, had been in bad health for some time, his illness lately being of a painful nature. Mr. Corcoran was born in County Kerry, Ireland, and came to New Zealand as a young man. He settled in North Otago in the early seventies, and engaged in farming pursuits, first doing some cropping on a liberal scale, at a time when grain-growing was a more prominent rural industry than it has been in more recent years. Then he acquired a farm, and followed mixed farming until he became licensee of the Alliance Hotel. As a hotelkeeper he was looked upon as a model, having a strong aversion to over-indulgence and a determination to have no drunkenness on his premises. Possessed of a measure of education above the average, he took an intelligent interest in public affairs with a strong Liberal bias. Personally he was endowed with many admirable attributes, and made a wide circle of friends, who will learn of his death with regret. Mr. Corcoran took a very active interest in all parish matters, and held the various offices in the H.A.C.B. Society, and was a staunch and pious Catholic. Requiem Mass was celebrated on Wednesday, April 9, and the funeral cortege, which left the Basilica in the afternoon, was very largely attended by town and country residents, including the local Hibernians. Mrs. Corcoran predeceased her husband two or three years ago, and the family remaining consists of two daughters and five sons.—R.I.P.

MRS. O'DRISCOLL, LAWRENCE.

By the death of Mrs. O'Driscoll, who passed away at her residence, Gabriel's Gully, Lawrence, on March 24, the district lost a very old resident. The late Mrs. O'Driscoll was born in County Cork, Ireland, and came to Lawrence, from Victoria, in the early sixties, her husband predeceasing her some years ago. The deceased was of a kind and charitable disposition, ever ready to help others in time of sickness or want. She was a staunch Catholic, and was attended by Father Lynch in her last illness. Three sons, three daughters, and fifteen grand-children, are left to mourn their loss.—R.I.P.

MR. MICHAEL QUINN, TRENTHAM.

The death took place at Trentham, on April 5, of Mr. Michael Quinn, son of Mrs. A. Quinn, of Trentham, and of the late Patrick Quinn, of Westland. The deceased, who had lived for some years in New South Wales, took ill there, and was recently brought home by his mother and brother, only to die within a short time after his landing in Wellington. His eldest brother (Mr. Richard Quinn) died recently, and Mrs. Quinn and family, in their double bereavement, have the sincere sympathy of a wide circle of friends.—R.I.P.

MR. JOHN LOADER, PAHIATUA.

At Pahiatua, on April 3, there passed away, at the age of 73 years, Mr. John Loader, a resident of this town for the past five years (writes a correspondent), during which time his example of a holy and fervent practice of his faith deeply impressed his co-religionists. Daily attendance at Mass, frequent Communion, and hours spent in adoration before the

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