

OBITUARY

MR. TIMOTHY MORONEY, ROSLYN, DUNEDIN.

The death occurred on Thursday, May 8, at his residence, Hart Street, Roslyn, Dunedin, of Mr. Timothy Moroney, a much-respected member of St. Joseph's Cathedral congregation. The deceased was born in 1850 at Kilworth, Co. Cork, Ireland, and arrived in New Zealand in 1875. For some years after his arrival in the Dominion he was engaged in the flourmilling and other industries. He eventually joined the N.Z. Railway service, in which he remained until he retired on superannuation. Prior to coming to Dunedin the late Mr. Moroney resided at Kakapuaka, in the Clutha district, where he reared his family. He was an exemplary father, and no circumstance was ever allowed to interfere with his, or his family's, attendance at Holy Mass, or other religious duty. At the outbreak of war four of his sons enlisted for active service. Two returned to their home during the past few days—Sergt. James and Private Edward: the other two—Lieut. Denis and Sergt. Joseph—are still in England. The late Mr. Moroney did not enjoy good health in the latter years of his life. In his last illness he received the devoted ministrations of St. Joseph's Cathedral clergy, and died fortified by all the sacred rites of Holy Church. He is survived by a widow, three daughters, and six sons. Father Spillane officiated at the interment in the Anderson's Bay Cemetery.—R.I.P.

MRS. MARIA FORD, OAMARU.

The death is recorded of another early colonist, and one of Oamaru's earliest settlers, in the person of Mrs. Maria Ford, relict of Mr. P. Ford, who passed away at her residence, Ali Street, last week, after a somewhat protracted illness patiently borne. Mrs. Ford, who was in her 75th year, was a native of Cappataggle (Ballinasloe), Co. Galway, Ireland, and emigrated to the Dominion with a sister in her early girlhood, and during the course of a well-spent life had witnessed the growth of settlement from a wilderness of bush and tussock to its present state of healthy civil and commercial prosperity. The deceased lady arrived in Port Chalmers by the ship *Lady Egidia* in 1860. She was a resident for some time in Dunedin, where she was married five years after arrival. She passed her early married life in the Maitaia district, later moving with her husband and family to Oamaru, where half a century has been spent, principally in the old home at Ali Street, where a large family of eight daughters and three sons has been reared and educated. Of a gentle and sympathetic nature, generous to a fault, and a true comforter to those in trouble or sickness, Mrs. Ford made a legion of friends, who will deeply regret her passing and revere her memory. The respected couple celebrated their golden wedding a few years back, and a year ago Mr. Ford predeceased his wife. The surviving descendants comprise nine children, and quite a small host of grand and great-grand-children, mostly settled in and around the Oamaru district. The deceased lady was a staunch and fervent member of St. Patrick's congregation, and was attended during her last illness by Father O'Connell, who administered the rites of Holy Church a few days previous to her passing away. Requiem Mass was celebrated at 9 o'clock on last Friday morning at the

Basilica, by Father Ardagh, nephew of deceased, who also officiated at the interment, assisted by Father O'Connell.—R.I.P.

A LITTLE BALLAD OF BILIBALDUS.

Bilibaldus Pirkimérus,—

When I sicken, be my stay!
When my heart in me is stricken,
And I doubt the God of Day.

Bilibaldus Pirkimérus

Every groan turned into gold,
When the blight fell on the region
God had given him to hold.

Bilibaldus Pirkimérus!

Fast he lay there with the gout,
But the fire-flash in the ashes
Of the furnace was not out.

There he lay; but with a whisper

He controll'd his empery,
And the fire in his old fingers
Made the drum beat gloriously.

When my heart grows cold—when, wounded,

I lie cursing at my fate,—

Bilibaldus Pirkimérus,—

Set the music at the gate!

ERNEST RHYS, in *The New Witness*.

LABOR IN QUEENSLAND.

There can be no doubt that the great success that Labor in politics has secured in our State must be attributed to the confidence which the people have in the ability of the leaders to govern, and that these men have lived up to their trust and reputation has been amply proved in their enterprise and courage in launching out into State businesses, with a view of catering for the people's welfare and clipping the wings of commercial pirates (writes the Brisbane correspondent of the *Catholic Press*). The wonderful success which the Premier, Mr. Ryan, has attained in our law courts against the full force of the Tory bar, and, it must be said, at times a very unsympathetic court, has lifted him on a plane in the people's estimation which has made him quite a hero. In his joint capacity of Premier and Attorney-General he has dared to create precedents, and has issued Orders-in-Council which have given shocks to Conservative constitutionists who have judicially questioned his authority, but who have had to compulsorily acknowledge that his law was sounder than theirs, and that his acts were perfectly legitimate. It will be remembered that Mr. Ryan, acting on behalf of Queensland and the Imperial Government, took certain action regarding some cattle which was commandeered, and, since that time, he has had to fight an action with respect to these cattle in the various courts here, and later on in the Privy Council. The Home Government, recognising the uncommon legal ability of Mr. Ryan, invited him to London to appear on their behalf, with the result that he has come through with flying colors, handsomely winning the case.

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