

OBITUARY

MR. MYLES MCPADDEN, WESTPORT.

Mr. Myles McPadden, J.P., passed away at his residence, Grouse Lodge, Buller Gorge, on the morning of March 17, after an illness of several weeks' duration. Mr. McPadden was one of the best known men in the Buller district, having for many years occupied seats on local governing bodies, notably the Buller County Council, Hospital Board, and Westport Harbor Board. For several terms he was County Chairman. He was a splendid citizen, held in the very highest esteem by the whole community. Mr. McPadden was born in Leitrim, Ireland, some 84 years ago. As a young man he came out to Victoria, and was a pioneer gold-miner of Bendigo and other famous gold-fields. He took part in the mining 'rush' to New Zealand, landing at Dunedin. Subsequently he worked in Marlborough and Canterbury, and at the opening of the West Coast he walked from Christchurch to the Coast. He settled at Addison's Flat in the early 'sixties, and carried on business as a storekeeper, afterwards removing to Westport. The deceased gentleman leaves an adult family. His wife predeceased him by a year. The deceased died fortified by the rites of the Catholic Church, of which he was a very devoted member. The funeral was very largely attended. The members of the H.A.C.B. Society, of which the deceased was an honorary member, were present in regalia. As the cortege was leaving the church, the 'Dead March' from 'Saul' was played. The Ven. Archpriest Walshe officiated both at the church and graveside.—R.I.P.

MRS. JOHN MEADE, POOLBURN.

The death occurred on Easter Monday, at Poolburn, Otago Central, of Mrs. Meade, wife of Mr. John Meade, a well-known carrier and contractor throughout Otago. The deceased lady was a native of Knockenagh, County Clare, and came to Dunedin from Geelong, Victoria. She was for many years a resident of South Dunedin, being one of the first parishioners of St. Patrick's. Of late years she had resided in the Ida Valley, and at Tarras, where, owing to her genial disposition, she made a wide circle of friends, as was testified by the large numbers who attended the funeral as a tribute of their respect. She is survived by her husband and two sons. Rev. Father O'Dea attended the deceased during her long illness, and officiated at the graveside in the Omakau cemetery.—R.I.P.

Temuka Catholic Club

The ninth annual meeting of the above club took place in the club rooms on Tuesday evening, April 8, the president (Mr. E. B. Gillespie) presiding over an attendance of some thirty or forty members.

The annual report and balance sheet, which were read by the secretary, were considered satisfactory, and after a small amount of discussion, were adopted.

The question of continuing to enter teams for the football competitions, provoked a lively discussion. Mention was made of the difficulty experienced in the past in obtaining a sufficient number to travel, and after the pros and cons were considered it was decided to allow this branch to lapse for the forthcoming season. This decision went further, and was responsible for the annual subscription being considerably reduced.

It was decided to hold weekly meetings on Tuesday evenings, and to enter more into the literary and debating branch, all members present speaking of the good work that had already been accomplished in this direction.

The election of officers for the ensuing term resulted as follows:—Spiritual director, Rev. Father Kerley; president, Mr. John Scott; senior vice-president, Mr. Jas. Farrell; junior vice-president, Mr. Jas. Fitzgerald; secretary, Mr. R. P. Connell; treasurer, Mr. C. Creevey; executive, officers (ex officio), and Messrs. E. B. Gillespie, A. Scott, T. Knight, M. Fitzgerald, and F. D. O'Connell.

THE HOLY SEE AND THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT

THE POPE'S REPLY TO THE CATHOLICS OF GENOA

A truly fitting reply to the aggressiveness shown by the Italian Government in refusing the royal exequatur to the Archbishop of Genoa is the presence in Rome of a delegation of priests and laymen from that city to request the Holy Father to permit Archbishop Caron to enter his See, notwithstanding the action of the civil authorities (says a Rome correspondent writing on February 23). How indignant the clergy of Genoa feel over the action of the Government may be inferred from the protest sent to the Premier of Italy, the Hon. Giovanni Giolitti, by the Metropolitan Chapter of that city. 'Faithful subjects of the civil authority,' it says, 'but still more devoted sons of the Church, we, the Canons of the Cathedral of Genoa raise our voice to protest against the action of the royal Government in denying the exequatur to Mgr. Andrea Caron, our Archbishop. We protest against an act that ignores the divine institution of the Church, her purpose and her rights which were given to her by her Divine Founder, our Lord Jesus Christ, independently of every earthly power. We protest against an act that assumes for the Government the right of an undue interference in the election of the sacred pastors. We protest against an act that aims at violating the discipline of the Church and at impeding full union with her Supreme Head, the Roman Pontiff. We protest on account of the offence offered to Mgr. Caron, to whom, on flimsy and groundless pretences, the royal exequatur is denied, whilst actions which are a duty for every Catholic Bishop, are ascribed to him as blameworthy. We protest on account of the grave loss which our archdiocese suffers in being deprived of her pastor. May God grant that the royal Government will recognise how unjust and harmful is the act in the performance of which it is insisting, and will not further oppose the will of the See of Peter, to which the world owes its civilisation and which is the chief glory of our Italy, and the principal guarantee of the security and prosperity of every nation.'

Papal Reception of Genoese Deputation.

For many years no audience given by the Pope has excited such keen interest all over Italy as that accorded at noon on February 22 to the deputation sent by the city of Genoa to present to the Holy Father an expression of its homage and affection, and to ask his Holiness to permit Archbishop Caron to take possession of his See regardless of the action of the Government in denying the royal exequatur. The deputation, which was representative of all classes and consisted of two hundred and fifty persons, among whom were seventy priests and twenty of the heads of the leading aristocratic families of Genoa, all eager and generous with their offerings of hospitality for Archbishop Caron. The Marchioness Doria-Pallavicini intimated her wish to place at the disposal of his Grace her magnificent Villa di Vegli, one of the most beautiful in Italy; two aristocratic families said they would undertake to supply for the support of the Archiepiscopal household during the Archbishop's life an amount equal to that which the Government withholds, while other noble families and Catholic associations said they would supply the funds necessary for the exercise of the ministry. Probably the Masonic Government of Italy never dreamt its action would raise such a storm of indignation. At noon, the Holy Father, preceded by a number of the Noble Guards and accompanied by Archbishop Ranuzzi, Mgr. De Amicis, Vicar-Capitular of Genoa, and several private Chamberlains, entered the Consistorial Hall, where a burst of applause greeted his Holiness. When the Holy Father had ascended the throne, Mgr. De Amicis read in the name of the people of Genoa of all classes an enthusiastic address, which was followed by the reading of another from Commendatore Pietro Massucco, President of the Dio-