

How Missions are Governed

Bishop Le Roy, the Superior-General of the Fathers of the Holy Ghost, has recently defined, in the *Echo from Africa*, some of the terms used in missionary literature and explained how missions are governed:— 'A mission,' he points out, 'in the sense in which we here use it, is an apostolate undertaken by a special band of missionaries in a limited area not already occupied, or in a vicariate or diocese of which they themselves have not charge. The heads of such missions bear the title of Superior, till, in the event of the work prospering, they are raised to the rank of Prefectures Apostolic and then to Vicariates, and so come under the organisation of the Catholic Hierarchy. The Prefecture Apostolic is the first independent centre of Catholic activity; the Prefect, nominated by Propaganda, is merely a priest invested with special powers, Superior of the rest, and receiving his instructions direct from Propaganda if a secular, or through his Superior-General if he be a member of a religious Order. He also is often delegated with the power of administering Confirmation.'

The function of a Vicar Apostolic is much more complex. The Vicar Apostolic is, in fact, a Bishop who represents the Holy See, and is deputed by the Pope to reside in pagan countries with the special mission of founding new churches. From early times power has been given to Vicars Apostolic to decide ecclesiastical questions for the Holy See. They have to propagate the faith within the territory assigned to them, and may not absent themselves from their mission without grave reasons, not being allowed to go even to Rome, except by special permission from the Prefect of Propaganda from whom they receive their jurisdiction. They are given an episcopal title derived from a See now abandoned, or one that is held by non-Christian powers, most of these titular Sees being in the Turkish Empire. The Vicar Apostolic, however, cannot nominate a Chapter and Vicar-General, though he enjoys all other episcopal privileges, the actual difference between him and a Diocesan Bishop being that while the latter has ordinary jurisdiction in his own diocese, the former holds his jurisdiction from Propaganda. When the faith seems likely to flourish by the aid of native clergy, the full Hierarchy is established in the country.

OBITUARY

MR. JOSEPH CARROLL, GLEN OROUA
(MANAWATU).

Sincere regret was felt at the news of the death of Mr. Joseph Carroll, son of Mr. Robert Carroll, of Glen Oroua, who passed away on July 18 at a private hospital in Palmerston North, after undergoing an operation. The deceased, who was 21 years of age, was ill only for four days, during which time he was visited regularly by the Rev. Fathers McManus and Dolaghty, and the Sisters of Mercy. The late Mr. Carroll was the youngest but one of nine brothers, who are well known in athletic circles. He was a brother of Mr. Michael Carroll, captain of the Marist Brothers' Football Club, Auckland, and of Mr. V. Carroll, New Zealand champion professional distance runner. The deceased, who had also made a name for himself as a runner and footballer, was of an extremely bright disposition, and was very much esteemed by all who knew him. The Rev. Father O'Dwyer, of Feilding, officiated at the interment in the Rongotea Cemetery. The funeral was the largest ever seen in the district.—R.I.P.

MR. P. McSWIGAN, KAIKOURA.

We (*Kaikoura Star*) regret to announce the death of Mr. Patrick McSwigan, which took place on Tuesday night, August 5, at his residence on the Esplanade. Deceased had been in failing health for more than a

year, heart attacks being frequent, and his death was not entirely unexpected. The late Mr. McSwigan was born in Berragh, Tyrone, in 1849, and was in his sixty-fifth year. With his father and mother, and the other members of the family, he arrived in Lyttelton in 1872 by the, then, largest sailing vessel on the Home-Colonial route, the *Lady Jocelyn*. For a while Mr. McSwigan worked at his trade, that of boot-making, and he then established the 'U.B.D.' Boot Palace at the High street-Litchfield street corner in Christchurch. This business he carried on for about thirteen years, and he came to Kaikoura in 1887, setting up at the West End, removing his establishment to the Esplanade about ten years ago. Mr. McSwigan took no part in public affairs, but he was a genuine, unassuming man, of a kindly disposition, who made a large circle of friends. He was a staunch and zealous Catholic. To his widow and only daughter (three sons and one daughter predeceased him), and other relatives, very sincere sympathy will be extended by the whole community.—R.I.P.

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