

If happy faces and ringing laughter are any proof of inward joy and happiness then the retreatants who left Teschemakers were happy, for, as his Lordship the Bishop and the Prior bade adieu to one motor bus full after another, one saw nothing but joy in every face, the joy that inspires strength and fortitude and blesses one with perseverance in doing whatever work God gives one to do.

Take joy home,  
And make a place in thy great heart for her;  
And give her time to grow and cherish her.  
Then will she often come and sing to thee,  
When thou art working with the furrows,  
aye,  
Or weeding in the sacred hour of dawn.  
It is a comely fashion to be glad—  
Joy is the grace we say to God.

### HOME OF COMPASSION: LAUNDRY APPEAL

Sir,—I notice in a recent issue of the *Tablet* that that veteran of apostolic charity, Mother Aubert had received through the kind offices of your contributor, Anne, an offering for her admirable Homes. Further, from the good Mother's acknowledgement, I find that the donation is being banked by her to the credit of the steam laundry fund. This is, so far as I have noticed, the first mention of the much-wanted laundry, and I congratulate you on having been the means of bringing the matter forward.

As a result of your notice, my own cheque has gone forward to Island Bay, and if you are prepared to open a list, you may begin it with my donation of ten guineas which you were instrumental in securing. Mother Aubert tells us consistently that she draws on the Bank of Providence to advance the material as well as the spiritual interests of her wonderful all-New Zealand Institute, but the cheques on that bank have to be exchanged for others on every-day forms for every-day banks before contractors will respect them. We, Catholics and non-Catholics are in other words, the instruments of that ever-kind Providence.

The Wellington Homes are the admiration of a very wide public, and quite lately a very influential and observant body—the Film Companies of Wellington—paid over the entire proceeds of their first mammoth function to this charity. Such precedence was a marked recognition of the worth of the Homes of Compassion. With all the generous giving resultant from widespread admiration many handicaps are still experienced by the zealous workers—notably in the laundry department. Every reason of convenience, no less than the more serious matter of hygienic precaution will surely make a strong plea for the early establishment of the projected steam laundry. Incidentally I may say that I have since heard that the plans will involve an expenditure of £7500. This means generous giving and to your lady readers who appreciate these things better than mere men, I ask that you present this plea.

It is put forward in the year of the canonisation of the inspirer of the Home of Compassion—the saintly Curé d'Arès—and his legion of devout clients could scarcely honor

him in a better way in this Holy Year, than by giving alms to the sterling charity which he has so splendidly blessed.

Yours, etc.,

—H. P

### OBITUARY

#### MRS. C. McGRANE, OHAKUNE.

At Ohakune, on December 20, the death occurred of a popular and well-known former resident of Taumarunui in the person of Mrs. Catherine McGrane. The late Mrs. McGrane was born in Victoria, Australia, 58 years ago, and she came to New Zealand over 30 years ago. Mr. and Mrs. McGrane settled first at Dunedin and later at Wellington. They came further north to the King Country and in 1908 Mrs. McGrane took over the Railway Hotel, opposite the railway station, which she conducted for about eight years. She later lived at Rangaroa and Ohakune. Mrs. McGrane was a popular resident of Taumarunui, and a great worker in the interests of the Catholic Church. She also endeared herself to many by her generous work of a charitable nature and was unflinching in her efforts to help and cheer the sick. She was married before her arrival in New Zealand and adopted a niece, now Mrs. E. H. Richardson, of Ohakune. She is survived by her husband (Mr. Martin McGrane, Ohakune), niece, and four sisters—Mrs. H. McCambridge (Matamata), Mrs. O. Kennedy (Victoria), Mrs. R. Cullen (Victoria), and Sister Aidan. Another sister predeceased her. Her three brothers are John (Queensland), Michael (Victoria), and James (Sydney).—R.I.P.

#### MR. THOMAS McCANN, ADDISONS.

There passed away at his residence, Shamrock Hotel, Addisons, on November 30, a well-known and most respected pioneer settler of the Buller district, in the person of Mr. Thomas McCann. Born in Co. Longford, Ireland, 87 years ago, he came as a young man to Australia in 1860 and followed the goldfields of Victoria, later coming to New Zealand and following gold rushes in Otago, Hokitika, and Addisons' Flat. In the latter place (where he had resided ever since) he was married in 1875 to Mary O'Gorman, of Co. Kerry, Ireland. The late McCann engaged in gold mining pursuits until eighteen years ago, when he became proprietor of the Shamrock Hotel. He was a man of many estimable qualities and by his genial and hospitable disposition endeared himself to a wide circle of friends. The deceased was an exemplary Catholic, a most patriotic Irishman, and was associated with the first Hibernian Society established in New Zealand. Although he had reached an advanced age he enjoyed good health to the last, and the end came peacefully. He died fortified by the last Sacred rites of the Church, being attended by Rev. Father Devlin. The interment took place at Addisons Cemetery, and was largely attended; Rev. Father Sweeney officiating. The deceased leaves a widow and family of nine to mourn their loss, a daughter and son having predeceased him. He also leaves several grandchildren. The daughters are—

Mesdames McMillan, Kilgour, O'Gorman, Dove, and Miss A. McCann; the sons—Messrs Patrick, Thomas, John, and Francis. To the bereaved wife and family the sympathy of a wide circle of friends is extended.—R.I.P.

#### MR. P. J. KELLY, FEILDING.

With deep regret the death is announced of Mr. Patrick James Kelly, barrister and solicitor, of Feilding, which occurred on December 25, fortified by the rites of Holy Church. The deceased was the third son of Mr. Thomas Kelly, of Awatuna, West Coast. The late Mr. Kelly was articled by Mr. James Park, Crown Prosecutor of Hokitika. He afterwards removed to Invercargill, then to Palmerston North, where he met Mr. A. M. Ongley, finally opening a practice in Feilding which they carried on successfully for twenty years. He leaves a wife, son, and daughter, also four brothers—John, Michael, and Lawrence (Awatuna), and Joseph (Ruatapu), and one sister (Mrs. York, of Ohakune). The funeral, which was very largely attended, testified to the respect in which the deceased was held. Many floral tributes were forwarded by friends and different local bodies in which the late Mr. Kelly had been closely associated. The "Dead March" was played as the remains were borne from the church. Rev. Father Murphy (cousin of the deceased) officiated at the church and graveside, assisted by Fathers Cahill (Feilding), and Doolaghty (Palmerston North).—R.I.P.

#### MR. J. C. CONNOLLEY, PORT CHALMERS.

Few have been more closely associated with the history of Port Chalmers during the past fifty years than the late Mr. John Charles Connolley, who recently passed away. As a young man he experienced pioneering life in Queensland, and also visited many seaports throughout Australasia before settling down at Port Chalmers. Opening a hairdressing saloon and tobacconist's shop, he retained his touch to some extent with seafaring life, his business premises being popular with the crews of vessels trading to the port of Otago. Though their welcome was never profuse, it was always sincere. Although Mr. Connolley had been in poor health for the past two years, he was always interesting. He knew Port Chalmers when every second person was a captain, and tales of whaling days contained more than an echo of romance as he recounted them. The late Mr. Connolley did not altogether confine his activities to tonsorial effort. He displayed remarkable skill as a dentist, and extracted many an aching molar, children as well as adults availing themselves of his services. Mr. Connolley also displayed an interest in geological strata, and in his strolls about the hillsides collected many interesting specimens. An outcrop of lignite coal near the Mihiwaka railway tunnel is known as "Connolley's coal mine." Probably his greatest attention, apart from business, was devoted to mechanical invention. Mr. Connolley developed an apparatus for the launching of lifeboats from stranded vessels, and, although the invention was not adopted by shipowners, the working model was examined by people interested in salvage

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