

Archbishop Cerretti to be Elevated to the Cardinalate



A cable message from Rome under date October 5, to an American exchange, says:—

Monsignor Cerretti, Papal Nuncio to Paris and formerly Auditor of the Apostolic Delegation at Washington, is to be elevated to the Sacred College of Cardinals at the next Consistory, which will be convoked by the Holy Father in late November or early December. The Nuncio was received in audience by the Pope on Saturday, and will return to his post in the French capital within a few days. Prior to his appointment as Nuncio to Paris, which marked the resumption of diplomatic relations between France and the Vatican, Monsignor Cerretti had served as Secretary of the Apostolic Delegation to Mexico, as Auditor at Washington, and as Apostolic Delegate to Australia.

It is regarded as probable that Monsignor Carlo Perosi, Assessor of the Sacred Congregation of the Holy Office, will also be made a Cardinal at the coming Consistory.

OBITUARY

MR. JOHN SCANLON, WAIPUKU.

By the death of Mr. John Scanlon at the Stratford Hospital the ranks of Taranaki's pioneer settlers were depleted of yet another of their rapidly diminishing number.

Mr. Scanlon's last birthday marked the 78th year of his life, 60 years of which were spent in New Zealand—mainly in Taranaki. He left his native home in Co. Wicklow, Ireland, and landed at Port Nicholson in 1865. Here he was one of the first men engaged in the construction of the railway from Wellington to the Hutt. Coming later to Taranaki, he was favorably impressed with the possibilities of advancement offered by farming pursuits, and for a considerable number of years he followed that occupation at Kaponga, Kapuni, and Te Kiri. From Te Kiri he went to Waipuku, where he farmed up to the time of his death.

Mr. Scanlon's first wife, who was a daughter

of Mr. and Mrs. P. Brown, of Bulls, predeceased him 30 years ago. Of this marriage there were five daughters and two sons, the former being Mrs. J. W. H. Gardner (Riverlea), Mrs. Owen McPhillips (Stratford) the late Bridget Scanlon, who died during childhood, the late Mrs. W. Lister (Manaia), and Mrs. Jas. McPhillips (Kaponga), and the sons being Messrs. John and Michael, residing at Kaponga. Mr. Scanlon is survived by his second wife, who is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Ryder, of Christchurch, and has seven sons, all of whom are still living. They are Messrs. William (Kaponga), and Bernard, Vincent, Victor, Eric, Cyril, and Conrad, of Waipuku.—R.I.P.

MRS. MARY ABBOTT, PAHAUTANUI.

Quite a gloom was cast over Pahautanui and the surrounding districts when it became known that Mrs. Mary Abbott, relict of the late Henry Abbott, had passed peacefully away at her home, "The Grange," Pahautanui, after a short illness. The deceased lady was attended in her last hours by the Rev. Father Griffin, Johnsonville, and died fortified by the rites of Holy Church, in the presence of her sorrowing family. A Requiem Mass was celebrated by Rev. Father Griffin, assisted by Rev. Father John O'Connell (Christchurch), Rev. Father Walsh (Nainai), and Very Rev. Dean Regnault (Wellington). The funeral was very largely attended, the interment taking place in the Catholic cemetery, Pahautanui. Rev. Father John O'Connell, of St. Mary's, Christchurch, officiated at the graveside, and spoke in feeling terms of the late Mrs. Abbott's good qualities. The deceased was born in Elphin, Co. Roscommon, Ireland, in 1845, and arrived in New Zealand in the ship *Asterope* in 1865, accompanied by her sister, Mrs. R. Mulhern, "Mt. Erin," Pahautanui, and her brother, the late Michael Power. In 1868 she was married to Henry Abbott who predeceased her many years ago. Her eldest daughter, Sister Mary of St. Magdalen de Pazzi, Convent of the Good Shepherd, Oakleigh, Melbourne, passed to her eternal reward two years ago, after doing God's holy work for many years. The surviving members of her family are three daughters—Mrs. Frederick Brady, "Bay View," Pahautanui, and the Misses Elizabeth and Ada Abbott, and three sons (Messrs. Henry, Charles, and Oliver Abbott) to mourn the loss of a devoted mother; also sixteen grandchildren and four great grandchildren. The late Mrs. Abbott was one of the pioneers of this district who, being engaged in farming, had all the hardships of the bush settlers to endure, and at her home there was always a welcome to the priests journeying through the country from the late Fathers Petitjean and Lampila's time until the present day. A most exemplary Catholic, having special devotion to the holy rosary, her life being one long prayer; God rewarded her with a peaceful happy death. She will be sadly missed by a large circle of friends, among whom she was held in the highest esteem. Numerous telegrams and letters of sympathy have been received by her sorrowing family, who will ever cherish the memory of a loving devoted mother.—R.I.P.

BOOK NOTICES

Place Names in County Dublin, by M. A. MacNamara, B.L. Dublin. Price 4/- net.

If you concluded from the title of this book that it is a dry tome of a soporific nature you would be much mistaken. Opening its pages this reviewer found it intensely interesting, and learned from it a great deal on topics concerning which he had wrong notions heretofore. For instance, it always seemed strange that the old name for Dublin should be Baile-atha-cliaith, or "the ford of the hurdles." From what we knew of the Liffey near Dublin a ford there looked impossible, and why hurdles? Mr. MacNamara blows this fanciful derivation sky-high. Balacliah, which is the ancient and also the present day name for the city, comes from Baile-atha-cliaith, but the words mean the Town of the battle plain, which, taking the Phoenix Park into consideration, is reasonable. The Park was the rendez-vous of the clans from time immemorial, and one of its Gaelic names was Atha-cliaith, or the battle field. So when a town grew up there, naturally enough it was Baile-atha-cliaith, or the town of the battle field. Another old name for the Park was fath-aighneas, pronounced "fain-as," from which an average English scholar would conclude that it was the mere Irish way of saying Phoenix.

Father William Doyle, S.J., C.F. by Professor Alfred O'Rahilly. Third edition, revised and enlarged. Longmans, Green and Co., London. Price 15/- net.

This delayed third edition of the best of modern Catholic biographies more than compensates for the period of waiting, during which there was an insistent demand for its appearance. It has been thoroughly revised and much new material has been added. A great amount of additional matter was gleaned from Father Doyle's note-books and letters from the Front. There are several new illustrations, and a good deal of appropriate and enlightening explanation of Catholic ideals of Asceticism. All this entailed delay, and now we have this remarkable spiritual work in what may be regarded as its definite form. Readers all over the world have endorsed the chorus of praise with which the reviewers welcomed it, and it has been translated into German and Italian, while other versions in many languages are in preparation. Already it has become in the English language a spiritual classic, and hence this carefully prepared third edition was due to all. It is high praise for such a volume to find it warmly recommended for spiritual reading. The spirit of the book may be best gathered from Professor O'Rahilly's own words: "To those who know only the Jesuits of fiction or of Pascal, such a life of Father Doyle will be convincing proof that, as he declared when yet a novice, 'The Society was instituted to glorify the Name of Jesus by its learning, by its zeal, but above all by its holiness.' To those who know Catholicism only as an institution, this biography will be testimony that, in a world teeming with self-indulgence and callousness, the Church still fosters the love of Jesus and the following of the Crucified. The most effective apologetic is to be found, not in learned disserta-

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