

OBITUARY

MRS. MARGARET HUGHES, MANAIA.

There passed away on Thursday, January 6, Mrs. Margaret Hughes, relict of Daniel Hughes, one of the early settlers of the Taranaki district. The deceased was a daughter of Sergeant Ward, a Crimean and Maori War veteran, and experienced all the dangers and hardships of pioneer life in New Zealand. She was an example of the fine type of early settlers whose help in case of necessity could be relied on, and many can testify, with gratitude, to help rendered them in time of trouble.—R.I.P.

MR. LOUIS O'BRIEN, WELLINGTON.

The death is recorded, with regret, of Mr. Louis P. O'Brien, licensee of the Masonic Hotel, Wellington, who passed away after a brief illness. Prior to the funeral, Requiem Mass was celebrated by Rev. Father Mahony, S.M., at St. Mary of the Angels' Church, Boulcott Street. There was a very numerous assemblage of mourners at the interment in Karori cemetery, Father Murphy, S.M. officiating at the graveside. A widow and four children are left to mourn their loss. The deceased was a brother of Mrs. A. Dalton and Messrs. Vernon and W. O'Brien.—R.I.P.

MRS. CECILIA HAYDEN, WELLINGTON.

I very much regret to record the death of a prominent Island Bay parishioner in the person of Mrs. Cecelia Hayden, wife of Mr. E. F. Hayden, which occurred on Sunday last, after a brief but painful illness (writes our Wellington correspondent under date February 26). The deceased was a devoted Catholic, and a staunch member of the Sacred Heart Sodality. She was attended in her last illness by the Rev. Fathers Sweeney and M. Devoy, S.M. The interment took place on Tuesday after Requiem Mass celebrated at St. Francis's Church, Island Bay.—R.I.P.

MRS. BRIDGET O'BRIEN, WELLINGTON.

By the death of Mrs. Bridget O'Brien, for many years past the licensee of the Victoria Hotel, Abel Smith Street, Wellington, which occurred recently, another has been added to the fast diminishing band of New Zealand's pioneers. The late Mrs. O'Brien was born at Ennis, Co. Clare, Ireland, and came at a very early age with her parents to Victoria. With her husband she came in the year 1867 to the West Coast and continued to live there until 1906. Mrs. O'Brien saw the many changes which the years brought to the Coast and to the end was a fine example of the early Irish settlers of Westland. The deceased is survived by a family of five daughters and four sons. She was attended in her last illness by the Rev. Fathers Bowe and Doherty, and leaves a wide circle of friends to mourn their loss.—R.I.P.

MRS. MARGARET McCORMICK, HASTINGS.

There passed away on February 18, at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. John Poppelwell, Sylvan Road, Hastings, Margaret, relict of Henry Carr McCormick, formerly of Cargill Street, Dunedin. The deceased had reached the great age of 92 years, 62 years of her life being spent in New Zealand. She was born at Carrickfergus, of Scottish parents, and arrived from Scotland, accompanied by her husband and three children, in 1859. Before leaving for Hastings the deceased was resident in Dunedin for many years. During the last two years of her life she was confined to her bed. She was attended during her last illness by Rev. Father Fraher, S.M., and passed away fortified by the last rites of Holy Church. The late Mrs. McCormick is survived by three sons and two daughters.—R.I.P.

MR. MAURICE HICKEY, PALMERSTON NORTH.

Palmerston North has suffered a great loss by the decease of Mr. Maurice Hickey, as the result of an accident, he being knocked down and run over by a taxi while engaged in his usual duties. For over 30

years the late Mr. Hickey held a responsible position on the staff of the local Borough Council, which position he occupied with credit to himself and to the absolute satisfaction of the municipal authorities. The Town Clerk in his report stated "that at no period had there been any disagreements on any matter in connection with Mr. Hickey's department. As a member of the congregation of St. Patrick's the late Maurice Hickey was at all times during the past 40 years ready and willing to do everything in his power to advance the interests of the Church, and his familiar figure will be much missed from his accustomed place and duties. At the Requiem Mass the solemn incidental music was sung by the local Sisters of Mercy, to whom he rendered many highly valued services. The obsequies were conducted by Rev. Father McManus, assisted by Fathers Kennedy, Bergen, and Doherty, in the presence of a large assemblage of relatives and friends. Representatives of the Borough Council and staff (office and works) were pall-bearers, together with prominent members of the congregation. To his bereaved ones the sincerest sympathy of a wide circle of friends is extended.—R.I.P.

MR. MAURICE O'CONNOR, WELLINGTON.

One of Wellington's oldest and most respected citizens, Mr. Maurice O'Connor, passed away on Thursday (writes our Wellington correspondent, under date February 26). The deceased, who was born in Tipperary, Ireland, nearly 81 years ago, went to Melbourne in 1859, and in 1861 came to New Zealand at the time of the Gabriel's Gully gold rush. Thence he went to the West Coast of the South Island, where he took a prominent part in the development of that part of the Colony as a contractor for a considerable period. In 1892 he came to the North Island, where, until seven or eight years ago, when he retired into private life, he occupied a prominent position in the building and contracting world. The late Mr. O'Connor had for many years been a generous benefactor to the Church and its institutions. He contributed liberally to Catholic education, founding scholarships at St. Patrick's College. Recently he donated £500 to the Wellington Catholic Education Board for primary education. He was for many years treasurer of the Particular Council of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, as well as occupying the same position in the St. Mary's Conference. Both positions were retained until his death. He was a true son of Erin and ever ready to liberally aid Ireland's cause. Always a staunch and devoted Catholic, his life was an exemplary one. The late Mr. O'Connor leaves a widow and family consisting of Messrs. P. F. O'Connor, of Palmerston North, jeweller; J. O'Connor, farmer, Levin; Mrs. M. Bourke, Napier; Mrs. G. McEvedy, Wellington; Mrs. Cyril Collins, Wellington; and Sister Mary Baptiste, of the Sisters of Mercy, Christchurch. The interment took place this morning, Requiem Mass being celebrated at St. Mary of the Angels', Boulcott Street, by the Rev. Father Mahony, S.M. Present in the sanctuary were Archbishop O'Shea, Very Rev. Dean Holly, S.M. (Provincial), Ven. Archdeacon Devoy, S.M., Very Rev. Father Gilbert, S.M., M.A. (Rector), and professors of St. Patrick's College, Very Rev. Dean McKenna, Rev. Fathers P. J. Smyth, S.M., Adm., Murphy, S.M., Connolly, O'Donnell, Griffin, F. Cullen, Quealy, M. Devoy, S.M., and Sweeney. The St. Patrick's College choir sang the incidental music of the Mass. Rev. Father Mahony officiated at the graveside. There was a large cortege, including many of Wellington's most influential citizens, and representatives of commercial houses. Messrs. J. J. L. Burke and Martin Moloney (who were fellow members with Mr. O'Connor in the Greymouth branch of the Hibernian Society), together with Messrs. E. J. Healy and J. Hyland (representing the St. Vincent de Paul Society), were pall-bearers.—R.I.P.

A Christian name, a Christian faith, the Christian covenant, the Christian sacraments will not set us one step nearer heaven without a Christian life.—Wilson.

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