

OBITUARY

MRS. M. CRONIN, CHRISTCHURCH.

The ranks of the sterling Catholic pioneers of Christchurch, already much reduced by death, suffered a further and notable loss recently by the death of Mrs. M. Cronin, relict of the late M. Cronin, who passed away at her residence, Lower High Street, on July 2. The deceased was born in Kent, England, and was at the time of her death 79 years of age. She was a convert to the Church, having been instructed and received by the late Dean Ginaty, then parish-priest of Christchurch. A faith, deep and simple, which found expression in fervent and solid piety, marked her whole life. This faith it was that made her zealous on behalf of every work of religion, charity, and education, undertaken in Christchurch. She gave cheerfully and generously to each, of her time, service, and means. Hers was a familiar presence at all the functions of the Church in the old pro-Cathedral and in the new Cathedral, to both of which she was devotedly attached. Wisdom, strength and sweetness characterised her government of the home, whilst as a neighbor she was charitable in word and deed, and prudent in counsel. Continuous sufferings were her lot during the last few years of her life, and these served but to refine and enhance her character. All who visited her as well as those who surrounded her were impressed by her rare fortitude, calmness, and patience. No murmur ever escaped her lips, but she ever showed consideration, sympathy, and thoughtfulness for others. Her devotion to the Holy Eucharist made her desire to receive Holy Communion often, and she enjoyed the privilege of communicating nearly every day. Her rosary was her daily companion, serving as a key to unlock the treasury of graces in the keeping of Mary Immaculate; for herself and others. Her family repaid their parent's lifelong care for them by their own loving and tender care for her during her long illness, and she expired peacefully in their midst. Her mortal remains were brought to the Cathedral on July 5, when Requiem Mass was celebrated by the Rev. Father Andersen, of Holy Cross College, Mosgiel. The clergy were represented in the Sanctuary by the Rev. Fathers Hanrahan (Darfield), Murphy (Hawarden), and Gallagher. The Absolutions at the Catafalque were given by his Lordship the Bishop, after which the interment took place at the Linwood Cemetery. The deceased is survived by six daughters, Rev. Mother Marie St. Claudia, Provincial of the Sisters of the Missions, Hamilton; Mesdames G. Dobbs and M. Garty, and the Misses Nellie, Jessie, and Myra Cronin, who have the sympathy of the whole Catholic community of Christchurch, and of many friends in other parishes.—R.I.P.

MR. PIERCE CARROLL, BALD HILL FLAT.

The death of Mr. Pierce Carroll, an old and much respected resident of Bald Hill Flat, Central Otago, which occurred on June 25, is recorded with deep regret. The deceased arrived in Australia in 1859, and after being engaged in goldmining there crossed over to New Zealand in 1863, and joined in the "rush" to the Dunstan. For some years he followed mining at Manuhirika, as Alexandra was then termed, and was married in St. John's Church there in 1869. About 46 years ago he came to Bald Hill Flat, where he resided until his death. The late Mr. Carroll was born at Glen, Co. Waterford, Ireland, in 1835, and all through life was a fearless advocate of the national rights of his country. With pride he would relate to his friends his having, as a small boy, seen Daniel O'Connell, and always lived in hopes of seeing justice done to his beloved Ireland. Always a fervent and practical Catholic, his well-spent life was an example to those who had the privilege of his genial friendship. Rev. Father Hunt, who constantly attended the deceased during his illness, officiated at the interment in the Alexandra cemetery, on June 26, the funeral being attended by friends from over a wide area. Besides the wife and daughter of the deceased, and out of a family of eight, there are left to mourn their loss Mr. Jas. Carroll (Galloway), Mr. P. F. Carroll (Bald Hill Flat), and Detective-Sergeant John Carroll (Invercargill).—R.I.P.

MR. HUMPHREY KEARIN, ONEHUNGA.

His many friends will learn with deep regret of the death of Mr. Humphrey Kearin, which occurred lately at Onehunga, where he had resided for just on 50 years. Born at Scartaglen, near Castle-Island, Co. Kerry, Ireland, in 1843, he arrived in Auckland by the ship *Queen of Beauty* in August, 1862, and on his arrival was drafted into the Militia, seeing some of the later fighting in the Maori War in the Waikato. When gold was discovered at the Thames he joined the rush, spending several years there. After leaving the Thames he settled in Onehunga, where most of his family of three sons and four daughters were born and reared. Last November he and his good wife celebrated the golden jubilee of their wedding. His youngest son (Father Humphrey Kearin) is at present Administrator of Kalgoorlie, W.A., in which State he has labored for some years. The other two sons—Messrs. Maurice and Thomas—are both well-known members of the N.Z. Railway Dept. His eldest daughter (Miss Alice Kearin) is a very well-known music teacher of Auckland; the remaining daughters (Mrs. K. Donovan, and the Misses Joan and Kate Kearin) all residing at Onehunga. A man of considerable learning and piety, he was very much respected and esteemed. The late Mr. Kearin was a good Gaelic scholar, and it was often a great treat to hear him in a battle of wits in that tongue with some of his Irish priest friends. A fervent Catholic and a true-born Irishman, one of his oft-expressed wishes was that he might be spared to see the consummation of Ireland's struggle for independence. The interment took place in the Onehunga Cemetery, the Right Rev. Mgr. Mahoney, who officiated, referring in touching terms to the deceased.—R.I.P.

GARDENING NOTES

(By MR. J. JOYCE, Landscape Gardener, Christchurch.)

WORK FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST.

The Vegetable Garden.—With the near approach of spring renewed activity in gardening pursuits will be essential. Providing the ground has been prepared during the winter months the soil conditions should be suitable for the sowing of early spring seeds, and the planting out of early cauliflower, cabbage, and lettuce. It is necessary for the soil to be in a moderately dry state for seed sowing. These should include peas and beans, also early potatoes, in a frost-free situation if possible. Where there is a danger of potatoes being sown in a plot likely to be attacked by frost straw or stable manure should be laid along the rows so as to be readily available in an emergency for protective purposes. It is always a good precaution to keep the young potato plants well moulded up while frosts are likely to be prevalent, and especially during the early stages of their growth. A square of onions may be sown any time during the present month. Now is a good time to prepare a hot bed to propagate tomatoes, cucumbers, celery, and many of the early flower seeds.

The Flower Garden.—Keep the lawns constantly cut and rolled, the latter operation being very necessary at this period. Sow down new lawns as early as possible; the seed should be sown fairly thickly and well covered as a protection from the raids of small birds. New lawns require to be lightly rolled after being sown, and frequently when the grass is well grown. Where old lawns require renewing they should be top-dressed with fine new soil well raked in. Seeds of tender annuals require to be sown in boxes and placed in a greenhouse or frame for protection. Roses and shrubs may be planted now; indeed the sooner all tree planting is done the better it will be for them. The time of year has now arrived, too, when the planting out of bulbs should be finished.

The Fruit Garden.—It is necessary to have all pruning and spraying completed without further delay.

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