

he was shot for refusing to obey the command of "Halt!"\* from soldiers already under fire, and that he was found in possession of ammunition. The deponent swears this statement is untrue.

\* Sir Hamar Greenwood stated: "In reference to the Dublin affair, I have received a telegraphic report to the effect that on Saturday evening, at about a quarter past five, two military lorries were passing down Charlemont Street, near Charlemont Avenue, in Dublin, when a group of five or six young men was observed to run away. They were ordered to halt, and on failing to do so three shots were fired. I deeply regret to have to say that, as a result of the firing, a young girl named Annie O'Neill, aged eight years, was killed, and another girl, named Teresa Kavanagh, was slightly wounded. The loss of this young innocent life is deplorable, but I hope the House will agree with me in the view that the responsibility does not rest upon the soldiers."

Lord Henry Cavendish-Bentinck: Is it the practice to fire on men who are running away?

Sir Hamar Greenwood: Men who are ordered to halt and do not halt are fired at.—November 15, 1920. Parliamentary Debates, House of Commons, Series V., Session 1920, vol. 134, col. 1506.)

(To be continued.)

## OBITUARY

### MR. WILLIAM EARL, TIMARU.

There passed away recently at his residence, Timaru, another of the fast diminishing band of pioneers of Canterbury in the person of Mr. William Earl. The deceased, who had reached the ripe age of 84 years, was born in Co. Wexford, Ireland, and left there for Australia in 1863, landing at Melbourne, and finding his way to the gold-fields in Otago and the West Coast of New Zealand. Tiring of mining life, he, with his brother, the late Mr. J. Earl, took up land at Kakahu, and afterwards took up a farm on his own account in the same district. About 17 years ago he sold out and bought another property at Otaio, which he successfully farmed until about six years ago, when he retired, and has since resided in Timaru. He leaves a grown-up family of six daughters and three sons. The late Mr. Earl took no prominent part in public life, but was ever ready to assist the poor and those in need. He was greatly interested in the breeding of Clydesdale horses, being at one time a successful exhibitor in the show ring. At the time of his death he was a member of the Timaru A. and P. Association and of the South Canterbury Jockey Club. The interment took place in the Geraldine Cemetery, the funeral being very largely attended. Rev. Father Hurley (Timaru) attended the deceased during his last illness, and, with Rev. Father O'Connor (Geraldine), officiated at the graveside.—R.I.P.

### MRS. M. J. BROOKES, WELLINGTON.

The many friends of Mr. M. J. Brookes, general manager of the Bristol Company's interests in the North Island, will regret to learn of the death of his much-respected wife, which took place at her residence, Wellington, on Sunday, the 7th inst. The deceased (writes a correspondent) was well known to a very large circle of friends in Wellington, and during her life time she had endeared herself to all who came in contact with her. By her kindly disposition, her happy nature, and, above all her true Christian charity, she was loved and respected by all sections of people in this community. During her last illness she was attended by the devoted priests and Sisters of the Basilica parish, and received the full consolations of our Holy Church, the Sacraments for the dying being administered by Father Smyth, S.M. The funeral, although of a private nature, was most impressive. While a Requiem Mass was being offered for the repose of the soul of deceased, the children of the Convent and Marist Brothers' Schools assembled in the Basilica, and music of an appropriate nature was rendered by their respective choirs. At the conclusion of the Mass the last blessing was given, and the impressive "Dead March" from "Saul" was played by Father Schaeffer. Father Smyth, assisted by Father Moloney (an old Dunedin friend of the family), officiated

at the interment. The late Mrs. Brookes is survived by her husband and one son, to whom the sincere sympathy of many people in the Dominion is extended.—R.I.P.

## RIGHT REV. MONSIGNOR WALSH: TRIBUTE TO HIS LIFE AND WORK

Notwithstanding the bad weather a very large number of people of all classes and denominations gathered in the Theatre Royal the other evening to pay a tribute to the Right Rev. Mgr. Walshe on the occasion of his recent retirement from active duties after over fifty-four years as Parish Priest of Westport and its extensive district. An Overture by the Westport Orchestral Society opened the proceedings, Miss B. Doyle, L.A.B., presiding at the piano. The mayor (Mr. J. Menzies), who presided, said he felt greatly honored to be present to show his appreciation of the Right Rev. Mgr. Walshe for the very good work he had done in the district. He wished Monsignor good health, and long life and hoped he would get the rest he had so well earned. (Applause.) The Mayor read a large number of apologies for absence and good wishes from former parishoners of the Monsignor all over the Dominion, including Right Rev. Mgr. Ormond, D.D., of Auckland, and Rev. Father Carmine of Lower Hutt, both former residents of Westport, and also from a large number of other clergy. A choice musical programme was rendered, the performers being as follows:—Westport Orchestral Society, Mr. F. Calton, Miss B. Doyle, L.A.B., Misses Finnerty and Phillips, Miss McPadden, Miss Lock, Mrs. Carmine, Mr. J. Comerford, and Miss O. Taylor, and at its conclusion an illuminated address was read by Mr. P. A. Carmine and presented to the Monsignor. The illuminated address was most artistically embossed by the Sisters of the Convent, reflecting credit on their artistic conception and skilful execution. At the head was a photo of Monsignor Walshe, while it also bore photos of St. Canice's Church, a view of the sanctuary, the Convent of Mercy, the presbytery, and also one of old St. Canice's, which was erected in the early days.

Mr. H. Moran, one of the old school, related some of the hardships under which Monsignor had carried out his early duties in the parish extending from Brighton to Karaman. No one ever heard any complaints of the way in which he discharged his onerous duties. He wished Monsignor long life and happiness and that he would live to see the Sinn Fein flag flying over Ireland. (Applause.)

## JUBILEE DAY AT SACRED HEART CONVENT, LOWER HUTT.

The Feast of the Assumption was a red-letter day at the Sacred Heart Convent, Lower Hutt. It was the occasion of the diamond jubilee of the foundation of the Order of the Sisters of the Mission. Solemn High Mass was celebrated at 9 o'clock in the convent chapel at which the Mission Sisters from Petone and many guests attended. Rev. Father O'Donnell (Buckle Street) was celebrant, Rev. Father Griffin (Kilbirnie (deacon), Rev. Father McDairmaid (Buckle Street) subdeacon, and Rev. Father Carmine (Lower Hutt) master of ceremonies. A feature of the occasion was the sermon preached by Rev. Father Hannigan, C.S.S.R., who, taking for his text, "Where shall I find a valiant woman?" described the valor and heroism of the noble Rev. Mother Foundress, and applied it to the Sisters who were to-day walking in her footsteps and carrying on the work she so nobly and so bravely commenced. He eulogised the work of the Sisters in the cause of Christ, and said that as surely as they now are suffering calumny, and said that as surely as they later partake of His glorious resurrection. The pupils' choir gave an excellent rendering of "Petit Misso Solennele" by Luigi Bordese. The Offertory being "Ave Maria," Gounod in "G."

At the jubilee dinner tendered to the priests there were also present Rev. Father Quealy, P.P., Petone, and Rev. Father Duffy, C.S.S.R. Very Rev. Dean Lane was unavoidably absent ministering to the wants of his scattered flock. In the afternoon the pupils entertained the guests with a most enjoyable concert. Then Benediction was given by Rev. Father O'Donnell, and the happy jubilee day was ended.