

Obituary

REV. FATHER JOHN CARRAN, OTAHUHU.

The many friends of Rev. Father John Carran will learn with regret of his death, which occurred at Otahuhu, Auckland, on Thursday the 22nd ult., following a week's illness (writes our own correspondent). The late Father Carran, who was 48 years of age at the time of his death was well known in many parts of the province for his friendly disposition and zealous work. He was born at Thames, and was educated there and at Holy Cross College, Mosgiel, and later at Thurles, Ireland. On his return to New Zealand, 14 years ago, he was appointed assistant priest at St. Benedict's and subsequently placed in charge of the parish of Ormond, Poverty Bay, and then at Cambridge. For five or six years he was at the Sacred Heart Church, Ponsonby, and was finally placed in charge at Otahuhu.—R.I.P.

SISTER M. ANTHONY (CASSIN), WELLINGTON.

With regret (writes our own correspondent) I have to record the death of Sister M. Anthony, of the Order of Sisters of Compassion, which occurred at the Home of Compassion, Island Bay, on Friday, the 9th ult. The deceased Sister who was only 43 years of age, was a daughter of Mr. John Cassin, of Hastings, Hawke's Bay, and entered the Order of Compassion twenty years ago, being the last religious of that Order to complete her novitiate at the House of the Order at Jerusalem, on the Wanganui river. Although not enjoying good health during her religious life the late Sister Anthony never spared herself, and was indefatigable in her efforts to relieve the poor, nurse the sick, and perform the many other charitable works which her Order is noted for. She was successively stationed at the various Houses of the Order, and was in charge of the Auckland House for a period when the Sisters were established there. At the Home for Incurables, Buckle Street, Wellington, and the Home of Compassion, Island Bay, Sister Anthony was well known and revered by all who came in contact with her. Many sufferers have good cause to remember the kind, gentle and consoling attentions of the departed Sister. Her health not being equal to the strain of her efforts she was forced to relinquish duty some ten weeks ago. During her last illness, with exemplary fortitude she cheerfully and patiently bore the intense pain which her malady caused, and prepared herself to meet her Lord and Master to whose service she devoted herself during her life. Fearless of death her passing away was most happy and peaceful. The interment took place on Monday, the 12th ult., at the Karori cemetery, prior to which solemn Requiem Mass was offered at the chapel of the Home of Compassion. Rev. Father Outtrim, S.M. (Wanganui), was celebrant; Rev. Father Griffin (Kilbirnie), deacon; and Rev. Father J. Cullen, S.M. (St. Patrick's College), sub-deacon. Among the clergy present were the Ven. Archdeacon Devoy, S.M., Very Rev. Dean McKenna, Rev. Fathers Smyth, S.M., Murphy, S.M., Segrief, S.M., Connolly, Hannigan, C.S.S.R., Buckley, S.M., Swiney, Mark Devoy, S.M., Hoare, S.M., Ryan, S.M., Schaeffer, S.M., and O'Donnell. The St. Patrick's College Choir, with Rev. Father Schaeffer at the organ, sang the music of the Mass, and the chapel was crowded. The deceased Sisters' father (Mr. John Cassin) and her brother represented the family, and members of the Hibernian Society were the pall-bearers.—R.I.P.

MR. MICHAEL F. DENNEHY, TIMARU.

There passed away after a short illness on Monday the 19th ult. (writes a correspondent), Mr. Michael Frederick Dennehy, an old resident of Timaru, in his 62nd year. The late Mr. Dennehy was born at Ballydehob, Co. Cork, Ireland, and came to the Dominion with his parents at the age of 14 years. As a junior he commenced his life work as an accountant in Lyttleton, and afterwards came to Timaru. He married the eldest daughter of Mr. Gerrity, thus joining one of the oldest families in the district, and settled down at his well-known residence, "Ashwell House," North Street, Timaru, where he resided until his death.

In his earlier days in Timaru he was accountant for two of the leading commercial houses, then established

a business which still flourishes, and later occupied the position of assistant Town Clerk. During his life he took a practical and abiding interest in the H.A.C.B. Society, being one of the foundation members and first secretary of St. Mary's branch, Timaru. He was delegate to a number of the triennial meetings of the Society, and as he was an eloquent and impassioned speaker he took a leading part in the still undecided question of the location of the district office; he favoring its retention by the present Auckland executive. Throughout his life he was a loyal supporter of Mother Church, and was ever ready by pen or voice to give account for the faith that was in him. He received all the rites of our Holy Faith in his last illness, and the funeral, which took place on Wednesday afternoon, although the weather conditions were bad, was a remarkable testimony of the esteem in which deceased was held, not only among his own people, but by many outside friends. Numerous telegrams and letters of sympathy were received from all parts of New Zealand, including a particular expression of regret from the Executive of the Hibernian Society of New Zealand, who appointed a representative to be present at the obsequies. Many floral tributes were also received including one from the Park Bowling Club of which he was a member. He leaves one son (Mr. F. M. Dennehy of Greymouth), four daughters, and two sisters—Mrs. D. R. Lawlor and Miss Dennehy of Wellington, to mourn their loss.—R.I.P.

MRS. MARY BUCKLEY, ASHBURTON.

There passed away at Ashburton, recently, at the age of 89 years, Mrs. Mary Buckley, relict of the late Andrew Buckley. The deceased arrived in New Zealand over 60 years ago, and reared a family of 11 children, seven of whom survive her. There are also 38 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren. The late Mrs. Buckley was a fervent and devoted Catholic, and died fortified by the last rites of Holy Church.—R.I.P.

MRS. O'NEILL, CHRISTCHURCH.

With very sincere regret the death is recorded of Mrs. O'Neill, relict of the late Martin O'Neill, and sister of the late Edward O'Connor, Christchurch. The deceased, who had attained the age of 68 years, was born in Galway, Ireland, in 1853, and came to New Zealand in 1870. After her marriage she lived at Southbridge for a few years, and for forty years at Lincoln, where her husband farmed successfully over a lengthy period. At the death of her husband she came to live in Christchurch, and survived him by only 18 months. Although unwell for sometime past, her death was unexpected. She leaves a family of ten—four sons and six daughters. Four of her daughters are religious of the Good Shepherd. Two at Mt. Magdala, and two in Australia. She was a frequent visitor to Mt. Magdala and took a great interest in the good of the Institution. The prayers of those there, who declare that in the death of Mrs. O'Neill they have lost a good friend and benefactor will be unceasingly offered for the repose of her soul. The late Mrs. O'Neill was attended in her illness by Rev. Father Stewart, S.M., Requiem Mass was celebrated by Rev. Father Roche, at St. Mary's Church in the presence of a large congregation. Her remains were afterwards conveyed to Lincoln cemetery where Father Dignan officiated at the interment, assisted by Rev. Fathers O'Hare (chaplain Mt. Magdala), and O'Connor (Addington).—R.I.P.

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