

Obituary

MRS. CATHERINE MACDONALD, INVERCARGILL.

Quite a wave of sorrow passed over the Catholic community of Invercargill (writes our own correspondent) when it became known that Mrs. Catherine Macdonald had passed away, after a short, but distressing illness. The deceased was the second daughter of Mrs. Hannah and the late John Shepherd, one of the oldest Catholic families in this town. She had been a most popular girl in this parish, was a prominent member of the local sodality of the Children of Mary for many years, and had been actively connected with the Altar society, St. Mary's Tennis Club and other Catholic societies, where her straightforward manner and bright disposition endeared her to all. Two or three weeks ago her infant child died, and at that time sympathy was extended to Mr. and Mrs. Macdonald from a large circle of friends, who were shocked a few days ago to know that the mother had gone in the prime of life to her great reward. During her illness she was constantly attended by Rev. Father Ardagh, who administered the last rites of Holy Church. The funeral cortege was very large, and was thus another testimony to the popularity of the deceased. The Hibernian Band, St. Mary's Tennis Club, and many others sent beautiful floral tributes as expressions of sympathy. Very Rev. Dean Burke, V.F., officiated at the graveside. To the young husband and the little two-year-old daughter, besides her mother, brothers, and sisters who mourn their loss the sympathy of very many friends is extended.—R.I.P.

MRS. ELLEN WILSON, AUCKLAND.

On Friday the 28th ult. there passed away at a private hospital in Auckland, Ellen M., wife of Mr. Edward Wilson, late superintendent N.Z. Police, and now residing at Panmure Road, Ellerslie (writes our Auckland correspondent). Deceased was the only daughter of the late Bernard and Ellen McManus, of New Plymouth. She was born in Dublin, and came to New Zealand with her parents about 1866. She was married in New Plymouth in 1879, and lived in Wanganui, Christchurch, Akaroa, Palmerston North, Auckland, Greymouth, and for the last four years in Auckland. In all these places she was well known for her charity, benevolence, and intense zeal in all works for our Holy Church. In addition to her husband, deceased is survived by her son Edward V. Wilson, who is following the profession of chemist at Bulls. The interment, which took place in the Waikaraka cemetery, on Sunday, October 30, was attended by a large number of sorrowing friends. The funeral obsequies were conducted by Right Rev. Mgr. Hackett, assisted by Rev. Fathers Doyle and Lyons.—R.I.P.

MISS JULIA KEELTY, LOWER HUTT.

The death of Miss Julia Keelty which occurred on the 13th ult., has removed a much-respected settler of the Dominion. Deceased, who was born in Co. Tipperary, Ireland, was the eldest daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Keelty, and came to New Zealand in the early days, settling in Christchurch. Later she lived on the West Coast, afterwards in Wellington, and finally took up her residence with her brother-in-law, Mr. P. Casey, of Lower Hutt, where she lived up to the time of her demise, at the age of 75 years. The late Miss Keelty took a prominent part in the work of the Church and of charity, and her loss will be keenly felt by those who have been associated with her. Her parents and her sister, the late Mrs. Patrick Casey, predeceased her years ago, and the only sister left to mourn her loss is Miss Bridget Keelty, of Ireland. The funeral was largely attended by the local and Wellington residents. The cortege left the residence of Mr. P. Casey at 2.30 for the Catholic Church, where Very Rev. Dean Lane officiated, assisted by Rev. Father Walsh. The interior of the church was crowded with sympathisers and Sisters and scholars of the Sacred Heart College. The "Dead March from Saul" was played by Miss P. Connelly as the coffin was carried from the church. The principal mourners were Mr. P. Casey (brother-in-law of the deceased), and members of his family. Very Rev. Dean Lane officiated at the interment, assisted by the Rev. Father Walsh. Among those in attendance at the graveside were

Rev. Father Connolly and Mr. J. J. McGrath, of Wellington, also the members of the Hutt branch of the H.A.C.B. Society.—R.I.P.

New Plymouth

The monthly meeting of the New Plymouth branch of the Catholic Federation was held in the Rolland Hall on the 30th ult. (writes a correspondent). The committee decided to donate £10 to the Sisters towards the school picnic, held at Ngaere Gardens on the 1st inst., also £10 towards school prizes. The secretary was instructed to write to the Sisters congratulating them on the excellent results of the recent school examinations, and the committee's appreciation of the good work they are doing in our schools, also to hand them the circular received re Trentham scholarships.

Music Examinations

Lyttelton

The following number of candidates from the Convents of Mercy (Lyttelton), and Akaroa, passed successfully at the practical music examinations held at Lyttelton on the 29th ult.—Professional Diploma, Licentiate violin 1; senior grade piano 2; Intermediate piano, honors 2, pass 2; junior piano, honors 1, pass 3; junior violin, honors 1, pass 1; preparatory piano, honors 2, pass 2; preparatory violin, pass 3. At the recent Trinity College theoretical music examinations results were as follows:—Intermediate grade, honors 2; junior grade, honors 7.

Foxton

At the recent Trinity College (London) examination held by Mr. Myerscough, Mus. Bac., all the candidates presented by the Brigidine Sisters were successful. The following are the results obtained: Senior honors 1, pass 1; intermediate pass 1; junior pass, singing 1, piano 3; preparatory violin, honors 1, piano, honors 2; first steps 1; elementary, R.A.M. 1. The examiner expressed himself pleased with the efficiency of the tuition imparted to the pupils.

The Principle of Eternal Justice

No matter into what sphere a man enters, he never ceases to be a moral agent, never ceases to be accountable to the Supreme Court of all peoples (says *Catholic World* for October). Whatever our freedom, we are not free from God. Whether, through the inheritance of citizenship, a man is called to fill an office or simply to exercise the right of the ballot, there is ever a tribunal before which he must give answer for his actions, the court of conscience. A traitor to the best interests of his country is a traitor to conscience. The question is not whether his deeds square with the bare requirements of social and civil laws: the question is not whether his actions are such as to render him safe from the indignity of prison bars, but the question is whether his actions as a citizen square with God-given moral principles, the principles of eternal justice.

St. Patrick's Church, Raetihi

Ireland's Crisis

Ireland's delegates in London to decide Ireland's future. Who with Irish blood and faith is not in breathless anxiety? Who does not hope that Ireland's rights will be fully recognised, and who does not fondly hope and pray that Ireland's women (the bravest of the brave) who stood on Ireland's Calvary, will witness the glory of Ireland's resurrection?

Send an offering to-day to Ireland's Patron, St. Patrick. Ask him to intercede in this crisis and secure freedom for Ireland. Send an offering for St. Patrick's Church, Raetihi.

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