

OBITUARY

MR. JEREMIAH O'NEILL

Mr. Jeremiah O'Neill, one of the oldest residents of these parts and a man who is widely known throughout the district, passed away at his home in Wilberforce township on Wednesday morning, March 26th, at the great age of ninety-seven years and ten months. The passing of Mr. O'Neill removes one acknowledged by all to have been a gentleman always, one who was a sincere friend to everyone who knew him and one whose charitable and kindly ways will always remain a pleasant memory to those of the present generation with whom he was intimately acquainted. The late Mr. O'Neill was one who had always enjoyed good health, and up to the time of his final illness a couple of weeks ago through weight of years and a general break-down of the system, sickness was practically unknown to him. He lived a quiet, unostentatious life, yet he always took a keen interest in the welfare of his neighbors and the section in which he resided. For twenty years or more Mr. O'Neill took part in municipal affairs as a Councillor and for about the same length of time he served on the Board of Public School Trustees for his section. He spent most of his days in the township in which he resided and became a well-to-do farmer, seeing the district pass from the rough bush land of the earlier days to its present prosperous state of cultivation. For a number of years he has lived a retired life and the active management of the farm has been left with his son. When young man the late Mr. O'Neill took for his life partner Mary Foley, who predeceased him some six or seven years ago, and by whom he had a family of eleven, the nine surviving are: Rev. Father M. O'Neill, P. P., of Richmond; Rev. Sister Alexis, Grey Nuns community, Eganville; Mrs. James Conway, Pembroke; Mrs. E. Douglas; Mrs. D. P. Maloney, N. W. Liskard; Wm. J. Wilberforce; Mrs. J. J. McGuire, Eganville; and Jeremiah J. and Margaret at home. He also leaves four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. The deceased was a devout member of the Catholic Church and the funeral took place from his late home on Friday morning to St. James' church and cemetery, Eganville. The funeral cortege was one of the largest ever seen in the district and was fully a mile long. Friends from far and near gathered to show their respect for one who was held in such high esteem in the community. A signal honor in memory of the departed not often seen in the community was the presence of the Bishop of the diocese, Right Rev. P. E. Ryan, D. Bishop of Pembroke, who chanted the funeral Mass, and the assistance at the services of such a large number of priests. The late Mr. O'Neill was a warm friend and constant reader of THE CATHOLIC RECORD and we bespeak for him a fervent prayer for all our readers and friends.

MR. JAMES ST. CHARLES

A highly respected resident of Belleville, passed to his eternal reward on March 4th, in the person of Mr. James St. Charles, at his home. His death was deeply regretted by his numerous friends in the city. After being in failing health for some time, Mr. James St. Charles last evening entered into rest. He was one of the oldest residents of this city, being in his ninetieth year. No person in Belleville and the district was better known than Mr. St. Charles, and no person held in greater respect. He was born at

Madoc, Hastings County, and since fourteen years of age has resided in this city, where he had a host of friends. For many years, the late Mr. St. Charles was head of the St. Charles Omnibus Company, whose reputation for building buses and delivery wagons is Dominion wide. Although an exceptionally busy man, Mr. St. Charles found time to devote some years in municipal politics. In 1877 when Belleville was a town he was a member of the town council. For three years after incorporation as a city in 1878, 1879 and 1880 Mr. St. Charles was one of the Aldermen for Coleman Ward. For some time he was license inspector for West Hastings, fulfilling that position in a most capable manner. Mr. St. Charles was a devout member of St. Michael's Church, being one of its officials for a considerable period. He was not identified with any Society.

A widow, two sons, and three daughters survive. The sons are Dr. W. P. St. Charles of Toronto; and Campbell, of this city. The daughters are Mother M. Ethue, of Loretto Abbey, Toronto, Misses Mary, Margaret and Helene, of Toronto. To the bereaved will be extended the sincere sympathy of citizens generally. R. I. P.

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, April 20.—Sts. Cletus and Marcellinus, Popes, martyrs. St. Cletus reigned as Bishop of Rome from the year 76 to 89, the third of the Roman Pontiffs. Marcellinus became Pope in 296, succeeding St. Caius. His election to the Papacy coincided roughly with the sacrilegious action of the Emperor Diocletian in setting himself up as a deity claiming divine honors.

Monday, April 27.—St. Zita, virgin, was a servant-girl in the city of Lucca. She was noted for her charity and her gentleness overcame the jealousy of her fellow servants. When she died in the year 1272 a bright star was seen to appear over her attic room and this was interpreted as a sign that she had gained her eternal reward.

Tuesday, April 28.—St. Paul of the Cross, enlisted in a Crusade to fight against the Turks but was warned by a voice from the Tabernacle that he was to serve Christ alone, and that he should found a congregation in His honor. When he set out to accomplish this mission his path was beset with many obstacles and it was only after seventeen years that he received Papal approval for his project. The first house of the Passionists was opened on Monte Argentario, the spot which Our Lady had pointed out. The Saint's life was modeled on the Passion of Christ. He died while the Passion was being read to him.

Wednesday, April 29.—St. Hugh, Abbot, was of royal rank and was related to the sovereign house of the Dukes of Burgundy. He was professed in religion when only sixteen years old and became the Abbot of the great Abbey of Cluny when only twenty-five. He died in 1109 and after an interval of only twelve years was canonized during the reign of Pope Callistus II.

Thursday, April 30.—St. Catherine of Siena, the daughter of an humble tradesman, was destined to become the guide and guardian of the Church in one of the darkest periods of its history, the fourteenth century. She traveled through Italy bringing rebellious cities to obedience to the Holy See and winning hardened souls to God. In the face of great opposition she sought out Gregory XI. at Avignon and brought him back to Rome. By her letters and appeals to the kings and rulers of Europe she made good the Papal cause. She became counsellor of Urban VI. and sternly rebuked the disloyal Cardinals who had attempted to elect an anti-Pope. When only seven years old St. Catherine made a vow

of virginity and afterwards endured bitter persecution for refusing to marry. She died at the age of thirty-one in Rome in the year 1380.

Friday, May 1.—Sts. Philip and James, Apostles. Philip was one of the first chosen by Christ and St. James (the Less) was the author of an inspired epistle. St. Paul says that James was favored by a special apparition of Christ after the Resurrection.

Saturday, May 2.—St. Athanasius, Bishop, was a native of Egypt. He was a valiant defender of the Faith against the Arian heresy and for forty-six years as Patriarch of Alexandria he bore the brunt, often well-nigh alone, of the assaults of the heretics. He refused to be intimidated by the Roman Emperors and was banished five times. He died in peace in 373 and is honored as one of the greatest of the Doctors of the Church.

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WELLS IS FIFTY YEARS BEHIND TIMES

Webster Groves, Mo.—H. G. Wells, famous as the writer of the "Outline of History" is fifty years behind the times in what he says in that work of the relation of science and religion, and Hilaire Belloc, English Catholic writer, has "made the greatest fight for good things of all the men of our times," according to Louis G. Wetmore, K. C. S. G., who lectured recently at Webster College here. His subject was "Heretics and Orthodox in Modern Literature," and he discussed the personalities and works of Wells, Belloc, Chesterton and Shaw.

Wells' "Outline" is unscholarly, warped and biased, and because of this fact and the numbers who have read it, is dangerous, Mr. Wetmore said. It is anti-Christian, continued, filled with antiquated ideas about the origin and development of the Catholic Church and lamentably behind the times in insisting that there is an inevitable conflict between religion and science.

Belloc says frankly on every page he writes that he is a Catholic, said the lecturer, yet his popularity as an historical writer with the non-Catholic English public continues to grow.

Shaw was called the personification of the word Belfast. He represents, said Mr. Wetmore, the invasion of the gray, religious and democratic Ireland by the Puritanical, materialistic and anti-democratic Orange occupiers. He has tried but failed to shake off these prejudices. Chesterton was called the "perfect Peterpantheist, now completely Catholicized."

DIED

BOYLE.—On March 24, 1925, at Fredericton, N. B., Mr. Charles Boyle, aged sixty-six years. May her soul rest in peace.

POWE.—At her late residence 8th Concession, Biddulph, Ont., on Wednesday, March 18, Mrs. Mary Ann Powe, widow of the late Michael Powe, aged seventy-five years. May her soul rest in peace.

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