



IN LOVING REMEMBRANCE OF
CATHARINE,
DECEASED WIFE OF
FRANCIS MEENAN,
Who Died Oct. 20th 1889,
Aged 92 Years.
ALSO THEIR CHILDREN
JOHN, Died Aug. 5th 1878,
Aged 6 Months 12 Days.
THOMAS, Died March 17th 1876,
Aged 1 Year 4 Months 16 Days.
BERNARD, Died Nov. 23rd 1885,
Aged 6 Months 7 Days.
DANIEL, Died July 27th 1888,
Aged 1 Hour.

REQUIESCANT IN PACE

MEENAN

On Monday, October 13, there passed away at his residence, King Street, Dunedin, a highly-respected citizen, a staunch Catholic, and a warm-hearted Irishman in the person of Mr Francis Meenan. Although Mr Meenan had been ill for a considerable time, still the announcement of his demise came as a shock to the community, especially to his large circle of friends, for he was a general favourite and few men stood higher in public estimation.

The late Mr Meenan came of a sturdy North of Ireland stock, having been born in Tulnafoil, parish of Clogher, Tyrone, on March 7, 1835, so that he was in his 68th year. When barely out of his teens he left his native land for Victoria, where for a short time he experienced the vicissitudes of a gold digger's life, which he eventually abandoned for the more settled calling of a contractor.

Like a great many more of his countrymen this Colony attracted his attention, and in 1861 he arrived in Dunedin, where he commenced business as a carrier. After four years at this he started as a produce merchant, in which he was engaged up to his death.

On 28 May 1864 he married Catherine Meagher and from the headstone we learn that tragedy visited them in that they had four sons who died in their first 18 months of life. Catherine died in 1888 and Francis married Bridget Hackett on 1 August 1889.

The deceased was a fervent and practical Catholic, and his purse was ever open at the call of Church, charity, or any other good cause. His friendship was a thing to be prized, and those who experienced it will not soon forget it, his generosity and open-handedness being almost proverbial. As an Irishman he was always to the fore when his country asked for assistance.

As an evidence of his popularity it may be mentioned that he was appointed treasurer of the Dunedin Jockey Club in 1875, an office which he held continuously for a period of 23 years.

With the late Bishop Moran he took an active and practical part in the founding of the N.Z. Tablet nearly 30 years ago, and ever since had a seat on the directorate, where his business capabilities and wise counsels proved invaluable, especially in the early days of this journal, when Catholics and Irishmen were not as numerous nor as influential as they are to-day, and when it required more than ordinary effort to keep the paper from being swamped by financial and other difficulties. However he lived to see it attain a leading position among the Catholic newspapers of these colonies, and not only did he take great interest in its management but he also was naturally proud of its progress.

Although his illness was long and trying still he bore his sufferings with the greatest fortitude, and was thoroughly resigned when he recognised that medical aid was of no avail and that his end was approaching. He was constantly attended by the clergy of the Cathedral parish, and he died the death of a pious and fervent Catholic, fortified by the rites of the Church. In his demise Dunedin loses a good citizen and the Catholic Church a faithful and zealous member. To his widow, family, relatives and friends we tender our sincere sympathy in their sad bereavement.— R. I. P.

The funeral of the late Mr Francis Meenan took place on Thursday. In the morning the remains were taken to St. Joseph's Cathedral, where a Solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated at nine o'clock. His Lordship Bishop Verdon was celebrant, Very Rev. Mgr. O'Leary assistant priest, Rev. Father Coffey deacon, Rev. Father O'Malley sub-deacon, and Rev. Father Murphy master of ceremonies. Shortly after half-past two o'clock the funeral cortege, which

was very large and representative of all classes in the community, left the Cathedral for the Southern Cemetery. Immediately following the hearse were the chief mourners— Messrs C, F., J., and M. Meenan (sons), and Messrs M. and J. Meenan (brothers of the deceased). His Lordship Bishop Verdon officiated at the graveside, and was assisted by Very Rev. Mgr. O'Leary, and Rev. Fathers Murphy, Coffey, O'Malley, and P. O'Neill (Holy Cross College).

Francis Meenan died on 13 October 1902 aged 67 and is buried in Dunedin's Southern Cemetery with his wife Catherine who had died in 1888 aged 42.

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MARRIAGES.

BREMNER—BRYCE.—On the 19th July, at the residence of the bride's father, Milton, by the Rev Jas. Chisholm, David Francis, youngest son of Mr A. W. Bremner, to Jane Brown, eldest daughter of Mr Thos. Bryce.

EDGAR—DAVIDSON.—On the 3rd July, at Stanley, Asling street, Brighton, Melbourne, John Francis Edgar, of Melbourne, to Ella Grant, daughter of David Davidson, Nairnshire, Scotland.

MEENAN—HACKETT.—On the 1st August, at St. Joseph's Cathedral, Dunedin, by the Rev Father Lynch, Francis Meenan, merchant, of this city, to Bridget, relict of the late John Hackett.

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