

Death of Rev. Father Landy, Mount Gambier.

It is with deep regret that we have to announce the death of still another of the pioneer priests of this State in the person of the Rev. Philip Landy, which took place at the Mount Gambier Presbytery on Friday morning last. His condition had been serious for the past few months, and the end was not unexpected. Father Landy was one of the best known and most esteemed priests in the archdiocese, having had charge of the Mount Barker district (which at one time included Blumberg, the present Murray Bridge parish, and Strathalbyn and Macclesfield) for 33 years. As the "Advertiser" said in a kindly notice on Saturday last, he was "highly respected by all classes of the community. Under his charge the parish made great progress, and recently a handsome new church was built in the town in substitution for the old building, dating back to the early days of settlement, on the side of the hill above the railway station. For many years Father Landy had within his control a very wide area of country,





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which included Pinnaroo on one side and Macclesfield on the other. He was an indefatigable worker, and no duty was ever neglected, however arduous it might be. He was continually travelling from one township to the other, and he was warmly welcomed everywhere, because of his genial disposition, and his sympathetic nature. Father Landy wore himself out with his hard pastoral work. He was known by all the people of Mount Barker, and he had a pleasant smile and a kindly word for everyone."

The late Father Landy was born in the parish of Ballyneale, near Carrick-on-Suir, Tipperary, over 60 years ago. He made his ecclesiastical studies at St. John's College, Waterford, where Very Rev. M. Hourigan was a fellow-student. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1880, and came to Adelaide in November of the same year, one of his companions being Archdeacon Enright, of Manoorra. His first appointment was as assistant to the late Dean Kennedy at North Adelaide. He afterwards saw service in the North at Port Augusta, under Mgr. Nevin, before it was formed into a separate diocese. He was appointed collector for the archdiocese for a couple of years, and was then given charge of the Mount Barker district. For many years he had an assistant priest; but since the formation of the new parish of Murray Bridge the arduous work of a district extending from Kanmantoo on one side to Blackwood on the other, with Mount Barker as the centre, has fallen on his shoulders. He made a visit to Ireland some years ago, and

he celebrated the silver jubilee of his priesthood eight years ago. The opening of the new church at Mt. Barker has been the chief work of his later years.

The esteem in which Father Landy was generally held was strikingly testified at the obsequies at Mount Barker on Tuesday. It was on September 24, 1885 (the Feast of Our Lady of Mercy), that Father Landy took charge of the Mount Barker parish, and it was fitting that the Requiem should take place in the new church dedicated to Our Lady of Mercy, erected by him six years ago, and that he should be buried in the Catholic cemetery so long associated with the old church. People from all parts of the district thronged into Mount Barker, and many also travelled from Adelaide; so that the church was unable to hold all who wished to be present.

The Solemn Office and Requiem for the deceased priest was celebrated at 10 a.m. on Tuesday. His Grace the Archbishop presided, and the clergy present comprised Right Rev. Mgr.

O'Neill, V.G., and Nevin, and G. Williams, Very Rev. Prior Power, O.C.C., Very Rev. D. V. Connell, and F. Connell, S.J., Rev. Fathers Falvey and Candler, O.P., Very Rev. Father Bernard and Rev. Father Ignatius, C.P., Very Rev. Father McFarlane and Rev. Father Barry, M.S.H., Very Rev. Fathers Hurley and Hourigan, Rev. Fathers Murphy, W. J. McEvoy, McGrath, Maher, Ryan, Gurry, Denny,

McGrath, Maher, Ryan, Gurry, Denny, Brady, Smith, Horgan, Minetti, Delahunty, Morrison, Gatzemeyer, O'Connell, Fallon, Eviston, and Fahey. Rev. Fathers McGrath and Denny were the cantors in the Office for the Dead. His Grace the Archbishop celebrated the Solemn Requiem Mass, assisted by Rev. Fathers O'Connell and Fallon, and also gave the Last Absolutions over the coffin.

The funeral procession was a very large one. The route was from the church round the show ground and through Gawler street. The procession extended more than the full length of the street. Representatives from all parts of the district were present. The State Council of the Australian Catholic Federation was represented by Mr. T. F. O'Neill, general secretary. The local branches were represented by Mrs. Tyrle (Mount Barker), Mr. J. P. Nelligan (Stirling East), and Mr. J. P. Burns (Kanmantoo). The remains were interred in the Catholic cemetery, near the old church. His Grace the Archbishop officiated at the grave, the clergy present chanting the responses. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. F. Siebert.—

-R.I.P.
