

## OLDEST PRIEST

### DEATH OF FATHER CORRIGAN

#### NOTED CLERIC

Father Phillip Corrigan, the oldest priest in the Archdiocese of Brisbane, died yesterday morning at St. Ita's Presbytery, Gladstone Road, Dutton Park.

Father Corrigan, who was in his eightieth year, came to Brisbane in 1879 from Carlow College, Ireland, where he studied and was ordained. After a few years in Brisbane and Ipswich he was sent to Charleville, and in the far west old-timers still sing a song with a rare old lilt, and the opening words go thus:



Late Father  
Corrigan

When Father Corrigan first went  
West,

He took to the West a thrill;  
For was he not champion in every  
sport

All round about Charleville?

There are nine other stanzas, telling of the veteran priest's ability in the manly art of boxing, how well he could dance a jig, and how he downed the heftiest wrestlers the shearing sheds could produce.

Some years later Father Corrigan returned to Brisbane, and did a great deal of valuable work in the churches and schools of Brisbane. For the last nineteen years his home has been St. Ita's Church and school at Dutton Park. He remained throughout one of the most loved members of priesthood—an outstanding cleric.

The funeral will take place to-morrow at Nudgee, after Solemn Requiem Mass at St. Stephen's Cathedral at 10 o'clock.