

### THE LATE FATHER KIELY.

Father Richard Kiely (whose death was recently reported in these columns) came out from Ireland for the diocese of Goulburn in the year 1874, in the same vessel with Dr. M'Alroy and Dr. Birmingham, and the Sisters who came to found a branch of the Presentation Order at Mount Erin, Wagga Wagga. As a priest of the Goulburn diocese he did effective work at Tumut and Albury, and as assistant to Father Slattery, V.G., when he was founding and organising the then very extensive parish of Corowa on the Murray. It may be added that Father Kiely was Administrator of the parish of Yass for twelve months, during the eighties, while Dean O'Keeffe was absent in Europe, and by his kindly disposition and devotion to duty endeared himself very much to its people. On the establishment of the new diocese of Wilcannia Father Kiely selected to remain with his Lordship Right Rev. Dr. Dunne, then badly in need of priests. Memorials of his zeal and earnest devotion to duty still exist in Broken Hill, and Hay, and Deniliquin, in all of which places the announcement of his death will be heard with regret by not merely the members of his own flock, but by the many friends whom his kindly genial nature had formed for him from members of every denomination. In the year 1895 he accompanied Right Rev. Monsignor Tracey, V.G., of Wilcannia, on a trip to the old country. On passing through the United States he yielded to the urgent entreaties of his brother, Very Rev. Dr. Denis Kiely, V.G., of the diocese of Salt Lake City, to remain at least for a little time and devote his services to the crying wants of that most extensive diocese. The severe climate and exhausting labours among the few and scattered Catholics of Utah territory soon undermined his constitution, already debilitated by the twenty years of unceasing pastoral solicitude and toil of the Australian bush. Forced to seek change and rest about three years ago, he received a welcome from the newly-appointed Archbishop of New York, Most Rev. Dr. Farley, and was made chaplain of St. Benedict's Home in one of the most beautiful suburbs of that great city. Here he breathed his last only a few weeks ago. "May God grant eternal rest to the soul of the zealous, good, warm-hearted Father Kiely," will be the prayer of everyone who knew him—whether of the clergy or

Father Kiely, will be the prayer of every one who knew him—whether of the clergy or laity—throughout the length and breadth of Australia.—R.I.P.

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