



## In Memoriam.

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CHARLES EDWARD O'HARA TOBIN.

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On Sunday, March 20, in the Masterton Hospital, passed to eternal rest Charles Edward O'Hara Tobin, a priest of this diocese beloved by all who knew him. Educated at S. John's College, Auckland, he was ordained deacon in the Diocese of Wellington in 1909, and priest in 1910. He first served as assistant curate at S. Mark's, Wellington, for two years, and then for the next three years as vicar of Pongaroa, where he threw all his soul and energy into the arduous work of a large and widely-scattered backblock parish. When war broke out he was the first to leave this diocese for service at the front as a Military Chaplain, and he remained abroad with the New Zealand forces up to the very close of the war. Everywhere he easily won the confidence and affection of all with whom he was brought into contact, while exercising his duties as a Chaplain. He served on Gallipoli and in Egypt. For a long period he did splendid work in ministering to the sick and wounded lying in the soldiers' hospitals at Malta, and later on he saw service in France. Married in England, on his return to New Zealand after the Armistice, he settled down with his wife in a new sphere of work, as Principal of the Maori College at Hikurangi, near Carterton, and appeared to be, until quite recently, in perfectly robust health. The news of his death, so unexpected, came as a great shock to the many who knew and loved him. By his death he has left a void in the hearts of many which cannot easily be filled, and his memory will long be cherished by all his fellow-clergy in this diocese. For his was the inspiring example of a true Christian character, marked by its gentleness, beautiful simplicity, and the highest purpose. The strength of that character proved itself in his self-effacing thought and self-sacrificing life. To the service of God, to the service of his fellow-men, he gave his best, for he gave ever his own true self.

To his widow and other relatives so sadly bereaved we offer our heartfelt sympathy, and for Charles Edward O'Hara Tobin we will pray that God may grant him eternal rest, and that perpetual light may be his, in Christ.

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