

OBITUARY.

Mrs Gow, the wife of the Rev. William Gow, of St. Peter's, Christchurch, died very suddenly on Thursday, July 11. The funeral took place at the Linwood Cemetery on Saturday afternoon in the presence of a numerous concourse of mourners. A largely-attended service was previously held in St. Peter's Church, when the Revs. Dr Elmslie, A. Treadwell, and W. Simpson officiated, the "Dead March" being played as the body was removed from the church. An impressive service at the grave was subsequently conducted by the Revs. Dr Erwin and Frederiek Stubbs. Many beautiful wreaths were laid upon the coffin, sent by the Kaiapoi and St. Peter's congregations, with which Mrs Gow had been connected, and by the Sunday schools, choirs, and various other friends. The Kaiapoi choir also attended and assisted at the service, and many friends in addition to the officiating ministers followed the body to the grave. The deceased lady, who has passed away at the early age of 44, and who was greatly esteemed for her devout and amiable character, was the daughter of the late Mr R. Taylor, of Invercargill, and has left behind four young children. Very great sympathy is felt for the bereaved husband. The late Mrs Gow was, during the last few years of her life, frequently invalided. Her home duties also claimed so much of her strength and attention that she did not become so intimately acquainted with all the people of the church as she wished. Those, however, who, while passing through sorrow or trial, were privileged to know her can never forget her gracious and comforting ministrations. She was a most devoted wife and mother. Hers was a strong as well as a sympathetic character, presenting the rather rare union in one personality of much firmness with great gentleness and tenderness of feeling. Usefulness, tender-heartedness, and other of the noblest womanly virtues were combined with sound common sense, and an unswerving loyalty to principle. When sure of her position on any question of principle, her attitude was strongly uncompromising. Her qualities of head and heart were such as to incline those in trouble to lean on her, and all to admire her. The impression left on those amongst whom she moved was that while with us she had "a glimpse of the unseen." There is much genuine sorrow for the loss that has been sustained, not only by her home, but by her church, and the whole community, and that has been testified to by the numerous letters and resolutions of sympathy which have been received by the bereaved and sorrowing husband. The pulpit of St. Peter's was occupied on Sunday, morning and evening, by the Rev. Dr Erwin, who, at the morning services made a touching and appreciative reference to the deceased, and preached from 2 Cor. v. 1. Rev. W. Ritchie, also in Kaiapoi, of which congregation Mr Gow was for many years minister, and where Mrs Gow was well-known and universally esteemed, made the morning service of a memorial character.

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