

Timaru Herald. 10 May 1888 (Papers Past) [19/09/2016]

DEATH OF MR W. MOODY.

FOUND DROWNED.

Quite a gloom will be cast over South Canterbury by the sad news that Mr William Moody, one of the most prominent settlers in the district and one of the most respected business men in Timaru, was found drowned in a piece of water near his residence to the south of Timaru. From what we can learn Mr Moody left home about 10.30 yesterday morning in his usual good health and spirits, telling Mrs Moody on leaving that he intended to visit a new settler near his farm. Mr Moody paid this visit, and then gave some instructions to his men about the farm. As he did not return to the house Mrs Moody came to the conclusion that instead of driving he had decided on walking in to his place of business at Timaru. In the evening, however, Mrs Moody went down to the station at Normanby to meet her husband, and as he did not come out by the train, she told the men on the farm that she feared something was wrong. She then gave instructions to Mr James Mann to make enquiries, and after a short search Mr Mann found the body of Mr Moody in Pighunting creek, on the eastern side of the railway bridge, and about a mile or so from the deceased's house. The body was found standing quite upright in about 8 feet of water; there were no marks of violence on it, and the clothing, hat and glasses worn by Mr Moody were found to be in no way disturbed. The body was found about 5 p.m., and appeared to have been in the water for some hours. Word was sent in to the police station at Timaru at once, and the body was removed to deceased's residence there to await an inquest, which is to be held to-day. We may add that a passenger going south by the express train yesterday saw something in the water to which he paid no attention at the moment, but in the course of his journey to Studholme it became impressed upon his mind that it was the body of a man, and he mentioned his suspicion to the station master.

The deceased gentleman, Mr Moody, had resided here for many years. He came to Timaru from Southland, and at once became a prominent figure in business circles. His capacity caused his services to be sought for by the electors of local governing bodies, and his name is familiar as that of a member of several of them. As a member, and sometime chairman of the Harbour Board, Mr Moody rendered great service to the district and it will be remembered that he exerted himself perhaps above all others in securing the approval of the ratepayers to the raising of the Harbour Board loan. His record as a member and sometime chairman of the Geraldine County Council and as chairman of the Levels Road Board is also one that any man might be proud of. So late as Tuesday last he presided at the annual meeting of the latter board, and was re-elected chairman for the ensuing year. He has been for years a member of the firm of Moody and Ziesler, and we need scarcely say that Mr Ziesler was terribly distressed on hearing of his partner's shocking death.

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DEATH.

MOODY. — At Burnbank, near Timaru, on the 9th instant, William Moody; aged 50 years.

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THE LATE MR W. MOODY.

There can be little doubt as to the manner of Mr Moody's death. He had been to visit a new settler across the Creek, and was returning by way of the railway bridge. The sleepers, from

one to another of which he would have to step, would be damp and slippery from the foggy weather, and a false step while crossing over the water would account for his death by drowning. From the circumstance that his hat was not displaced, however, which must be held to prove that deceased did not struggle in the water as a drowning man would do, it may with good reason be suspected that the real cause of death was disease of the heart, and the rupture of that organ or some of its immediate accessories, the moment of its occurrence being determined probably by a mental shock produced by a slip or the fear of one. In that case Mr Moody might have been dead even before he fell through the sleepers, and falling head first his hat would be more firmly fixed upon his head. A little air confined in the hat would account for the upright position of the body when found. The deceased came to the colony about 20 years ago as general manager of the Glasgow Company's meat preserving and boiling down works in New Zealand. He occupied that position for many years, residing in Southland. Mr Moody leaves a widow and six small children, and an aged mother (recently arrived from Home), to mourn his loss. It may be some little consolation to them to know that they have the heartfelt sympathy not only of their personal friends, but of the wider circle of deceased's business and political friends.

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THE SAILING OF THE HOSPITAL SHIP MAHENO ON HER SECOND VOYAGE.

On Sunday evening, January 23, as the sun was setting, there sailed up the Wellington Harbour a vision of beauty in the hospital ship Maheno, in her new bravery of white walls, with green band and large red crosses. She was arriving to pick up her new personnel of medical officers and sisters, who were eagerly looking forward to their work of succouring the sick and wounded. On Tuesday everyone was aboard at 2 p.m., when their Excellencies, the Governor and Lady Liverpool, visited her and held a parade of the ship's staff.

The officers and sisters had been invited the evening previous to Government House to supper, when the Governor decorated each one with the special cord which signified membership of the staff.

After the parade everyone was allowed on to the wharf, where their friends and relatives were awaiting them, and they remained there till 5.30 p.m., when the bugle sounded and all had to come aboard. The ship then moved out to the stream, where she remained all night—in fact, till 5.30 next day, there having been some shortage of the very necessary firemen.

The matron-in-chief, Miss Maclean, was able to visit her again next morning, and to see how comfortably the sisters were accommodated. There have been many improvements made since her last voyage. The sisters of the staff are now all accommodated on the promenade deck. The matron, Miss Bicknell, and Miss Keddie, the next in charge, have each a nice single cabin, and Sisters Robins and Sanderson a double one on the deck, while part of the music room has been divided up into very nice two-berth cabins, with a settee in each for the remainder of the staff sisters. These cabins all open into a little private lounge for the sisters, while the remainder of the music room is open to all the staff.

For meals all dine in the saloon, though, owing to the large number there are, two sittings, the travelling nurses going to the first sitting, the officers and staff sisters to the second. The menu and waiting is the same for both sittings.

The travelling nurses are accommodated in A ward, a very nice airy ward on deck, the isolation ward and the sick officers' ward. They are quite comfortable, and pleased with the quarters. They are to have all the necessary attendance and their wards kept in order. There is

plenty of deck room and a good supply of deck chairs. As regards the wards, theatre and all the hospital provision, everything is much the same as on the first voyage, and is very convenient and workable. Better provision has also been made for the orderlies. It is somewhat uncertain how long the Maheno will be away on this voyage.

THE "MAHENO" NURSING STAFF

Much to their grief the sisters of the Maheno's first commission have had to be disbanded as a separate unit, though most of them desire to again have the opportunity of rejoining her in the future. Sister Brooke, the matron, is now matron at Trentham Hospital, where she relieved Miss Keddie, who left with the second commission of the ship.

FAREWELL TO NURSES LEAVING ON MAHENO.

On Friday, January 21, in the Parliamentary dining-room, the Hon. Minister of Public Health entertained the nursing staff of, and the nurses leaving as passengers, in the hospital ship Maheno, at afternoon tea. Her Excellency Lady Liverpool was present, and presented the badges of the Army Nursing Service to the nurses, after saying a few kind words of farewell. The Prime Minister and Mrs. Massey were present also, and the Prime Minister made a kind speech of farewell, in which he alluded to the splendid behaviour of the nurses in the torpedoed Marquette.

The Hon. Mr. Russell spoke with feeling and also Mrs. Luke, who has done so much to provide comforts, as well as necessaries, for our wounded men.

Among others present were Colonel and Mrs. Valintine, Colonel and Mrs Allen, Colonel and Mrs. Purdy, General Henderson, Colonel Elliott and other officers of the Maheno, and a few relatives of the nurses.

After the presentation of badges tea was served, and Miss Maclean, matron-in-chief, requested Mr. Allen, Minister of Defence, to announce the honour done to a New Zealand nurse in making her the recipient of the Royal Red Cross, the nursing medal of distinction. Miss Bertha Nurse's health was then drunk, with musical honours.

The names of the nurses who left in the Maheno are as follows: — Staff: J Bicknell, E. M. Clark, M. Fisher, **A. G. Keddie**, **L. F. Kelly**, A. F. Kilgour, Second Contingent: D. M Anderson,, **M. Galloway**,, **Annie Moody**,, **Isabella Y. Scott**,

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RED CROSS AND ST. JOHN JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING

Matron Douglass reported regarding Montecillo Home.

A letter was received from Sister A. Moody tendering her resignation, as she felt unable to continue her duties as a member of the nursing staff at the Montecillo Home. She desired to express her gratitude to all members of the board for kindness and consideration shown to her during her term of office. On the motion of Mr Ferens, seconded by Miss Graham, the resignation was accepted with regret. On the motion of Miss Graham the secretary was instructed to convey to Sister Moody the executive's deep appreciation of her faithful services and of her kindness and helpfulness to the soldier patients at all times.