

OBITUARY.

JOSEPH LOUIS **BERI**

It is with much regret that we record the death of Joseph Louis **Beri**, younger son of Mrs and the late Joseph **Beri**, Temuka, which occurred at Timaru on Tuesday evening after a short but severe illness. Only three weeks ago he appeared to be in his normal health, although he had suffered from pain in one of his ears for some time. Of this, however, he took little heed, thinking it was of no importance and would pass off. On the 12th of last month he went to Timaru to consult a specialist regarding this trouble, and an examination showed that an immediate operation was necessary. This was performed at once, and was quite successful, but complications followed. For a few days he appeared to be progressing favourably, and with youth and strength on his side, and the aid of the best medical skill and good nursing, it was hoped that he would recover. But it was not to be, and as before stated he passed away on Tuesday evening. The late Mr **Beri** was born, educated, and—with the exception of a period during the war in which he served his country at the

front—passed the whole of his life in Temuka. He was educated at St. Joseph's Convent School, and on leaving obtained an appointment in the Temuka Post Office. After a year or two he resigned, and assisted his mother in carrying on business. From the first he took a keen interest in sport, particularly football and cricket. He was an enthusiastic member of the Temuka Football Club, playing in its teams for years. A little over two years ago he took the responsibility of coaching the Club's fourth grade team, and under his expert guidance the lads learned to "play the game" as it should be played, and the team was unbeaten, being the premier team of both North and South Canterbury in 1922 and 1923. This is an example of the thoroughness of his methods. He represented the Temuka Club on the S.C. Rugby Union and on several occasions filled the responsible position of manager of the South Canterbury representative teams while touring the North and South Islands. About two years ago he was instrumental in rescuscitating cricket in Temuka, and acted as secretary of the Club for two seasons. Another local sports body he took great interest in was the Milford Lagoon Recreation Association, acting as its secretary for years, and displayed much energy and enthusiasm in helping

it along. He was also a valued member of the Temuka Bicycle and Athletic Club, the Fire Brigade, the S.C. Football Referees' Association, and the H.A.C.B.S. He served his country at the front, and was one of those who was fortunate to come back unscathed. On getting his discharge he took over the business carried on by his mother, and continued it with success until the time of his death. Whatever he put his hand to he did with enthusiasm and made a success of. He appeared to have a useful career before him as a citizen of Temuka, and it was a great pity that his life was cut off prematurely. He leaves a mother, three sisters and a brother to mourn their loss, and much sympathy is felt for them in their bereavement. The funeral will take place this morning.

FUNERAL NOTICE.

THE Friends of Mrs. J. Beri are respectfully informed that the Funeral of her late beloved son, Joseph, will leave her residence, King Street, Temuka, at 9.15 a.m. TO-DAY, 8th inst., for St. Joseph's Church. (Requiem Mass at 9.30 a.m.), and thence to the Temuka Cemetery.

J. SWANSON,
Undertaker.

St. JOSEPH'S BRANCH, H.A.C.B.S.
No. 621, Temuka.

MEMBERS are requested to assemble at the Catholic Hall at 9.30 THIS (Thursday) MORNING, to attend the Funeral of their late brother, Joseph **Beri**.

JOSEPH LEONARD, President.
T. KNIGHT, Secretary.

TEMUKA R.S.A.

MEMBERS of the above Association are respectfully requested to parade at the Club Rooms, Temuka, TO-DAY (Thursday) at 9 a.m., to attend the Funeral of the late Joseph **Beri**.

J. S. LEE, President.
D. O'Connor, Sec.

TEMUKA FIRE BRIGADE.

MEMBERS of the above Brigade are respectfully requested to meet at the Fire Brigade Station TO-DAY (Thursday), at 9 a.m., to attend the Funeral of late Fireman J. **Beri**.

J. ALLFREY, Secretary.

J. HENRY, Captain.

TEMUKA FOOTBALL CLUB.

MEMBERS of the above Club are respectfully requested to meet at the Fire Brigade Station TO-DAY (Thursday), at 9 a.m., to attend the Funeral of the late Joseph **Beri**.

L. J. GRANT,
President.

J. HENRY,
Hon. Sec.

TEMUKA CRICKET CLUB.

MEMBERS of the above Club are respectfully requested to meet at the Fire Brigade Station TO-DAY (Thursday) at 9 a.m., to attend the funeral of the late Joseph **Beri**.

F. A. SCANNELL,
President.
