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OBITUARY.

MRS MARY ANN KNOWLES.

There passed away on Christmas Day, at her residence, "Airdale," Four Peaks, Mrs Mary Ann Knowles, wife of Mr Robert [sic] Knowles, aged 72 years. The deceased lady was born at Mahan, Yorkshire, England, and in 1899 she and her family arrived in New Zealand, on December 23, reaching Mr Knowles' nephew's place on Christmas Day. After a short stay, they left for Geraldine, taking a farm on the Geraldine Downs, where they lived up to four years ago, when Mr Knowles purchased a sheep run in the Four Peaks district, where the late Mrs Knowles, her husband, youngest son (George), and daughter (Miss Elizabeth Knowles) resided up to the date of her death. Mrs Knowles had three sons — John, who lost his life on the march to the Rhine after the Armistice in the Great War; William, who is manager for his uncle (Dr. Knowles) on the latter's sugar cane plantation, in Northern Queensland; and George — and one daughter, Elizabeth. The late Mrs Knowles was of a very kindly and generous disposition, and was loved and respected by all who knew her. Of late years she suffered much from ill health, which she bore with great fortitude, and up to the last never lost her cheerfulness.

The funeral took place at the Geraldine Cemetery on Tuesday, and was largely attended. Many beautiful wreaths and floral emblems were sent. The service at the graveside was conducted by Archdeacon Purchas, Vicar of St. Mary's, and was of a very impressive nature. Deep sympathy is felt for Mr Knowles and his family.